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Promoting the Common Good of the Sea *Justice and Peace Europe meets EU-commissioner*

On Thursday, 9 September the Presidency of Justice and Peace Europe met on-line with Mr. Virginijus Sinkievicius, member of the European Commission in charge of the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries.

Mgr Noel Treanor, Bishop of Down and Connor and President of Justice and Peace Europe, presented the Commissioner with the work of the network and its concerted action 2020 *The Common Good of the Seas*. “Churches and other religions are drivers and multipliers of the concerns regarding the Oceans”, he said.

Issues like sustainable fishing and the working conditions of sailors were addressed during the meeting but also the impact of climate change and pollution from plastics and other sources on the ecology of the oceans. Mrs Maria Hammershoy, vice-president of Justice and Peace Europe, brought up the specific challenges relating to the Arctic region and the people living there. In the forthcoming weeks Justice and Peace Europe will contribute to two official EU consultations on International Ocean Governance and the EU Arctic Policy.

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