

## Blue Economy Working Group

# Towards zero pollution in the blue economy

Wednesday 21 September 2022 | 14:30-15:45

Microsoft Teams

In May 2021, the European Commission adopted the EU Action Plan ‘Towards a Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil’ as part of the EU Green Deal. The zero-pollution vision for 2050 is translated into key 2030 targets to speed up reducing pollution at the source. These targets include improving water quality by reducing nutrient losses and the use and risk of chemical pesticides (by 50%) and microplastics released into the environment (by 30%).

This meeting will explore how marine and water systems are working towards these targets, linking to the mirrored goal in the Ocean and Waters Mission, by sharing examples of innovative solutions to address nutrient discharge and micropollutants in regions. The European Commission will present EU policies targeting pollution in the blue economy.

<b>14:30</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b> <i>Aki Ishiwa, Blue Economy Working Group leader</i></p>
<b>14:35</b>	<p><b>EU policies targeting pollution in marine and water systems</b> <i>Silvia Bartolini, Head of Unit, Marine Environment &amp; Clean Water Services, DG ENV, European Commission</i></p> <p><b>Followed by a Q&amp;A session</b></p>
<b>15:05</b>	<p><b>Regional presentations</b> <i>Moderated by Helle Bech Sørensen-Hylle, Blue Economy Working Group leader</i></p> <p><b>Odense Fjord Collaborative</b> <i>Rikke Hansen, Project Manager, VandCenter Syd</i></p> <p><b>The LIFE-SURE project – A circular approach on dredging in shallow waters of the Baltic Sea</b> <i>Johan Persson, Technical Manager for the LIFE-SURE project</i></p> <p><b>The work of Turku Wastewater Treatment Plant to help reducing nutrient loads in the Baltic Sea</b> <i>Björn Grönholm, Director of Strategic Projects, City of Turku</i></p> <p><b>Followed by a Q&amp;A session</b></p>
<b>15:45</b>	<p><b>End of meeting</b></p>