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## CONGRESS

**Strong Partnership to Face Challenges  
and Achieve Sustainable Development Goals**



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# SEA-EU CONGRESS IN NUMBER

The SEA-EU Congress - Strong Partnership to Face Global Challenges and Achieve Sustainable Development Goals was held at the University of Algarve on January 12-13, 2024.

The most important aim of the event was to transform the European Partnership into a Global Partnership, emphasising its benefits for the whole planet and envisioning a future centred on a sustainable blue environment.

Drawing participants from **213 individuals across 4 continents, representing 28 countries, 31 universities, and 14 private and public organizations**, the event showcased a diverse and collaborative gathering, based on the role of SEA-EU, the European University of the Seas worldwide, both in academic and non-academic environments.

*[The video of the SEA-EU Congress on Youtube](#)*



# SEA-EU CONGRESS

UNIVERSITY OF ALGARVE • 12 JAN 2024



## WELCOME SPEECH

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On the first day, the Rector of the University of Algarve, Paulo Águas, delivered a welcoming speech, followed by an introduction to SEA-EU by Fidel Echevarría, the General Coordinator of the SEA-EU Alliance.

# MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SEA-EU 1.0

Then, presentations on the significant achievements of SEA-EU 1.0 and the major plans for SEA-EU 2.0 were delivered. Therefore, a presentation was given by Agata Weydmann-Zwolicka, from the University of Gdańsk, Poland. She shared insights into a scientific cruise aboard the research vessel OCEANOGRAPH (University of Gdańsk) that took place in 2022.





# MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SEA-EU 1.0

Following this, a presentation titled "Science Show by Young Stage Researchers," involving three PhD candidates from diversified field: Health, Social and AI Sciences from the universities of Kiel, Malta and Nord, Duygu Dengiz, Dhaneswara al Amien, Matthew Vassallo, and their coach, UlfEvert, was delivered.



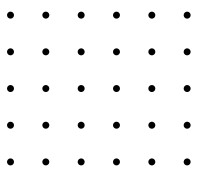


# MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SEA-EU 1.0

Then, Zoran Đogaš, the Vice-Rector for International Collaboration and Cooperation with the Local Community at the University of Split, Croatia, provided an overview of the Observatory for Sustainable Blue Economy (OSBE). Additionally, Lola Perea from the University of Cadiz, Spain, elaborated on Major Plans for SEA-EU-2.0, specifically focusing on the progress of the education European Joint Programmes, including: Joint Bachelor Degree in Sustainable Blue Economy, Joint Master's Degree in Sustainable Management of Organisations, Joint Master's Degree in Port Management and Logistics, and Doctoral Programme in Marine and Maritime Sciences and Technologies.



## **ROUND – TABLE 1**



After the coffee break, 4 Round-tables on "**Facing Global Challenges Together**" were held to identify key challenges in the different geographical regions. During the first Round-table, moderated by Patrícia Pinto, the Pro-Rector for the SEA-EU Alliance at the University of Algarve, significant challenges confronting **African and UK society** were discussed. Participants included rectors/presidents, and other delegates from various African universities, including:

1. Abdellatif Moukrim | Rector, University of Hassan I, Morocco
2. Alfredo Noré | Rector, Namibe University, Angola
3. Ahmadou Aly Mbaye | Rector, University of Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal
4. Bouchta El Moumini | President, Abdelmalek Essaâdi University, Tangier, Morocco
5. Darren Fa | Director of Academic Programmes and Research, University of Gibraltar, Gibraltar
6. Eurídice Aguiar | Rector, University of São Tomé and Príncipe, São Tomé and Príncipe
7. João do Monte Duarte | Rector, Technical University of the Atlantic, Cape Verde
8. Manuel Guilherme Junior | Rector, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique
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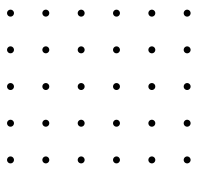




Before the lunch break, all participants were invited to gather for a group photo in front of the SEA HORSE Artwork, the Big Trash Animals Collection, designed by Bordalo II, and underwater photos taken by João Encarnacao, PhD student of Marine Science, at the University of Algarve.



## **ROUND – TABLE 2**



In the afternoon, the other Round-tables took place, moderated by Alexandra Teodósio, SEA-EU Vice Rector for Internationalization.

Therefore, during the second round-table, external partners from **America, the Caribbean, and Asia** participated and discussed the significant challenges facing their specific regions. 9 speakers are the leaders of:

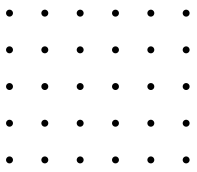
- 1.Aswani K. Volety | Rector, University of North Carolina Wilmington, USA
  - 2.Cathy Sandeen | President, California State University, East Bay, USA
  - 3.Guillaume St-Onge | Director, Institute of Sea Science of Rimouski (ISMER), University of Quebec at Rimouski - Artic Network, Canada
  - 4.Janet Rutledge | Dean of the Graduate School, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, USA
  - 5.Hermenegildo Cohene Velázquez | Rector, National University of Itapúa, Paraguay
  - 6.José Roberto Ferreira Guerra | Director of Innovation Department, University of Pernambuco, Brazil
  - 7.Juan B. Guerrero Ávila | Rector, National University of Evangélica, Dominicana República
  - 8.Jiang Min | Vice-Rector, Shanghai Ocean University, China
  - 9.Sujeewa Amarasena | Vice-Chancellor, University of Ruhuna, Sri-Lanka
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## ✓ ROUND – TABLE 3

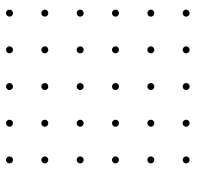


In the third Round-table, the floor was given to the SEA-EU **Associate Partners and Advisory Board Members** to discuss this question: What skills in the future workforce are most important for a graduate to tackle our society's challenges successfully? 11 speakers represented:

1. Adelino Canário | Diretor, Algarve Centre of Marine Sciences (CCMAR-Algarve), Portugal
2. André Gomes | President, Algarve Tourism Region, Portugal
3. Carmen Santos | SEA-EU Advisory Board, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Representative from Agostinho Neto University, Angola
4. Cristina Veiga-Pires | Executive Director, Algarve Living Science Center (CCVAlg), Portugal
5. Damir Vidosevic | Manager, Waterman Svpetrvs Resorts, Croatia
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7. Luis Núñez Vera | Head of European Projects Division, Algeciras Bay Port Authority, Spain
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9. Matthew Laspina | Representative of the Ministry, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Malta
10. Mikael Guégan | National School of Engineers of Brest (ENIB), France
11. Paweł Braun | Gdańsk Entrepreneurship Foundation, Poland



## ✓ ROUND – TABLE 4



After gaining insights into "Facing Global Challenges Together" and “the necessary skills for the future workforce”, the fourth Round-table focused on exploring “how European universities can contribute to addressing the major challenges confronting our global society”. Therefore, 11 Rectors and Vice-Rectors represented 9 SEA-EU Alliance universities, along with 2 other European universities other European universities discussed the question.

