

## Dear

## participants,

It was a pleasure meeting you virtually at the webinar "Restore our waters – Baltic Sea Region perspective" dedicated to the "Restore our ocean and waters" EU Mission. It is great to see how the Baltic countries have been quickly organised and are now actively involved in our effort to restore our waters.

As I presented during the session, with this Charter, the European Commission calls on you, governments and public authorities from Europe and around the world, businesses, civil society, financiers and donors as well as science and researchers to join our great Mission by contributing with concrete actions.

All stakeholders and citizens can contribute by pledging actions to co-design, propose and implement policies, programmes, projects or initiatives that will contribute to the restoration of our ocean and waters.

I would like to invite you to submit your actions at the website of Mission Charter: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/MissionOceanWatersCharter</u>

I am very grateful to the Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian RDI Liaison Offices, and NCBR Poland in Brussels in cooperation with countries National Contacts Points (NCPs) who organise these series of webinars on the Mission. I would also encourage you to widely disseminate our "call" for relevant actions in support of the implementation of Mission Ocean and waters in your country and present the Charter in any relevant events you may participate and in your communication campaigns.

The Charter will bring visibility to our joint efforts to protect our ocean and waters, facilitate the creation of networks and will allow synergies beneficial to all participants. You can find all the relevant actions submitted and successfully assessed at <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/frontpage/1650">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/frontpage/1650</a>

Only by joining forces we can restore the health of our blue planet!

Please feel free to contact the Mission secretariat for any clarifications you may need at the following email address: <u>EU-MISSION-OCEAN-AND-WATERS@ec.europa.eu</u>.

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