



EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

"Ports and Coasts, gateways to maritime growth"

Piraeus, Greece, 28-29 MAY 2015

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THURSDAY 28 MAY 2015

08.00

Opening of registration and exhibitions

09.00-10.30

1st Set of Stakeholders workshops

09.00-10.30

"Greening the life-cycle of ships"

→ **Room: Skalkotas Hall**

Organisers: POSEIDON MED, National Technical University of Athens, Interreg SAIL project, NGO Shipbreaking Platform

Several policies at the European Union level are targeted at improving the environmental performance of shipping. This workshop will look at issues of sustainability throughout the life-cycle of ships and experts from research, industry and NGOs will present solutions and opportunities related to the reduction of emissions, efficient use of resources and proper ship recycling in light of blue growth and gains for ports, the shipping industry and cargo owners.

Moderator: MR. SOTIRIS RAPTIS, Maritime Policy Officer at Transport & Environment

Speakers:

MS. ANASTASIA KOUVERTARI, Senior Environmental Specialist at Hellenic Lloyd's SA, member of POSEIDON

DR. ALISTAIR GREIG, FIMarEST, Senior Lecturer at University College London (UCL)

DR. JOHN PROUSALIDIS, Associate professor at the National Technical University of Athens

MR. EDO DONKERS, Independent consultant to the Port of Oostende & SAIL Project

MS. PATRIZIA HEIDEGGER, Executive Director at NGO Shipbreaking Platform

09.00-10.30

"Innovative business models for marine litter in Europe"

→ **Room: Trianti Hall**

Organisers: ECNC Group, and Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development

The fisheries, maritime and environmental sectors are closely interlinked since competitiveness depends on the conservation of natural resources. Great benefits can be obtained by combining Europe's ambitions for achieving "blue growth" in the maritime economy and "green growth" that protects the environment. It would boost development in those sectors and foster circular economy that prevents the loss of valuable materials. This workshop will highlight the importance of solutions that are integrated into scalable business models involving cross-sectoral collaboration in order to prevent and minimise marine litter in Europe.

Moderator: MS. TATJANA HEMA, Programme Officer, UNEP/MAP MEDPOL

Speakers:

MS THOMAS VLACHOGIANNI, Programme Officer, MIO-ECSDE Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development

MS. MARIA GIOVANNA SANDRINI, ECONYL® Brand & Communication Manager, AQUAFIL SPA

MS. VERONIKA MIKOS, Senior Project Manager, ECNC Group

MR. VASSILIS STAMOGIANNIS, Director, MEDASSET-Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles

MR. ØISTEIN ALEKSANDERSEN, CEO, Nofir AS

09.00-10.30

"How innovative training can support Blue Growth?"

→ Room: MC3.2

Organisers: European Marine Board, JPI-Oceans, EuroMarine network

The next generation of marine professionals will require specialized knowledge crossing multiple fields of expertise in order to underpin an ecosystem based approach to management of the marine environment. But there is currently a mismatch between current academic training programmes and the needs of future employers. In addition, marine graduate programmes and career pathways lack coordination and visibility. In this workshop, stakeholders from higher education, research and business will present proposals and discuss perspectives on current marine training practices, innovative initiatives and academic-industry partnerships which could help address the skills gap and build a human capacity.

Moderator: DR. NIALL MCDONOUGH, Executive Secretary, European Marine Board

Speakers:

MR. TIM DEPRez, University of Ghent, co-Chair European Marine Board Working Group Training

Training the next generation of marine scientists: What's the potential?

MR. TOM REDD, JPI-Oceans Secretariat / MS. KATHRINE BROWNLIE, University of Ghent

Perspectives from the 21st century marine graduate

MR. PIERPAOLO CAMPOSTRINI, JPI-Oceans Management Board, Italian Consortium for Managing research

Activities concerning the Venice Lagoon (CORILA)

Embedding human capacity building in the long term activities of JPI Oceans' Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda.