1. Paulo Águas | Rector, University of Algarve, Portugal
2. Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler | Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, University of Gdańsk, Poland
3. Marcela Iglesias | Vice-Rector for internationalization, University of Cadiz, Spain
4. Gabriele Sampagnaro | Rector's delegate, Parthenope University of Naples, Italy
5. Hanne Elenora Solheim Hansen | Rector, Nord University, Norway
6. Ralph Schneider | Vice-President for Internationalization, University of Kiel, Germany
7. Frank Bezzina | Pro-Rector for International development and quality assurance, University of Malta, Malta
8. Vianney Pichereau | Vice-President, University of Bretagne Occidentale, France
9. Zoran Đogaš | Vice-Rector for International Collaboration and Cooperation with Local Community, University of Split, Croatia
10. Andrii Smitiukh | Vice-Rector for Research, Teaching and International Cooperation of Odesa I.I. Mechnikov National University, Ukraine
11. Jens-Uwe Schröder-Hinrichs | Vice-President for Academic Affairs, World Maritime University, Sweden





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## SDG relative activity index – SEA-EU

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SDG Relative Activity Index – SEA-EU

### University of Cádiz

2018 to 2022

— University of Cádiz  
— Spain  
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### University of Algarve

2018 to 2022

— University of Algarve  
— Portugal  
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# Kiel University

2018 to 2022

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— Germany  
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# Nord University

2018 to 2022

— Nord University  
— Norway  
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# Université de Bretagne Occidentale

2018 to 2022

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— France  
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# University of Gdańsk

2018 to 2022

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— Poland  
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# University of Naples Parthenope

2018 to 2022

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— Italy  
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# University of Split

2018 to 2022

— University of Split  
— Croatia  
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# University of Malta

2018 to 2022

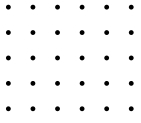
— University of Malta  
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# ROUND – TABLE 5



In the last Round-Table, the opportunity was provided for the **members of the Future Leadership Forum** to discuss the results of the Future Leadership Forum, specifically from the perspective of Gen Z, highlighting contributions that had the most impact on the Global Gateway Declaration document.

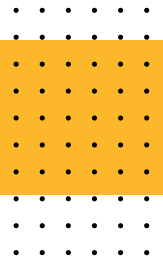
Therefore, 12 speakers from the universities of Algarve, Malta, Gdańsk, Naples, Cadiz, Split, Nord, and Magdalena (Colombia), shared their ideas and thoughts. A commitment to involve all external partners with representatives from the younger generations, students but also researchers or professors, in the next events of the annual SEA-EU Future Leadership Forum was also achieved to further consolidate the Global Gateway Declaration.

1. Angélica Patricia Hoyos Guzmán | Professor and Researcher PI, Letter to the Sea, University of Magdalena, Colombia
2. Ewelina Król | Future Leadership Forum member, Faculty of Biotechnology and the Medical University, University of Gdańsk, Poland
3. Fábio Zacarias | Former President of Academic Association of the University of Algarve and Representative in the Student Council of the SEA-EU Governing Board, University of Algarve, Portugal
4. Hilal Akademir | Future Leadership Forum member, PhD student, University of Algarve, Portugal
5. Ilaria Tutore | Future Leadership Forum member, Parthenope University of Naples, Italy
6. Joanna Cichońska | Erasmus Student Network, Związek Stowarzyszeń ESN Polska, Poland
7. Julia Perez | Future Leadership Forum member, Representative of University of Cadiz student council in Governing Board, Spain
8. Rita Tavares | President of Student Union, Academic Association of the University of Algarve, Portugal
9. Ritienne Gauci | Future Leadership Forum member, SEA-EU lead academic for Internationalisation, University of Malta, Malta
10. Roko Glavinović | Future Leadership Forum member, Students Council member, University of Split, Croatia
11. Tanja Ellingsen | Future Leadership Forum member, Associate Professor, Nord University, Norway
12. Vânia Baptista | Future Leadership Forum member, Junior Research, Marine Science Center (CCMAR), Portugal





# THE SIGNING OF THE SEA-EU GLOBAL GATEWAY DECLARATION



Following the Round-tables, one of the most significant outcomes of the SEA-EU Congress was the signing of the SEA-EU Global Gateway Declaration.

42 legal representatives of the SEA-EU Alliance universities, external universities, and associated partners were the signatories to this important agreement. With this Declaration, the SEA-EU Alliance reaffirms its unwavering commitment to create a Gateway for sustainable international cooperation based on mutual trust, knowledge sharing, and empathy among peoples.



# THE SIGNING OF THE SEA-EU GLOBAL GATEWAY DECLARATION





## Global Gateway Declaration

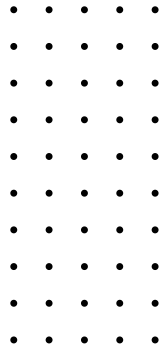
The European University of the Seas (SEA-EU) is an alliance of nine coastal European universities navigating towards regenerative and co-transformative inter-campus life, people-driven, planet-friendly, and knowledge-based on both local and global levels.

SEA-EU aims to become more outward-looking and competitive on the global scene, contributing to strengthening higher education systems in partner countries, in line with European values. SEA-EU, as a supportive and inclusive environment, fosters a global commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of different HEIs and non-academic institutions across seas and continents to strengthen the global position and visibility of the SEA-EU Alliance.

The European University of the Seas is paving the way to become a truly co-transforming actor in the European Higher Education and Research Area, with the potential to increase and intensify the effect of high-quality Higher Education missions within Europe and the world. Therefore, the signatories of this declaration, as partners, collaborators, and institutions understanding and supporting the values and objectives of the European University of the Seas Alliance jointly, declare to commit:

- to support the United Nations 2030 Agenda, including the goals of sustainable development, quality education, social justice, the protection of human rights and addressing global challenges such as climate change, poverty, and inequalities.
- to develop research and educate future generations of society to raise awareness of global risks threatening Ocean health while promoting initiatives in favor of native biodiversity, the well-being of coastal populations and a sustainable blue economy and food production.
- to promote a culture of international collaboration in the preservation of peace, respect for human life, protection of the oceans and promoting scientific and educational mobility of the members of our societies, open science and free exchange of ideas, multi-stakeholder partnerships, and science diplomacy.
- to develop the traditional and sustainable activities of a coastal region by collaborative and supportive forms of leadership through collective solidarity with key actors.





# Signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU)

The SEA-EU Congress offers the University of Algarve an opportunity to enhance its international collaboration by establishing Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with University of Cheikh Anta Diop (Senegal), University of Ruhuna (Sri Lanka), and Technical University of the Atlantic (Cape Verde).





Brest

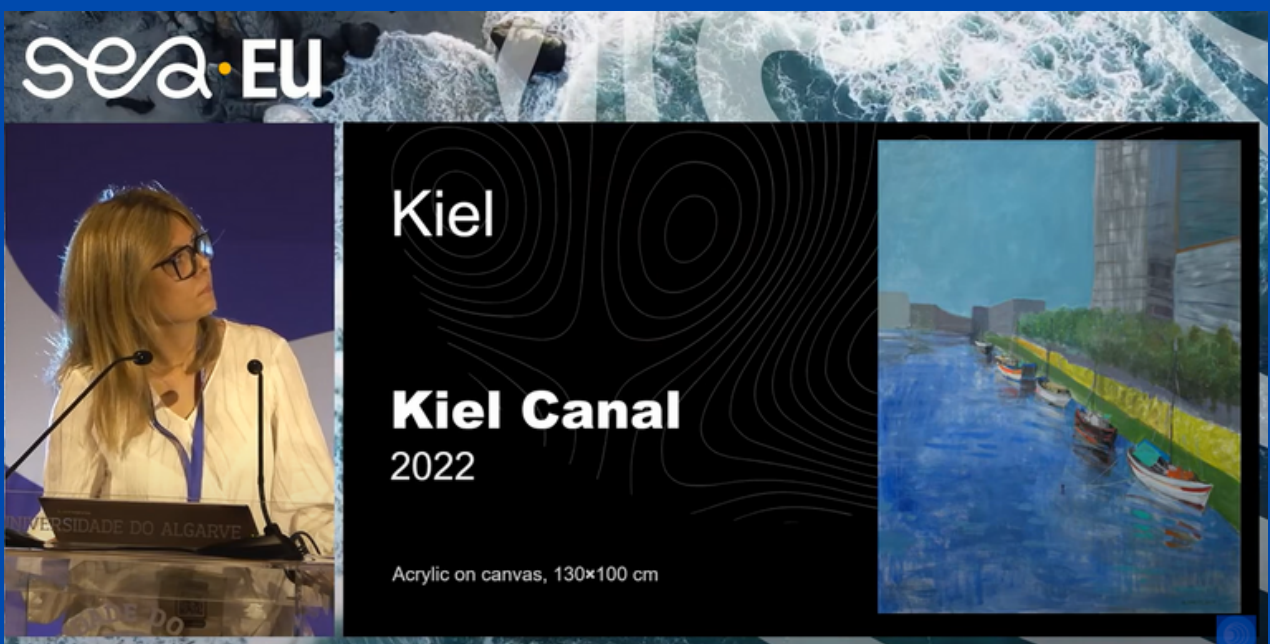
**Lighthouse  
Phare du Petit  
Minou**

2022

Acrylic on canvas, 130×100 cm



Subsequently, the SEA-EU Congress Exhibition titled "Images - Linking Coastal Cities by the Sea" was inaugurated with a brief statement by Polish Painter and Professor, Aneta Iwona Oniszczyk-Jastrzabek from the University of Gdańsk, Poland.



Kiel

**Kiel Canal**

2022

Acrylic on canvas, 130×100 cm





# OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS – FINAL REMARKS BY THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATES

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In a conclusion to the SEA-EU Congress, the official closing witnessed reflections and remarks from distinguished Portuguese Government delegates: Ana Cristina Perdigão, Director of the National Erasmus+ Agency, and Elvira Fortunato, Portuguese Minister of Science and Higher Education.



# THE ORCHESTRAL CONCERT OF THE SEAS | MAESTRO: PABLO URBINA

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Finally, in a spectacular celebration of musical artistry, the Orchestral Concert of the Seas captivated audiences with a mesmerizing performance under the baton of the esteemed Maestro Pablo Urbina.





# AMAR GUITAR DUO – FADO CONCERT- PHYSICAL/VIRTUAL VISIT TO FARO OLD CITY – TIBORNA EXPERIENCE MEDITERRANEAN DIET

During the 13th of January, a cultural rally (walking tour) was planned for the participants with a tour guide. During this, participants visited major attractions of the city of Faro, including: Faro Story Spot - Multimedia Museum, the Municipal Museum, the Fado Musical and Multimedia Show 'SAVE RIA FORMOSA,' with Portuguese Guitar and the Episcopal Palace. Afterward, the participants had lunch and returned to their homes.

















## **THE SEA-EU CONGRESS PROGRAM**

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## Program

### 12 JANUARY MORNING

**8.00 - 9.00**

Registration  
UAlg official video

**9.00 - 9.30**

Welcome Speech | Paulo Águas, Rector, University of Algarve, Portugal  
Introduction to SEA-EU | Fidel Echevarría, General Coordinator of the SEA-EU Alliance, University of Cadiz, Spain  
SEA-EU official video

**9.30 - 10.30**

Major achievement of SEA-EU 1.0

1. OCEANOGRAPH Expedition from Gdańsk to Cadiz in 2022 | Agata Weydmann-Zwolicka, Professor at the Faculty of Oceanography and Geography, University of Gdańsk, Poland
2. Science Show by Young Stage Researchers | Duygu Dengiz, Dhaneswara al Amien, Matthew Vassallo, and Ulf Evert (Moderator)
3. Blue Economy Observatory | Zoran Đogaš, Vice-Rector for International Collaboration and Cooperation with Local Community, University of Split, Croatia

**10.30 - 11.00**

Major Plans for SEA-EU-2.0: Highlighting Education – European Joint Programmes | Lola Perea, University of Cadiz, Spain

**11.00 - 11.30**

Coffee Break

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11.30 - 12.30

**Moderator: Patrícia Pinto, University of Algarve's Pro-Rector for the SEA-EU Alliance**

**Facing Global Challenges Together**

**Round Table 1:** What are the major challenges facing society according to your geographic area? (External Partners from Africa/UK)

1. Abdellatif Moukrim | Rector, University of Hassan I, Morocco
2. Alfredo Noré | Rector, Namibe University, Angola
3. Ahmadou Aly Mbaye | Rector, University of Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal
4. Bouchta El Moumini | President, Abdelmalek Essaâdi University, Tangier, Morocco
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6. Eurídice Aguiar | Rector, University of São Tomé and Príncipe, São Tomé and Príncipe
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9. Méké MEÏTÉ | President, University of San Pedro, Republic of Ivory Coast
10. Omar Behadada | Deputy of the Vice-Rector of External Relations, University of Tlemcen, Algeria

