

# Event Agenda

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JULY 8 - 9, 2026

MACRO-REGIONAL  
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STRATEGIES DAYS 2026

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## Day 1

12:00 - 13:20

**Registration & Lunch**

13:30

**Official Opening of the Strategies Days 2026**

13:45 - 14:15

**Welcome remarks by the European Commission**

Video message by **Raffaele FITTO** European Executive Vice President for Cohesion and Reforms

Video message by **Cósta KADÍS** European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans

**Themis Christophidou (TBC)**, Director-General, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), European Commission

**Charlina Vitcheva**, Director-General, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE), European Commission

14:15 - 15:00

**High level panel**

with representatives from the Committee of the Regions, European Economic and Social Committee, representatives from the Macro-regional and Sea Basin Strategies Presidencies

15:00 - 15:30

**Coffee Break**

- 15:30 - 17:00 **Parallel Workshops:**
- Biodiversity and conservation
  - Blue Economy (to be confirmed)
  - Social Sustainability: a prerequisite for green and digital transition
  - Thematic Workshop organised by Youth Councils and Forum
  - Macro-regional and Sea Basin Strategies supporting EU Enlargement

17:00 - 18:30 **Networking Village**

18:30 - 20:30 **Dinner and Music**

## Day 2

8:45 - 9:30 **Welcome coffee**

9:30 **Welcome back and scene setter**

9:40 -10:40 **Plenary Session**  
Creating further synergies among the Macro-regional and Sea Basin Strategies. (to be confirmed)

10:40 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 - 12:15 **High level Panel on the Atlantic Macro-regional Strategy (to be confirmed)**

12:15 -13:00 **High level closing discussion**  
with a Member of the European Parliament (TBC)  
**Hugo Sobral**, Acting Director for European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-Regions, Interreg & Programme Implementation, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), European Commission  
  
**Delilah Al Khudhairy**, Director for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE), European Commission

13:00 - 14:30 **Closing Lunch**

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# Side Events and meetings

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## July 8

10:30-12:00

**Workshop on Embedding and Funding Opportunities**

10:30-12:00

**Sustainable Tourism, Blue Skills and Youth (upon invitation only)**

## July 9

14:30 - 18:30

**Digital Alps Conference (upon invitation only)**

14:30-16:00

**Black Sea Operational Network of Funders (upon invitation only)**

14:30-16:00

**Workshop on the Atlantic Macro-Regional Strategy (to be confirmed)**