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# Agenda for the joint Cluster Event Restore & Protect Marine Biodiversity and Reducing ByCatch

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# Joint Cluster Event Restore & Protect Marine Biodiversity & Reducing ByCatch

## DAY 1 RESTORE & PROTECT MARINE BIODIVERSITY

- 08.30 **Welcome Coffee**
- 09.00 **Welcome Words**  
Paul Webb (REA)  
Marco Fritz (DG RTD)  
Vedran Nikolic (DG ENV)
- 09.30 **Cluster Introduction, Background & Objectives**  
Ivan Conesa Alcolea (DG RTD)  
Marie Vandewalle (BioAgora)  
Ute Jacob (BioAgora)  
Estelle Ballian (FEAL)
- 10.00 **ICEBREAKER**
- 10.15 **Keynote Presentation**  
Hugh Possingham (UQ)
- 11.00 **Comfort Break**
- 11.15 **Pre-Meeting Survey Results**  
Ute Jacob, Marie Vandewalle, Josie Antonucci
- 11.30 **Group & Plenary Discussion on the proposed Cluster and Knowledge Exchange Network**
- 12.00 **Building a Common Vision for the Cluster**

## DAY 1 RESTORE & PROTECT MARINE BIODIVERSITY

- 12.20 **Plenary on Common Vision**
- 12.40 **Introduction to Breakout Group Themes**
- 12.55 **Lunch Break**
- 13.40 **Breakout Group Set Up**
- 13.50 **World Café Breakout Group Work** (3 Rounds x 3 Groups Community of Practice, Policy Needs & Future Roadmap for the Cluster)
- 15.45 **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 **Plenary on World Café Results**
- 16.30 **Panel & Plenary Discussion**  
Panelists: Sheila Heymans, Helmut Hillebrand, Juliette Young, Hugh Possingham, Isabel Sousa Pinto & Julia Kloss
- 17.00 **Future Directions & Closing Remarks**  
Gilles Doignon (DG RTD)

# Joint Cluster Event Restore & Protect Marine Biodiversity & Reducing ByCatch

DAY 2	REDUCING BYCATCH
08.30	Welcome Coffee
09.00	<b>Welcome Words</b> Nikos Zampoukas (DG RTD) Vedran Nikolic (DG ENV) Maria Moset-Martinez (DG MARE)
09.30	<b>Cluster Introduction, Background &amp; Objectives</b> Ute Jacob (BioAgora) Estelle Ballian (FEAL)
09.45	<b>Introducing the Pre-Submission Dialogue</b> Paris Vasilakopoulos (KCBD), Ute Jacob (BioAgora), Gilles Doignon (DG RTD), Juliette Young (BioAgora), Hugh Possingham (UQ), Marie Vandewalle (EKLIPSE)
10.35	<b>ICEBREAKER</b>
10.50	<b>Pre-Meeting Survey Results</b> Ute Jacob, Marie Vandewalle, Josie Antonucci
11.05	<b>Recap Day 1</b> Juliette Young (BioAgora)
11.20	<b>Comfort Break</b>

DAY 2	REDUCING BYCATCH
11.35	<b>Plenary Session on EU Policies and the subsequent need for Reducing Bycatch</b> Vedran Nikolic (DG ENV), Maddalena Visser (DG ENV), Maria Moset-Martinez (DG MARE), Nikos Zampoukas (DG RTD)
12.15	<b>Introduction to Afternoon Breakout Group Themes</b>
12.30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13.30	<b>Breakout Group Set Up</b>
13.50	<b>World Café Breakout Group Work</b> (3 Rounds x 3 Groups)
15.35	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15.50	<b>Plenary on World Café Results</b>
16.20	<b>Future Directions &amp; Closing Remarks</b> Gilles Doignon (DG RTD)



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