



2021
2030 United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

CATCHING THE WAVES IN THE OCEAN DECADE

*Career & networking event – for students and alumni of
Marine, freshwater & tropical master programmes*

Officially endorsed as Ocean Decade action

Date: Saturday 9 September 2023

Time: 11:30 - 18:30

Venue: InnovOcean Campus - Jacobsensstraat 1, 8400 Ostend

[OceanExpert - A Directory of Marine and Freshwater Professionals](#)

11:30 – 12:00:

Registration

12:00 – 13:00:

Walking lunch

12:45 - 13:00:

Online welcome

13:00 - 13:30:

Welcome and introduction by representatives of the programmes:

- Introduction about VLIZ
- The importance of our MSc programmes
- The importance of alumni networks
- The importance of transferable skills
- Opportunities for ECOPs in the Ocean Decade

13:30 – 14:10:

Talk by dr. Ronny Merken, coordinator of STEM center of expertise for Brussels - Universitaire Associatie Brussel. Session about 'Transferable Skills' (definition, competences and skills, lifelong learning, interactive exercises)

14:10- 14:40:

Talk by dr. Luana Da Costa Monteiro – coordinator of IMBRSEA – Universiteit Gent. Session about job application skills:

- CV & Motivation Letter
- Social media
- Adapting your application to the target audience

14:40- 15:00:

Coffee break



15:00 – 15:50 :

Short talks by alumni (from academia/research, government, policy, private)

Focus on: career path and experience, tips and tricks, (transferable) skills, job hunting

15:50 – 17:00:

Networking workshop '*Learning from each other*':

Students and alumni network and go into specific questions in break out rooms

17:00 – 17:15

Wrap up

17:15 – 18:30:

Closing reception