12:30 - 14:00

Group Photo – SEA HORSE Artwork - Big Trash Animals Collection - Bordalo II

Lunch – University of Algarve Cantine

**AFTERNOON**

**Moderator: Alexandra Teodósio, SEA-EU Vice Rector for Internationalization**

14.00 - 16.00

**Facing Global Challenges Together**

**Round Table 2:** What are the major challenges facing society according to your geographic area? (External Partners from America, Caribbean, and Asia)

1. Aswani K. Volety | Rector, University of North Carolina Wilmington, USA
2. Cathy Sandeen | President, California State University, East Bay, USA
3. Guillaume St-Onge | Director, Institute of Sea Science of Rimouski (ISMER), University of Quebec at Rimouski - Artic Network, Canada
4. Janet Rutledge | Dean of the Graduate School, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, USA
5. Hermenegildo Cohene Velázquez | Rector, National University of Itapúa, Paraguay
6. José Roberto Ferreira Guerra | Director of Innovation Department, University of Pernambuco, Brazil
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**Round Table 3:** What skills in the future workforce are most important for a graduate to tackle our society's challenges successfully? (SEA-EU Associate Partners/Advisory Board Members)

1. Adelino Canário | Diretor, Algarve Centre of Marine Sciences (CCMAR-Algarve), Portugal
2. André Gomes | President, Algarve Tourism Region, Portugal
3. Carmen Santos | SEA-EU Advisory Board, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Representative from Agostinho Neto University, Angola
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**Round Table 4:** How can European Universities help the world deal with the main challenges our global society faces? (SEA-EU Rectors/Delegates + Other European Universities)

1. Paulo Águas | Rector, University of Algarve, Portugal
2. Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler | Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, University of Gdańsk, Poland
3. Marcela Iglesias | Vice-Rector for internationalization, University of Cadiz, Spain
4. Gabriele Sampagnaro | Rector's delegate, Parthenope University of Naples, Italy
5. Hanne Elenora Solheim Hansen | Rector, Nord University, Norway
6. Ralph Schneider | Vice-President for Internationalization, University of Kiel, Germany
7. Frank Bezzina | Pro-Rector for International development and quality assurance, University of Malta, Malta
8. Vianney Pichereau | Vice-President, University of Bretagne Occidentale, France
9. Zoran Đogaš | Vice-Rector for International Collaboration and Cooperation with Local Community, University of Split, Croatia
10. Andrii Smitiukh | Vice-Rector for Research, Teaching and International Cooperation of Odesa I.I. Mechnikov National University, Ukraine
11. Jens-Uwe Schröder-Hinrichs | Vice-President for Academic Affairs, World Maritime University, Sweden

**16.00 - 16.30**  
Coffee Break

**16.30 - 17.00**

**Round Table 5:** What are the results of the Future Leadership Forum, from Gen Z perspective, that

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1. Angélica Patricia Hoyos Guzmán | Professor and Researcher PI, Letter to the Sea, University of Magdalena, Colombia
2. Ewelina Król | Future Leadership Forum member, Faculty of Biotechnology and the Medical University, University of Gdańsk, Poland
3. Fábio Zacarias | Former President of Academic Association of the University of Algarve and Representative in the Student Council of the SEA-EU Governing Board, University of Algarve, Portugal
4. Hilal Akademir | Future Leadership Forum member, PhD student, University of Algarve, Portugal
5. Ilaria Tutore | Future Leadership Forum member, Parthenope University of Naples, Italy
6. Joanna Cichońska | Erasmus Student Network, Związek Stowarzyszeń ESN Polska, Poland
7. Julia Perez | Future Leadership Forum member, Representative of University of Cadiz student council in Governing Board, Spain
8. Rita Tavares | President of Student Union, Academic Association of the University of Algarve, Portugal
9. Ritiene Gauci | Future Leadership Forum member, SEA-EU lead academic for Internationalisation, University of Malta, Malta
10. Roko Glavinović | Future Leadership Forum member, Students Council member, University of Split, Croatia
11. Tanja Ellingsen | Future Leadership Forum member, Associate Professor, Nord University, Norway
12. Vânia Baptista | Future Leadership Forum member, Junior Research, Marine Science Center (CCMAR), Portugal

### 17.00 – 18.00

The signing of the SEA-EU Global Gateway Declaration

### 18.00 - 18.30

Opening of the SEA-EU Congress Exhibition: Images - Linking Coastal Cities by the Sea | Aneta Iwona Oniszcuk-Jastrząbek, Polish Painter and Professor, University of Gdańsk, Poland

### 18.30 – 19.00

**Official Closing of the congress - Final Remarks by the Portuguese Government Delegates**

Ana Cristina Perdigão | Director of National Erasmus+ Agency

Elvira Fortunato | Portuguese Minister of Science and Higher Education

### 19.00 - 20.30

Light Dinner Tapas and Wine

### 20.30 - 21.30

The Orchestral Concert of the Seas | Maestro: Pablo Urbina

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10.00 - 13.00

Amar Guitar Duo - Fado Concert- Physical/virtual Visit to Faro Old City - Tiborna Experience Mediterranean Diet

13:00 - 15:30

Lunch

### AFTERNOON

Return of participants to their home institutions

### Note:

The event will be guided by Cláudia Almeida | Professor, University of Algarve, Portugal

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**SHORT BIOGRAPHY NOTE AND PHOTO OF THE  
SEA-EU CONGRESS SPEAKERS  
(IN ORDER OF ROUND-TABLES)**

# 12 JANUARY; MORNING

## Speakers



**Paulo Águas**

**Rector, University of Algarve, Portugal**

In 1985, he graduated in Economics from the Faculty of Economics of Universidade Nova de Lisboa. In 1992 he became a master in Management, from the Higher Institute of Economics and Management of the Technical University of Lisbon. In February 2006, he received a PhD in Management, specializing in Marketing, from the Higher Institute of Labor and Business Sciences - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa. Since 2010 he has been a coordinating professor at the School of Management, Hospitality and Tourism (ESGHT) of the University of Algarve (UAlg), for an indefinite period and on a tenure basis, scientific management area - marketing disciplinary group, through a competition for tests public At UAlg, he has held several managerial positions, namely: President of the Pedagogical Council and Director of ESGHT, Pro-Rector (2013-2015) and Vice-Rector (2015-2017).



**Fidel Echevarría**

**General Coordinator of the SEA-EU Alliance,  
University of Cadiz, Spain**

Dr. Fidel Echevarría is professor of Ecology at the University of Cadiz (UCA), he has participated in more than 25 national and European research projects, as well as in 15 oceanographic cruises. He has more than 60 articles published in scientific journals and has supervised 18 theses (PhD and Ms). Throughout his professional career, he has also been involved in research management and science policy: He was the first director of CACYTMAR (Andalusian Centre for Marine Science and Technology) [1999-2008]; Manager of CYTMAR (Marine Science and Technology Program at the Spanish Ministry of Science) [2008-2013]; General Coordinator of CEIMAR (Campus of Excellence of the SEA) [2013-2017]; Director of EIDEMAR (International Doctoral School in Marine Studies) [2013-2019]; currently he is the General Coordinator of SEA-EU (European University of the Seas).