Discussion: *Europe's Blue Economy: what skill sets are required and what is the role of marine science?*

Panelists from the full Knowledge Triangle (Higher Education, Research and Business/Industry):

Pierpaolo Campostrini, JPI-Oceans Management Board; Paris Sansoglou, European Dredging Association; Bev

McKenzie, Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST); Óscar Gómez, Director Técnico

Aclunaga, Spain. SEA Europe. Tim Deprez, University of Ghent, Belgium / EMB WG Training / European Marine

Biological Resource Centre (EMBRC); Dr. Eric Thiébaud, EuroMarine, Université Pierre & Marie Curie, Station

Biologique de Roscoff, France, Stephen Hall, National Oceanography Centre, UK, Fellow of Institute of Marine

Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST), Chairman of the Society for Underwater Technology's

Education & Training Committee..

09.00-10.30

"Cooperation and information sharing for maritime security and safety"

→ Room: MC2

Organisers: Finnish Border Guard, Laurea University of Applied Sciences, DNV GL

Maritime security and safety is best achieved by well-planned and implemented cooperation and information sharing. Coast Guard Functions, education and training as well as IT solutions offer great potentials for achieving enhanced maritime security and safety if stakeholders work continuously on improving cooperation schemes and information sharing channels. This workshop brings together experts from public authorities, educational institutions and business to elaborate on different views on collaboration for a safer and sustainable maritime sector.

Moderator: MR. MARKKU HALONEN, European Coast Guard Functions Forum

Speakers:

MR. MARKKU HALONEN, European Coast Guard Functions Forum

MR. MATTIAS SPIES, Finnish Border Guard

MR. ISTO MATTILA Laurea University of Applied Sciences

MR. GABRIELE MANNO, DNVGL

09.00-10.30

"Coastal communities and Blue Society"

→ **Room: MC3**

Organisers: CIVILSCAPE, Municipality of Piraeus, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (PERSEUS & Sea For Society EU Projects)

The potential of the European Landscape Convention can contribute to the formation and implementation of maritime policies, planning and governance while targeting coastal communities' well-being. The workshop will discuss the opportunities and constraints for the creation of a resilient Blue Society as a means to sustainable development and management of coastal areas. The workshop will explore the ways of developing a Blue Growth Strategy with a sustainable footing, taking into account issues of cultural heritage and natural resources, management and local societies' needs and aspirations.

Moderators: MR. DIRK GOTZMANN, Director, CIVILSCAPE, and MR. THYMIO PAPAYANNIS, Director, Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos

Speakers:

MS. INGE GOTZMANN, President of CIVILSCAPE

PROF. ROSA MARI DARBRA, CERTEC/UPC - Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain &

MR. MANUEL CIRA, Head of Cultural services Nausicaa, France, Sea for Society Project Coordinator

MS. ANASTASIA KANNAVOU, Head of Local Economic Growth & Entrepreneurship Office, Municipality of Piraeus, Greece

MS. APHRODITE SOROTOU, CIVILSCAPE Board member, Organiser of Marinescapes Forum in Piraeus

MS. MAGUELONNE DÉJEANT-PONS, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape

09.00-10.30

"Ports and Harbours – An innovation powerhouse for ocean energy development"

→ **Room: MC 3.4**

Organisers: Ocean Energy Europe, AG Port of Oostende

Against the background of the development of Europe's first commercial ocean energy projects, this workshop will examine the contribution that ports and harbours have to make to the commercialisation of Europe's ocean energy industry as both centres of supply and innovation hubs. The workshop will also present the benefits resulting from this commercialisation for ports, harbours and coastal regions, and provide an overview of what stakeholders can expect from this exciting new area of Blue Growth.

Speakers:

MR. RÉMI GRUET, CEO, Ocean Energy Europe

MR. DAMIEN PERISSE, Director for Maritime Affairs, Innovation & Competitiveness, CPMR (Conference of

Peripheral Maritime Regions)

MR. JEAN-CHARLES BOULAT, European Affairs Director, DCNS

MR. BERTRAND MARSSET, Deputy Director, Ports of Normandy Authority

MR. WIM STUBBE, Business Development Manager, Port of Oostende

10.30-11.00

Coffee break

11.00-12.30

2nd Set of Stakeholders workshops

11.00-12.30

"Expanding Blue Growth around Ports and Facilities"

→ Room: MC2

Organisers: Marine South East, Municipality of Piraeus

The workshop will focus on three key blue growth markets identified in the Commission's Blue Growth report, and their value chains, comprising: offshore wind farms; aquaculture; and marine renewable energy. The workshop aims at identifying how ports and other major facilities can leverage investment in blue growth, at exploring how maritime clusters can maximise this leverage, with emphasis on innovation and international competitiveness, building on the REMCAP project and at stimulating new collaborative relationships and consortia, involving cluster organisations, port & facility operators and innovative firms.

