

Local and regional authorities protecting the marine environment

stakeholder consultation (online)

12 February 2021 | 14.00 to 16.00 CET

The European Committee of the Regions is currently drafting an opinion on the role of [*Local and Regional Authorities in protecting the marine environment*](#). The local and regional (here meaning subnational) dimension of the [Marine Strategy Framework Directive's](#) implementation is not explored enough. This unexplored dimension could accelerate the more ambitious action to tackle predominant pressures highlighted in the [report on the first implementation cycle of the MFS](#) published by the European Commission in June 2020.

Such pressures are connected with the CoR work on the European Green Deal, specifically its environmental component, which is strategic for the post-COVID-19 green and digital recovery. A recent report from the [Court of Auditors](#) also shows that biodiversity loss is not halted and it points to the possibility to increase the potential of EU funding for marine conservation objectives.

The rapporteur for this opinion, [Ms Emma NOHRÈN \(SE/Greens\)](#) invites you to discuss the most important challenges and opportunities at the subnational level, related to protecting the marine environment.

AGENDA

14.00 – 14.30 Testing online connection of participants

14.30 – 14.45 Opening statements

- **Emma NOHRÈN (SE/Greens)**, Vice Mayor of Lysekil Municipality (Sweden) & Rapporteur of the Opinion on marine environment, European Committee of the Regions;

- **João FIGUEIREDO**, Member of the European Court of Auditors;

- **Stavroula KREMMYDIOTOU**, Fisheries Policy Officer, European Bureau for Conservation & Development (EBCD).

14.45 - 15.45 Discussion with the audience

15.45 - 16.00 Final remarks

16.00 End of the meeting

Participants may speak in & listen to English only