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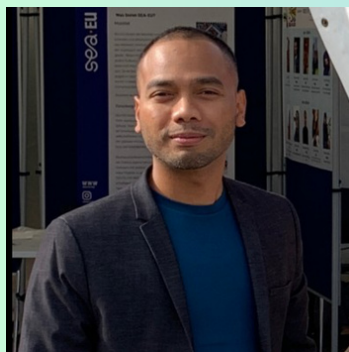
**Agata Weydmann-Zwolicka** Professor at the Faculty of Oceanography and Geography, University of Gdańsk, Poland

Dr hab. Agata Weydmann-Zwolicka is an associate professor at the University of Gdańsk and the head of the Laboratory of Plankton Biology. She studied oceanography and biotechnology, and her scientific interests concerns the use of molecular methods in marine ecology, for which she has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship. Currently her research is focused on the influence of climate change and anthropogenic impact on the Arctic marine ecosystem and the Baltic Sea.



**Ulf Evert**  
**Moderator of Science show**

- Conception of Science Dialog formats at Kiel University
- Design & coordination of internal and external cooperations concerning science communication
- Science communication events for the qualification of young researchers
- Coordination of the Science Show
- Co-leader of SEA EU task 6.3 (science communication)



**Dhaneswara al Amien**  
**PhD student, Nord University**

I am a PhD student at Nord University Business School / Handelshøgskolen (HHN), Norway. I am working under AUTOBarge project, supported by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programme. The project title is ESR13 – Modelling the economic implications of the adoption of autonomous inland shipping.

My last industry experience was a Data Analyst intern at the APM Terminals Gothenburg, Sweden. Before that, I was involved in marine civil engineering projects, including transshipment, barging, port construction, reclamation, dredging, and transport studies.



**Duygu Dengiz**  
**PhD student, Kiel University**

Duygun Dendiz is a PhD student in Engineering faculty at Kiel University. My PhD is designing medical implants for brain aneurysms to achieve this goal, I use MEMS technology combined with simulations and perform mechanical implant tests. After the implants are fabricated, I work at the medical faculty doing flow analysis using 4D MRI.



**Matthew Vassallo**  
**PhD studen, Malta uniiversity**

Matthew Vassallo is a nurse by profession. After completing an undergraduate degree in nursing, he went on to read for a Master in Family studies. He is currently a PhD candidate at the Department of Psychology within the Faculty for Social Wellbeing. His Doctoral research focuses on minimising the impacts affected others experience as a result of someone else's problem gambling.



**Lola Perea,**  
**University of Cadiz, Spain**

Lola Perea-Barberá is a Senior Lecturer and Researcher in the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Naval and Ocean Engineering School at the University of Cádiz, Spain, where she teaches Maritime English both at graduate and postgraduate levels. She holds a Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics. She has been Vice-Dean of International Relations and Students at the Naval and Ocean Engineering School for eight years (2008-2016). She has also been the Coordinator of the Bilingual Program at the School of Engineering (2017-2022). Since January 2023, she is Director of the Secretariat for Internationalisation of Education at SEA-EU, European University of the Seas.



## Round Table 1 Speakers



**Abdellatif Moukrim**  
**Rector, University of Hassan I,**  
**Morocco**



**Alfredo Noré Muacahila,**  
**Rector, Namibe University, Angola**

Alfredo Noré Muacahila is an Associate Professor with a PhD in Environmental Sciences and Engineering (2017), at the University of Aveiro (UA), Portugal. He has been teaching in Higher Education for 16 years at the Agostinho Neto, Mandume Ya Ndemufayo and Namibe Universities, both in Angola. He has held various positions, including Head of Department of the Environmental Engineering course, Coordinator of Bachelor's and Graduate Internships, Deputy Director for Scientific Research, Deputy Coordinator of the Installation Commission of the University of Namibe, of which he is now the Rector.



**Ahmadou Aly Mbaye**  
**Rector, University of Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal**



**Darren Fa**  
**Director of Academic**  
**Programmes and Research,**  
**University of Gibraltar, Gibraltar**

Darren Fa is Director of Academic Programmes and Research at the University of Gibraltar. A qualified educator, museum professional and marine ecologist, he took up this role in 2015 when the University officially opened its doors. He is responsible for all the academic research that takes place under the aegis of the Research Office of the University, and Chairs the University's Research and Research Degrees Committee as well as being a member of its Academic Board. More information can be found here <https://www.unigib.edu.gi/our-people/darren-fa/>



**Eurídice Aguiar**  
**Rector, University of São Tomé and Príncipe, São Tomé**  
**and Príncipe**



**João do Monte Duarte**  
**Rector, Technical University of**  
**the Atlantic, Cape Verde**

Joao do Monte Duarte received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Bern, Switzerland, and the University of Campinas, Brazil, in 2018. He received his Master's degree in Computer Science from Bridgewater State University, MA, United States, in 2012 and his Bachelor's degree in Telecommunication Engineering from the University of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, in 2008.

He holds a professorship at the Atlantic Technical University (Universidade Técnica do Atlântico - UTA), Cabo Verde, where he also holds relevant management positions.





**Manuel Guilherme Junior**  
**Rector, Eduardo Mondlane University,**  
**Mozambique**

Prof. Manuel Guilherme Júnior is an Assistant Professor at the UEM - Eduardo Mondlane University's Faculty of Law. He received his PhD in Law through a joint program between the UEM and the Lisbon University. He also received a Master degree and a post-graduate award in International Commercial Law by the University of Macau, in China. He is currently the Rector of UEM and is also the Vice-Presidente of the Portuguese Speaking Country's Distance Learning Association.



**Méké MEÏTÉ**  
**President, University of San**  
**Pedro, Republic of Ivory Coast**



**Omar Behadada**  
**Deputy of the Vice-Rector of External**  
**Relations, University of Tlemcen, Algeria**

Dr. Omar Behadada is deputy vice-chancellor of external relations at Tlemcen University. He is lecturer-researcher at the University of Tlemcen, he got his PhD in biomedical engineering from Tlemcen University (Algeria) and Derby University (UK). His work combines artificial intelligence and data mining in the field of biomedical research.

## Round Table 2 Speakers



**Aswani K. Volety**  
**Rector, University of North Carolina Wilmington,**  
**USA**

Dr. Aswani K. Volety returned to UNCW in July 2022 to lead the university as Chancellor. Dr. Volety, previously Elon University's Provost, also held administrative leadership roles at UNCW and Florida Gulf Coast University. He graduated from William & Mary with a marine science doctorate, also earning degrees from Andhra University. He leads the National Shellfisheries Association and serves on the NC Biotechnology Center Board.