Moderator: MR. JONATHAN WILLIAMS, CEO, Marine South East (UK) - *Introduction and Blue Growth strategic overview (REMCAP project)*

Speakers:

MS. EOIN MOYNIHAN, NMCI, and MS. SIMONA MARGARINO, BEPPO Management - *Marine renewable energy developments & port clusters*

MR. WIM STUBBE, Business Dev Manager, Port of Ostende - *Case study – Ostende offshore wind cluster*

MR. FREDERICO FERREIRA, Executive Officer, OCEANO XXI - *Offshore aquaculture opportunities and sea centre incubator (Porto)*

MR. STAVROS HATZAKOS, General Manager at Piraeus Port Authority - *Case study –Port of Piraeus investing for blue growth*

11.00-12.30

"Port reception facilities to tackle marine litter"

→ Room: MC3

Organisers: Seas At Risk, Waste Free Ocean

This workshop will investigate how port reception facilities can be optimised to tackle the problem of ship-sourced marine litter, and provide for the disposal of marine litter removed from the sea. By harmonising the fees charged for waste delivery and simplifying delivery and notification, disincentives for port reception facilities use could be removed. As the existing port reception facilities Directive is being evaluated, the workshop aims to discuss the linkages between these two topics, and build stakeholder support for an ambitious review to ensure the future port reception facilities Directive.

Moderator: MR. JOHN MAGGS, Seas At Risk

Speakers:

MR. BERNARD MERKX, Waste Free Oceans

MR. HERMANI BACKER, HELCOM

Union of Greek Ship Owners (TBC)

Port of Amsterdam (TBC)

11.00-12.30

"How do port cities/ urban ports sustain maritime growth?"

→ **Room: MC 3.4**

Organisers: Region Västra Götaland, Regione Liguria and Borough of Poole

The maritime industry, ports and cities are historically strongly linked, but due to technical development, modern logistics development and stronger internationally based actors the links have become weaker. Sustainable growth of coastal regions relies on strong maritime clusters. The maritime industry is deeply interactively integrated in the regional development and needs support in infrastructure, academies for training and labour, etc. This symbiotic relationship will be discussed during this workshop.

Speakers:

MS. KERSTIN BRUNNSTRÖM, Regional Government representative, Västra Götaland

MR. MAGNUS KÅRESTEDT, Managing Director, Port of Gothenburg

MS. SIMONA COSTA, Project manager, Legurian region/ EIP Smart Cities

MR. JIM STEWART, Chief Executive, Poole Harbour Commissioners

11.00-12.30

"Social entrepreneurship and social innovation"

→ **Room: MC3.2**

Organisers: The Nest Hellenic Centre for Social Entrepreneurship & Social Innovation

The workshop aims to address the role of social entrepreneurship and social innovation in bringing innovation, growth and jobs to the European marine and maritime sector. It will also discuss issues that coastal regions face by contributing sustainable and inclusive growth models and raise awareness on the formation and performance of smart, sustainable and inclusive ventures that result from the interaction among the sea and the earth. The workshop aims at stressing the importance of the European social investment market and its prospects of growing.

Moderator: DR. FIORI A ZAFEIROPOULOU, Lecturer Social Entrepreneurship

Speakers:

PROF GEORGE IOANNOU, Production & Operations Manager AUEB & iMBA Director

MS. LEDA KARABELA, Blue Growth Director Aephoria

DR. FIORI A ZAFEIROPOULOU, PhD SocEnt The Nest President

Founding Teams: *Sol Brine Technologies, Phee Made, Nostimo Salt*

11.00-12.30

"Marine data and information powering Blue Growth"

→ **Room: Trianti Hall**

Organisers: European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet), Mercator Ocean, Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change, European Consortium for Global Ocean Observing System, European Network of Maritime Clusters, Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia, Links Management and Technology S.p.A.

