

Stichting Ocean Visions

Policy Plan: 2026–2029

1. General Information

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Board Composition

- **Chairperson:** Mr. Brad Ack
- **Secretary:** Mr. Jeroen Hazewinkel
- **Treasurer:** Mr. Emanuele Di Lorenzo

Board members receive **no remuneration**; costs incurred in performing duties may be reimbursed.

2. Mission, Vision & Target Group

2.1 Mission

Stichting Ocean Visions pursues bold solutions, guided by science, to stabilize the climate and regenerate the ocean. The Foundation supports and extends the work of the Ocean Visions Network in Europe, convening scientists, policymakers, industry, and civil society to advance responsible, effective ocean-based climate solutions.

2.2 Vision

The Foundation envisions a vibrant and resilient ocean where ecosystems flourish, communities prosper, and a stable climate is ensured.

2.3 Target Group

The Foundation serves:

- All citizens concerned with the future of our ocean and who want to see the ocean restored and revitalized and free from the dangerous impacts of climate change.

More specific target audiences include

- The European ocean-climate solutions community, including researchers, universities, and oceanographic and marine institutions.
- Policymakers, regulators, and governmental bodies engaged in ocean governance and climate policy across Europe.
- Innovators developing responsible ocean-based climate solutions.
- NGOs, foundations, and mission-aligned partner organizations working at the ocean-climate nexus.
- The wider European public, through education, communication, and outreach on ocean and climate issues.

3. Objectives & Planned Activities (How We Achieve Our Mission)

Below is a description of what the Foundation wants to achieve and how, structured around Ocean Visions four-part strategy: Reduce, Remove, Repair, and Reach.

Objective 1: *Reduce* – Support societal decarbonization via ocean-based pathways for low carbon energy, food and biomaterials.

Activities:

- Support development and expansion of ocean-based technologies that replace carbon-intensive goods and services needed by society in Europe and beyond
- Convene European institutions and stakeholders to advance knowledge and collaboration on ocean-based pathways to net zero and beyond.

Objective 2: *Remove* –Advance responsible marine carbon dioxide removal (mCDR)

Activities:

- Facilitate research, evaluation, and responsible testing of marine carbon dioxide removal approaches (e.g. ocean alkalinity enhancement, phytoplankton-based approaches)
- Develop and sharing environmental impact assessment frameworks and site-suitability tools
- Connect European researchers and institutions to the global mCDR field trial and ecosystem databases maintained by the Ocean Visions network

Objective 3: *Repair* – Advance research to protect and restore critical marine ecosystems and avoid earth system tipping points

Activities:

- Support collaborative research on the protection and restoration of vulnerable marine ecosystems, including Arctic sea ice
- Fund or co-funding targeted research projects addressing climate-driven ecosystem loss
- Publish and disseminate findings to inform policy and further research in Europe

Objective 4: *Reach* – Build a European community of practice to accelerate testing and development of ocean-climate solutions

Activities:

- Organize and support events, workshops, and webinars for the European ocean-climate community
- Produce and share publications, stories, and educational resources on ocean-climate solutions
- Participate in and help host convenings such as the Ocean Visions Biennial Summit

Objective 5: Raise funds to support ocean-climate research and outreach

Activities:

- Fundraise for research, convening, and educational programs aligned with the foundation's mission
- Secure grants and donations from foundations, corporate partners, and individual supporters
- Contribute to shared initiatives of the wider Ocean Visions network

Objective 6: Foster partnerships with organizations that share similar goals

Activities:

- Collaborate with universities, oceanographic institutions, and research organizations across Europe
 - Organize and host events, research, and outreach projects with mission-aligned partners
 - Participate in European and international ocean-climate networks and policy dialogues
 - Engage corporate partners pursuing corporate social responsibility aligned with ocean and climate goals
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4. Method of Acquiring Income

Stichting Ocean Visions will raise funds through:

- Philanthropic donations and gifts from private donors and supporters
 - Government grants from various national and multinational government sources
 - Grants from mission-aligned foundations
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5. Management and Expenditure of Assets

5.1 Asset Management

The Board will ensure that:

- The foundation does not retain more assets than reasonably needed for continuity (as required by ANBI rules)
- Funds are kept in a Dutch bank account in the name of the foundation.
- Financial administration meets all legal standards
- Records are maintained for at least 7 years.
- Annual budgets and financial statements are prepared and approved.

5.2 Expenditure Principles

Expenditures will be strictly aligned with:

- the foundation's statutory objectives
- the approved annual budget
- the ANBI rule requiring a reasonable ratio between administrative/fundraising costs and mission-driven expenditures

Funds will be used for:

- research, convenings, and program activities centered on the mission to advance on ocean-climate solutions
- community and network-building activities across Europe
- grants or contributions to aligned research and outreach initiatives
- project partnerships with universities, institutions, and mission-aligned organizations
- administrative costs necessary to operate the foundation

No payments will be made to founders or board members, except actual cost reimbursements.

6. Allocation of Collected Funds

All collected funds will be allocated to activities that directly support the Foundation's objectives.

Example of allocation

- Research and development on ocean carbon dioxide removal, decarbonization, and marine ecosystem repair technologies
- Workshops, webinars, and educational programs for the European ocean-climate community
- Support for pilot projects aligned with the foundation's mission
- Development of open-access knowledge resources
- Donations or grants to aligned research institutions and ocean-climate initiatives
- Community-building and outreach initiatives
- Procurement of materials, facilities, or external expertise for programs

At least 90% of expenditures will be directed toward the public benefit, in accordance with ANBI requirements.

7. Transparency Measures

To ensure transparency and accountability to donors, supporters, and authorities, Stichting Ocean Visions will:

- Publish the annual policy plan on the website
 - Publish the annual financial statement (income, expenses, assets)
 - Publish the names and roles of board members
 - Make annual reports available to the public
 - Maintain a clear overview of ongoing projects and results
 - Keep minutes of board meetings and maintain financial records in accordance with Articles 5 and 8 of the Constitution
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8. Overview of Expected Income, Expenditure & Assets

Income

€1000–€50,000 annually from donations, grants, and events (starting phase).

Expenditure

- 70–85% program costs (research, convenings, education, and network activities)
- 10–20% organizational/administrative costs
- Remaining % reserved for continuity

Assets

Assets will primarily consist of:

- Cash held in a bank account
- Minimal equipment or event-related materials

- No property or significant investments are expected

The foundation will keep assets modest and proportional to continuity needs.

9. Duration & Evaluation of the Policy Plan

This policy plan is intended for the period 2026–2029.

The Board will evaluate progress annually and may revise this document as needed.