**Cathy Sandeen**  
**President, California State University, East Bay,**  
**USA**

Cathy Sandeen, Ph.D., MBA, currently serves as the sixth president (rector) of California State University East Bay, located in the San Francisco Bay Area region. Dr. Sandeen was chancellor (rector) of the University of Alaska Anchorage (2018-2021) and chancellor (rector) of the University of Wisconsin Colleges and UW-Extension (2014-2018). She held a position in a Washington DC education NGO as vice president for education attainment and innovation at the American Council on Education, where she led ACE's nationwide effort to increase post-secondary educational attainment and student success. Dr. Sandeen also held leadership positions in the University of California system including at UCLA, UC Santa Cruz and UC San Francisco. She recently received the Strusser Award from New York University, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Cal Poly Humboldt, the Legacy Award from the East Bay Economic Development Alliance and was named one of the Most Influential Women in the Bay Area by the San Francisco Business Times.





**Guillaume St-Onge**  
**Director, Institute of Sea Science of Rimouski**  
**(ISMER), University of Quebec at Rimouski - Arctic**  
**Network, Canada**

Prof. Guillaume St-Onge is the director of the Institut des sciences de la mer (ISMER) of the Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR), the largest francophone academic research institute in marine sciences in Canada. It brings together a critical mass of researchers and graduate students dedicated to the discovery and advancement of knowledge on coastal and marine ecosystems in a perspective of climate change and sustainable development. Prof. St-Onge was also the founding director of the Quebec Maritime Network (RQM) and the France-Quebec Maritime Network (IFQM).



**Janet Rutledge**  
**Dean of the Graduate School, University of**  
**Maryland, Baltimore County, USA**

Prof. Janet C. Rutledge, Ph.D. serves as the Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. She is a member of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Board of Trustees and chaired the U.S. Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Strengthening Connections to Postgraduate Education in the Global South.



**Hermenegildo Cohene Velázquez**  
**Rector, National University of Itapúa, Paraguay**

PhD in Educational Management and candidate for Doctorate in Environmental Management. Rector of Universidad Nacional de Itapúa (Paraguay) and President of the Association of Public Universities of Paraguay. Vocational training in Electrical Engineering at the Sagamiyara Polytechnic University (Japan). Member of the National Council of Science and Technology of Paraguay (CoNaCyT). Auditor Fiscal of the Public Universities Network of Montevideo Group (AUGM). 40 years of experience in teaching at undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate levels.



**José Roberto Ferreira Guerra**  
**Director of Innovation Department, University of Pernambuco, Brazil**

Prof. José Roberto Ferreira Guerra, Professor at the Department of Administrative Sciences (DCA) and permanent member of the Postgraduate Program in Hospitality and Tourism (PPHTur) at the Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE). Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at DINE/PROPESQI (Directorate of Innovation and Entrepreneurship of the Dean of Research and Innovation) at UFPE and member of the scientific committee of the National Association of Research and Postgraduate Studies in Tourism (ANPTUR, Brazil).



**Juan B. Guerrero Ávila**  
**Rector, National University of Evangélica, Dominicana República**





**Jiang Min**  
**Vice-Rector, Shanghai Ocean University, China**

Prof. Dr. Jiang Min, Vice President of Shanghai Ocean University(SHOU), specializes in Environmental Science and Aquaculture, Environmental Chemistry, and Water Quality Monitoring and Control. With an extensive tenure at SHOU since 1993, she led multiple research projects funded by Chinese State Oceanic Administration, Shanghai Municipal Commission of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, publishing nearly 100 high-quality research papers. Now she is actively promoting SHOU's global partnership with ocean-related institutions of higher education around the world.



**Sujeewa Amarasena**  
**Vice-Chancellor, University of Ruhuna, Sri-Lanka**

Prof. Sujeewa Amarasena MBBS, MD, DCH- Current Vice Chancellor of University of Ruhuna; Qualified as a Paediatrician after training in SL, Melbourne and Sydney, UK Qualified in teaching and training higher and medical education in SL and University of Dundee, Scotland; Research interests are in newborn screening, medical education, neonatology and child abuse; Received the award for one of the Most Outstanding paediatricians in Asia by Asia Pacific Paediatric Association (APPA).

## Round Table 3 Speakers



**Adelino Canário**  
**Diretor, Algarve Centre of Marine Sciences (CCMAR-Algarve), Portugal**

Prof. Adelino V.M. Canario is a professor of Cell Biology and Reproductive Physiology at the University of Algarve, a distinguished professor at Shanghai Ocean University, President of the Algarve Centre for Marine Sciences (CCMAR), President of CIMAR Associated Laboratory and President of the GreenColab- the Green Ocean Association.



**André Gomes**  
**President, Algarve Tourism Region, Portugal**

André Miguel dos Santos Vargês Gomes Degree in Law, after attending the course at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon and completion at ISMAT – Instituto Superior Manuel Teixeira Gomes in Portimão in 2012. Experience in the field of associativism and politics from secondary school to the present, being part of numerous local and national social, recreational, sports and cultural collectivities. Member of the Board of the Academic Association of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon between 1998 and 2001. Member of the Assembly of Representatives of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon between 1999 and 2001. Member of the Senate of the University of Lisbon between 1999 and 2001. Level III Professional Internship as a Human Resources technician at Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Portimão in 2005. Tourism and Events Technician in the Municipality of Portimão between 2006 and 2009. Advisor to the Managing Director of Portimão Urbis SGRU E.M., S.A. in 2010. Advisor to the Board of ATP – Associação de Turismo de Portimão in 2011. Manager of the Sales, Events and Tourism Unit at Portimão Urbis SGRU E.M., S.A. between 2012 and 2013. Equipment and Operations Manager of the Portimão Arena - Multipurpose Pavilion and the Portimão Fair and Exhibition Park between 2013 and 2015. Advisor to the Minister of the Sea in the XXI Constitutional Government of the Portuguese Republic between 2016 and 2017. Director of the Promotion, Animation and Tourist Information Center of the Região de Turismo do Algarve (Algarve Tourism Bureau) from 2018 to July 2023. Currently President of the Região de Turismo do Algarve (Algarve Tourism Bureau), as well as of ATA – Associação de Turismo do Algarve (Algarve Tourism Association). Vice-President of the General Confederation of Tourism representing ATA.





**Carmen Santos**  
**Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources,**  
**Representative from Agostinho Neto University,**  
**Angola**



**Cristina Veiga-Pires**  
**Executive Director, Algarve Living Science Center**  
**(CCVAlg), Portugal**

Born in France, Cristina Veiga-Pires earned her degree in Geology from the Université Paris-XI Orsay (France) and holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from the Université du Québec in Montreal (Canada). Since 2005, she has served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Earth, Marine, and Environmental Sciences at the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Algarve. Her research primarily focuses on palaeoceanography, palaeoclimatology, sedimentology, submarine groundwater discharge, and karst systems.