The workshop will focus on key elements of the marine knowledge value chain: from observation and collection of marine and coastal data to information, products and services for intermediate and end-users. The aim is to attract and demonstrate to the audience, in particular stakeholders from maritime industries, the importance of marine and coastal observation and data management as well as the following development of marine core and downstream services for end-users, as critical components to promote and implement the Marine Knowledge 2020 strategy.

The workshop will consist of two parts jointly addressing the four main components of the Marine Knowledge value chain covering (1) Marine Observation and Data → (2) Marine Core Services → (3) Marine Downstream Services → (4) End-users.

Moderator: MR. PHIL WEAVER, Chair of the European Marine Observation and Data Network – EMODnet Steering Committee

Part 1 Introduction and illustration of the core concepts and actors involved in the first three components of the marine knowledge value chain.

Speakers:

MR. ALVISE BRAGADIN, COGEA, Coordinator of EMODnet Human Activities : *The relevance of free access to interoperable data on human activities in the European marine and coastal environment.*

MR. GAËL MORVAN, Head of the Bathymetry Department,, French Hydrographic Office (SHOM): *Coastal Mapping: Towards a prototype digital map of Europe's coastal zone for inclusion in EMODnet*

MR. PIERRE BAHUREL, Director General Mercator Ocean, entrusted entity for implementing the Copernicus Marine Service : *The Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service*

MR. ERIK BUCH, Chairman of EuroGOOS AIBSL : *Downstream activities of EuroGOOS Association members*

MR. ANTONIO GUARNIERI (INGV) and MS PALMALISA MARRA (Links S.p.A.) : *Marine services in the Mediterranean Sea: TESSA and EMODnet MedSea Checkpoint projects*

Part 2 Guided panel discussion focusing on perspectives from end-users (with testimonies from representatives from key user communities and interventions from the audience)

Introduction by MR PAUL MARCEUL, Secretary General, European Network of Maritime Clusters (ENMC): *Expectations and needs of end-users in terms of quality and service*

User testimonies: *John Campbell (Technical Director of the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP) on data use and sharing by the ocean industry, TESSA project and EMODnet MEDSEA Checkpoint users, representative from industrial company LuxSpace, Luxembourg, ...)*

11.00-12.30

" Maritime Cultural Heritage and Blue Growth: What's the Connection?"

→ **Room: Skalkotas Hall**

Organisers: European Marine Board, European Dredging Association & Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands

The workshop will highlight the significant but largely unknown cultural heritage of human settlements that exists in the shallow shelf seas around Europe. Public interest in the discoveries of prehistoric remains found in coastal seas has enormous tourism potential, a considerable sector in European maritime economy. The role of maritime industry in discovering submerged archaeological sites has been very important. Jointly presented by research, industry and heritage management organisations, this workshop will showcase that the offshore economy can benefit from a cross-sectoral interaction to safeguard archaeological finds, to aid in their discovery and management, and to avoid unnecessary delays for commercial activities.

The fisheries community is encouraged to participate in this workshop.

Moderator: PROF. GEOFF BAILEY, Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology, University of York

Speakers:

DR. DIMITRIS SAKELLARIOU, Research Director of Marine Geology and Marine Geoarchaeology, Hellenic

Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)

DR. NENA GALANIDOU, Associate Professor in History and Archaeology, University of Crete

DR. HENK WEERTS, Senior Researcher, Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands

PROF. TIEDO VELLINGA, Professor of Ports and Waterways, TU Delft & Director Environmental Monitoring
Maasvlakte 2, Port of Rotterdam

MR. EUAN MCNEILL, Director, Coastal & Marine, Wessex Archaeology on behalf of British Marine Aggregate Producers Association

MS. ANDREA KLOMP, Senior Policy Advisor, Cultural heritage Agency of the Netherlands

11.00-12.30

" LNG for Shipping – Risks and Opportunities"

→ **Room: MC 3.3**

Organisers: European Commission - DG Mobility and Transport

Current and upcoming legislation puts tighter limits on emissions of seagoing vessels in European coastal waters. Emissions Control Areas (ECA) forces the operators of vessels to use propulsion and fuel systems that result in lower emissions. One of the most forward looking solutions to compliance is the use of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as shipping fuel. The European Commission, supported by the consortium of PwC, DNV GL and MSL, is carrying a study on the perception of the risks and opportunities of LNG as a shipping fuel. Workshop will be dedicated to presentation of the preliminary findings of the study, the case studies and discussion about the ideas to improve public awareness.

