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Dear reader,

I am glad to present to you the EU Blue Economy Report 2025 – the flagship publication providing the key trends and new developments in the EU's economic sectors based on, in and around the ocean.

This Report is published at a time when the EU faces significant challenges. Heightened geopolitical tensions, rapid technological developments and the increasingly visible effects of climate change – among other factors – require us to rethink how Europe can remain prosperous, competitive and secure in the future. Addressing these issues will be a central task for this Commission during the 2024-2029 period.

The importance of a strong EU Blue Economy becomes ever more clear. The Blue Economy sectors provide Europeans with healthy and sustainable food, clean and affordable maritime energy and they connect Europe to the rest of the world. Moreover, they are the breeding ground for blue innovation that will become the basis of the maritime technologies and sectors of the future.

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In June 2025, I will present the European Ocean Pact. The Ocean Pact will set out an overarching framework for all ocean policies, enabling Europe to act together in achieving a more competitive Blue Economy, better maritime security whilst restoring the oceans and benefitting the people living in coastal communities.

Data analysis is crucial for this endeavour. This report and the EU Blue Economy Observatory support evidence-based policy making and can help monitor progress.

The 2025 edition introduces several innovations. Notably it features an enhanced methodology that goes beyond measuring only the direct impacts in key indicators such as employment and Gross Value Added, allowing also capturing indirect effects. The Report also makes progress in addressing data gaps within innovative sectors and enhances forecasting for nature-based solutions that address climate change impacts, such as coastal floods.

I invite you to explore the findings and analysis presented in the Report and the wealth of information available through the EU Blue Economy Observatory. I am confident that it will benefit the extensive community of maritime stakeholders – including researchers, policy makers, industry representatives and investors – as well as all EU citizens interested in the responsible management of our seas and oceans, grounded in marine knowledge, innovation and investment.