

## **ECOP definition for CommOCEAN 2026**

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- 1) Persons that self-identify as being early in their career, within 10 years or less of professional experience in any field related to the ocean
- 2) We generally set a maximum age of 35, with exceptions as outlined in point 1
- 3) People above the age of 35 and who can document that they have made a career change
- 4) Includes individuals across sectors, e.g., scientists, researchers, communicators, policy advisers, entrepreneurs, civil society, and students
- 5) Applicants must show through their work and activities that they have a UN Ocean Decade focus to coincide with the overarching theme of the conference
- 6) Can demonstrate involvement in ocean communication activities or initiatives