Cristina integrates the research team of the Marine and Environmental Research Centre - CIMA, actively contributing to AMAL's Intermunicipal Plan for Adaptation to Global Change. She has been a member of the Direction Board of this research center at the University of Algarve since 2023.

In 2019, Cristina was invited to be the Scientific Coordinator of the Aspiring Algarvensis UNESCO World Geopark project, where she has been an integral part ever since. Over the course of her career, she has supervised a dozen master's degrees and two doctorates, contributing to approximately 35 scientific articles and 12 book chapters.



**Damir Vidosevic**  
**Manager, Waterman Svpetrvs Resorts, Croatia**

Born and raised on the Croatian coast, living and enjoying the unique island lifestyle. After successfully graduating faculty of tourism and hospitality management, starts the adventure of day to day business challenges. More than 20 years of work in tourism and hospitality, starting with local Croatian travel agencies, up to executive director of sales and marketing and Board advisor in an internationally recognized hotel & hospitality company with over 650 employees.

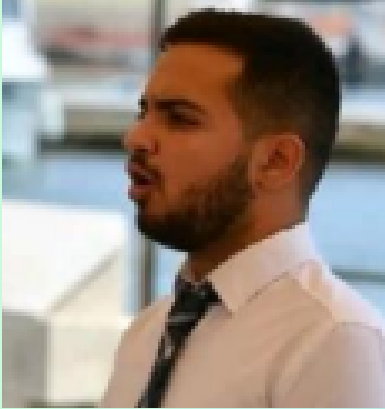


**Danica Ramljak**  
**SEA-EU Advisory Board, Consultant, World Bank, Croatia**



**Luis Núñez Vera**  
**Head of European Projects Division, Algeciras Bay Port Authority, Spain**





**Matthew Laspina**  
**Representative of the Ministry, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Malta**

Matthew Laspina is a Manager at the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) in Malta. He studied and graduated from MCAST with a B.Sc. (Hons.) Fish Management in 2020 and is currently reading for an M.Sc. International Marine Science at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. At the DFA, Matthew is currently working as a Manager within the Artisanal Projects Unit which is implementing the National Fisheries Strategy 2023 to 2027 and the Imrejkba Project. Previously managed projects implemented by Mr. Laspina include Fisheries Co-Management in Marine Protected Areas and the ACCOBAMS project Interactions between Cetaceans and Small-Scale Fisheries in Malta (MAVA OAP M4), that were both funded by the MAVA Foundation. He is currently DFA representative for the EU-SEA University of the Seas and is on the board of the National Expert Group on Sustainable Development. He is also a part-time lecturer at the MCAST Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences.



**Mikael Guégan**  
**National School of Engineers of Brest (ENIB), France**

Dr. Mikael Guégan is a full Associate Professor at the National School of Engineers of Brest (ENIB). His main teaching and research activities concern optical communications systems. He is also, since 2008, the head of the ENIB international office and is involved in the management of international programs concerning student mobility and academic cooperation. Previously, he was member of the SEA-EU educ. subcommittee and now of its advisory board.



**Elsa Coreiro**  
**Vice-President, Algarve Regional Coordination and Development Commission, Portugal**



**Paweł Braun**  
**Gdańsk Entrepreneurship Foundation, Poland**

Paweł Braun, President of the Management Board of the Gdańsk Entrepreneurship Foundation, which manages the Incubator Starter.

He is a Philosophy and Human Resources Management at the University of Gdańsk Graduate and an accredited lecturer of PRINCE2® APMG.

Experienced in managing teams, projects and products.

He was responsible for establishing and launching modern libraries in Poland: the first library in a shopping mall – the Manhattan Library, the post of American Corner library, co-run with the U.S. Embassy, the Shanghai Cabinet - created in cooperation with the Shanghai Library, and Szuflandia – the first self-service and open 24/7 lending library. In 2015, he was medal-awarded by the Minister of Culture as "Meritorious for Polish Culture".



## Round Table 4 Speakers



**Anna Jurkowska-Zeidler**  
**Vice-Rector for International Cooperation,**  
**University of Gdańsk, Poland**

Lawyer, Professor of the University of Gdańsk at the Faculty of Law and Administration, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation at the University of Gdańsk.

Her research specialisation is financial market law.

She is the chairwoman of the University Internationalisation Committee of the Conference of Rectors of Polish Universities. She is Vice-Rector of the European University of the Seas (SEA-EU).



**Marcela Iglesias**  
**Vice-Rector for internationalization, University of**  
**Cadiz, Spain**

Vice-Rector for Internationalization of the University of Cádiz (Spain). Associate Professor of Sociology at the Labor Sciences Faculty. Member of the research group “Work, Politics and Gender”. Co-director of the Ibero-American Research Network on “Work, Gender and Everyday Life”. Coordinator of the project “Innovation Sociale et Technologie pour une Meilleure Employabilité des Femmes Tunisiennes (INSAF-Fem)” (Erasmus+ KA2).



**Gabriele Sampagnaro**  
**Rector's delegate, Parthenope University of Naples,  
Italy**

Gabriele Sampagnaro holds the position of Full Professor in Banking and Finance at the Department of Management Studies and Quantitative Methods at the University of Naples Parthenope. He obtained his PhD from the University of Rome Tor Vergata and has authored numerous publications covering diverse topics and his works have been recognized in prestigious international academic journals. Additionally, he serves as the director of the Fincliamate Lab (Climate and Sustainable Finance Laboratory) and has undertaken various institutional roles within the university. Presently, he serves as the delegate of the Rector for the SEA-EU Alliance at the University of Naples Parthenope.



**Hanne Elenora Solheim Hansen**  
**Rector, Nord University, Norway**

Hanne Solheim Hansen holds the position of Rector at Nord University in Norway, with campuses in both Trøndelag and Nordland county. Her academic background encompasses teaching and research in the fields of agriculture, agricultural economics, and radioactivity. She earned her doctoral degree from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences in 1992. The academic focus of Nord University is anchored in strategic pillars such as Blue and Green Growth, Sustainable Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Health, Welfare, and Education, as well as Public Security.





