MONDAY 4 MAY, 2026

DAY #1

PROGRAMME

Session 1: The Living Ocean - A renewed understanding of the living planet

08:40-09:00 Meditation

Optional activity (by registration) taking place at the meditation / coffee breaks lobby, next to the registration and auditorium

09:00-10:15 Introduction

09:00-09:30 Welcome – **Alexandra Teodósio**, rector of the University of Algarve; **Patricia Pinto**, vice-rector for Partnerships and the European University (SEA-EU); **Ana Grenha**, Centre of Marine Sciences of the Algarve (CCMAR); **Eirini Apazoglou**, EuroMarine; **Marco Talone**, vice-director of the Institut de Ciències del Mar (ICM)

09:30-09:45 Workshop general information and logistics: on-site and field activities, talks (long 35+10 min and short 20+5 min communications + questions), and debates

09:45-10:15 We are Ocean: Towards an expanded cognition of our belonging to Nature. **Josep L. Pelegrí,** Institut de Ciències del Mar, CSIC, Spain

10:15-11:00 Conference

The evolution of Gaia
Tim Lenton, University of Exeter, United Kingdom

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:15 Conferences

11:30-12:00 Ocean physiology
Josep L. Pelegrí, Institut de Ciències del Mar, CSIC, Spain

12:00-12:45 What the future ocean has in common with an asthma attack
Giovanni Aloisi, Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris

12:45-13:15 A geological approach to planetary well-being
Alejandro Merlo, University of the Basque Country, Spain

13:15-14:15 Lunch

Lunch at the participants own arrangements; available at the Campus Cantina

14:15-15:00 Introspective Reconnection

Free your mind and reconnect with Nature

15:00-16:45 Conferences

15:00-15:30 Role of marine macrophytes in the global cycle
Irene Olivé, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Italy

15:30-16:00 Ecotoxicology of the deep
Caio Ribeiro, Centre of Marine Sciences of the Algarve, Portugal

16:00-16:45 The exponentially growing technosphere
Eric Galbraith, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.

16:45-17:00 Coffee Break

17:00-17:45 Conference

On the collective and planetary dimensions of the living phenomenon
Kepa Ruiz Mirazo, University of the Basque Country, Spain

17:45-18:15 Debate

18:15-20:15 Dinner

Dinner at the participants own arrangements; available at the Penha Campus Cantina

18:15-19:45 Workshop (optional)

"An Introduction to Direct Gyotaku", by **Rachel Ramirez**
(optional, by registration, 20 participants)

21:00 Musical performance – Open to the general public

Concert WeOcean

DAY #2

Session 2: Expanding Reality - New approximations to our belonging to the living planet

TUESDAY 5 MAY, 2026

PROGRAMME

08:40-09:00 Meditation

Optional activity (by registration) taking place at the meditation / coffee breaks lobby, next to the registration and auditorium

09:00-10:45 Conferences

09:00-09:30 We are Nature!
Thomas Knigge, Université Le Havre Normandie

09:30-10:00 From Mediterranean to global scales: a history of cross-scalar reasoning in ocean sciences
Pablo Lima Hernández, Universidad de Sevilla, Spain

10:00-10:45 Bauhaus of the Seas as a vision for the New European Bauhaus
Nuno Jardim Nunes, University of Lisbon, Portugal

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 Conferences

11:15-12:00 The surprising science of our connection to the Ocean - Implications for personal and planetary health
Tom Oliver, University of Reading, United Kingdom

12:00-12:45 The tide-beating heart of the Earth: The Ocean and the World-Soul
Jordi Pigem, Barcelona, Spain

12:45-13:45 Lunch

Lunch at the participants own arrangements, available at the Penha Campus Cantina. For participants in the guided walk, it is recommended to bring lunch bags, to eat before or after transport to the Gambelas Campus.

13:00-18:00 Field Session

13:00 - Buses to the Gambelas Campus of the University of Algarve, for those participating in the guided walk through the **Ria Formosa Nature Park**

13:15-15:00 Guided walk UAlg Hippocampus through the Ria Formosa Nature Park, from the Gambelas Campus of the University of Algarve to the barrier Faro Island beach.

14:45 - Buses to the Faro Island Beach, for those not participating in the walk, buses will go directly to the Faro Island Beach for the sensory-participatory creative activities

15:00-18:00 Active meditation and sensory-participative activities
Sensory-participatory creative activities at the Faro Island beach

18:00-18:30 Debate

20:30 Dinner for invited speakers

Dinner for invited speakers at Tertulia Algarvia

Campus da Penha, Universidade do Algarve
Estrada da Penha , 8005-139, Faro. Portugal

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Session 3: A Common Future? The social implications of being part of the living planet

08:40-09:00 Meditation

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09:00-11:00 Introduction

09:00-09:30 Ocean Communication in a Post-Truth World: What immunology can teach us about defending marine science
Laura Secorun, Managing Director, Meridian Agency

09:30-10:00 More-than-human design
Anja Wegner, Max Planck Institute of Animal Behaviour, Germany

10:00-10:30 Engaging schools and young public in citizen science and environmental awareness towards reducing Marine Pollution
Patricia Pinto, and **Pedro Duarte**, Universidade de Algarve, Portugal

10:30-11:00 Interactions between scientific-environmental diplomacy and collaborative research implementation
Emmanuelle Platzgummer, IFREMER, France

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:45 Conferences

11:30-12:00 From analogical thinking to obligatory mutualistic symbiosis: improving integration between natural and social sciences to boost ocean conservation theory and practice
Nane Pelke, Leibnitz Universität Hannover, Germany, and **Paolo Guidetti**, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Italy

12:00-12:45 Human and Non-Human relationships: knowledge, rights and ethics
Sílvia Gómez Mestres, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, and **Paolo Guidetti**, Stazione Zoologica Anton

12:45-13:45 Lunch

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14:15-15:00 Conference

14:15-15:00 Rights for marine species and ecosystems: Nature's inherent rights and voice represented in the legal system
Lucy Ward, Earth Law Center, United States

15:00-15:30 Debate

15:30-16:00 Closure

Workshop wrap up