**Ralph Schneider**  
**Vice-President for Internationalization, University of Kiel, Germany**

Professor Ralph Schneider is marine geologist with a research focus on past ocean climate change. He holds various academic positions, being the Director of Paleoceanography and Paleoclimate at the Institute of Geosciences and of the Leibniz Laboratory for Radiometric Dating and Stable Isotope Research at Kiel University. For more than a decade he was co-speaker of the Cluster of Excellence Future Ocean funded by the German Science Foundation, in cooperation with the Helmholtz Institute of Ocean Research, Kiel, GEOMAR. In parallel, he was the founding director and head of the priority research area "Kiel Marine Science" (KMS) at Kiel University. In this position he convinced Kiel University to become member already in the first period of the European University Alliance SEA-EU. In spring 2023 he has been appointed as vice president for internationalization and early career researchers



**Frank Bezzina**  
**Pro-Rector for International development and quality assurance, University of Malta, Malta**

Professor Frank Bezzina (PhD) is Pro-Rector for International Development and Quality Assurance at the University of Malta, after having served as Dean (2016-2021) of the Faculty of Economics, Management & Accountancy (FEMA). He is currently SEA-EU Vice Rector for Quality. He lectures in the fields of management science, decision analysis, and business research methods. He has published papers in various international journals of repute which include the European Management Journal, The International Journal of Human Resource Management and Expert Systems with Applications.



**Zoran Đogaš**  
**Vice-Rector for International Collaboration and Cooperation with Local Community, University of Split, Croatia**

Prof. Zoran Đogaš, MD, PhD, is a vice-rector for International Collaboration and Cooperation with Local Community. He is a former dean of the School of Medicine with a specialty in sleep medicine. As a certified somnologist, Prof. Đogaš is the head of the Neuroscience Institute and also of the Laboratory for Clinical Neuroscience and Sleep Medicine Center. He won the Croatian National Science Award for the year 2012. His prolific scientific work has more than 146 publications.



**Vianney Pichereau**  
**Vice-President, University of Bretagne Occidentale, France**

Professor Pichereau is a marine biologist. His work focuses on the ecotoxicological quality of estuarine waters, and on the virulence of bacteria pathogenic for marine organisms. His research employs integrative approaches that combine molecular biology (primarily -omics) with elements of chemistry and geography. He led the LabexMER, a consortium of 11 laboratories entirely dedicated to marine sciences, until 2018. Currently, he serves as the first vice president of the University of Western Brittany (UBO), overseeing marine affairs.





**Andrii Smitiukh**  
**Vice-Rector for Research, Teaching and**  
**International Cooperation of Odesa I.I. Mechnikov**  
**National University, Ukraine**

Alumni of Odesa I.I.Mechnikov National University (1998), PhD in Law (thesis in the field of International Private Law / Law of Contracts, 2004), Dr. Hab. in Law (thesis in the field of Law of Companies, 2019), Professor in Law (delivering courses of Law of Companies, Law of Investments, 2020), Vice-rector (Since 2021). Practicing lawyer in the field of Civil and Commercial Law, mainly Law of Contracts, Law of Companies and Property Law (1998-2021), Licensed Attorney (2006-2021).



**Jens-Uwe Schröder-Hinrichs**  
**Vice-President for Academic Affairs, World**  
**Maritime University, Sweden**

Professor Jens-Uwe Schröder-Hinrichs is Vice-President (Academic Affairs) of the World Maritime University (WMU), a university established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, to build capacity in the global maritime and ocean sectors through research, training and education. As a former seafarer, Dr Schröder-Hinrichs focusses in his academic work on the transition of the maritime sector into a sustainable future where nobody is left behind.

## Round Table 5 Speakers



**Angélica Patricia Hoyos Guzmán**  
**Professor and Researcher PI, Letter to the Sea,**  
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**Fábio Zacarias**  
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Fábio Zacarias, with 25 years is Former President of Algarve Student Union (AAUAlg), Management student, has been linked to associations and AAUAlg since 2020 and Representative in the Student Council of the SEA-EU Governing Board, UAlg, Portugal since 2023. His CV also includes his presence on the General Council of UAlg, in the Consulting Board Higher Education Assessment and Accreditation Agency, the Presidency of the Permanent Committee of City Youth Council of Faro and Portimão and City CEducation Council of Faro."





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Julia Pérez Mora, student representative on the University of Cádiz Student Council (CEUCA), as Vice-President in charge of external representation. She is a Masters student in Port and Logistics Management, has a degree in Law and has completed a Masters in Advocacy at the University of Cádiz.



**Rita Tavares**  
**President of Student Union,Academic Association of the University of Algarve, Portugal**

Rita Tavares is 21 years old and an Economics student at the University of Algarve. Since the beginning of last year she has been part of the European Sea Alliance team, and she is currently President of the Academic Association."



**Ritienne Gauci**  
**Future Leadership Forum member, SEA-EU lead academic for Internationalisation, University of Malta, Malta**

Dr. Ritienne Gauci is a Senior Lecturer in Geography at the University of Malta, specializing in physical geography and coastal studies in geomorphology and geoheritage. She is a member of the SEA-EU Staff Affairs Committee at the University of Malta and the Vice-Chair of the University of Malta Maritime Platform. Ritienne has contributed to the successful completion of SEA-EU work in SEA-EU 1.0 Outreach Sub-Committee, SEA-EU DOC and reSEArch-EU. She is the co-editor of the 2019 Springer volume Landscapes and Landforms of the Maltese Islands. Passionate about outdoor education and outreach, she actively engages in initiatives to raise public awareness about the richness and value of coastal geography and geoheritage.





**Roko Glavinović**  
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Roko Glavinović, a doctoral candidate and teaching/research assistant at the University of Split, Faculty of Maritime Studies, actively contributes to the SEA-EU project. His involvement includes serving as a member of the student council, various committees, and as an expert team member for SEA-EU, focusing on the management and activities related to enhancing student engagement in the project. Presently, his research is centered on exploring green and sustainable initiatives within the maritime sector, with the aim of fostering a more sustainable future.'



**Tanja Ellingsen**  
**Future Leadership Forum member, Associate Professor, Nord University, Norway**

Tanja Ellingsen, Associate Professor Political Science; Areas of expertise: peace and conflict studies, terrorism, cultural clashes and democratic decline, sustainability/ SDGs and academia; Leader of SEA EU WP 5 at Nord university: Bridging with society and involved in the Future Leadership Forum.



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## Round Tables' Moderators



**Alexandra Teodósio**  
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**Patrícia Pinto**  
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Patrícia Pinto holds a PhD in Quantitative Methods Applied to Economics and Business. She is Full Professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of Algarve, Portugal and the coordinator of the Research Centre for Tourism, Sustainability and Well-being (CinTurs). She is also a member of the directive board of the PhD in Tourism of the University of Algarve. She teaches mainly courses on quantitative data analysis and research methodologies. In her teaching activity, she also highlights the supervision of students, with 17 doctoral theses and 37 master's theses completed by the end of 2023. Her current research interests are in applied statistics and modelling especially in Tourism Management (Sustainable Tourism, Destination image and branding, Marketing segmentation, Consumer behavior). She is the author/co-author of more than a hundred scientific articles published in journals indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection (WOS profile here) or Scopus (Scopus profile here). She is currently the Pro-Rector for the European Universities of the Seas (SEA-EU) at the University of Algarve.