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) is also conducting an analysis and evaluation of the gaps that exist in the regulatory framework for LNG-fuelled ships and the provision of LNG fuel. The research is focusing on risks and opportunities of using LNG as a shipping fuel and may steer the work to improve safety standards to support the use of LNG for shipping.

Moderator: MR. ERDEM ERGINEL, European Commission - DG Mobility and Transport

Speakers:

MR. AXEL VON PERFALL, PricewaterhouseCoopers - Preliminary results of the study

MR. MORTEN LARSEN, Fjordline - LNG fuelled ferry

MR. MARIO DOGLIANI, RINA - TEN-T project COSTA

12.30-14.00

Lunch break

14.00-14.30

Official Opening of European Maritime Day 2015

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14.00-14.30

Joint welcome address from Host country:

MS. ELENA KOUNTOURA, Alternate Minister for Tourism, Ministry of Economy, Infrastructure, Maritime Affairs and Tourism, Greece

MR. THODORIS DRITSAS, Alternate Minister for Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Infrastructure, Maritime Affairs and Tourism, Greece

MR. YANNIS MORALIS, Mayor of the City of Piraeus

14.30-14.45

Blue Growth Piraeus Award (Innovative entrepreneurship)

14.45-15.30

Keynote speeches

MR. KARMENU VELLA, Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

MS. GESINE MEISSNER, Member of the European Parliament, President of the Intergroup on Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas

MR. NORMUNDS RIEKSTINS, Director General, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Fisheries, Latvian Presidency

15.30-16.00

Coffee break

16.00-17.30

Plenary session 1: Ports and coasts, engines for Blue Growth

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The first plenary session will cover the main dimensions of the ports, coasts and Blue Growth agenda and seek to define the main priority axes for the EU's policy in this domain. Panellists will discuss the evolving role of ports as diversified centres of innovation, jobs and growth; the importance of skills and qualifications as enabler for blue growth and port competitiveness; and the new recognition of the value of marine and coastal natural capital for the economy.

Moderator: MS. JACKI DAVIS, Moderator of the Conference

Speakers:

MR. DONNÉ SLANGEN, Director Regional and Project Development, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, The Netherlands

MR. AXEL WENBLAD, Advisor, MonaLisa 2.0

MR. FRANCIS VALLAT, President of the European Network of Maritime Clusters

MS. CHRISTINE CABAU-WOEHREL, CEO of Grand Port maritime de Marseille

MR. ZENO D'AGOSTINO, Commissioner of Trieste Port Authority

17.30-18.30

Plenary session 2 : Blue Economy Business and Science Forum

ROOM: PLENARY/ TRIANTI HALL (Interpretation in EN- FR-GR, passive LV)

Official Launch of the Blue Economy Business and Science Forum (BSF): to bring about further cross-fertilisation of ideas and research results between industrial sectors, NGOs and other stakeholders with a common interest in the blue economy.

It was announced in the Commission Communication on 'Innovation in the Blue Economy: realising the potential of our seas and oceans for jobs and growth' of May 2014. The Forum will provide a venue for industry to be heard, for success stories to be aired both from the EU and elsewhere and will provide recommendations on future science and research priorities at national and EU level.

Moderator: MS. JACKI DAVIS, Moderator of the Conference

Speakers:

MS. HELENA VIEIRA, Marine Biotech Expert, University of Lisbon, EurOCEAN'14

MR. MARK SHORROCK, CEO, Tidal Lagoon Power

MR. PATRICK CHARLTON, Vice President, Europe, Alltech UK

MR. RENIER DE GRAAF, Senior Partner OMA Architects Rotterdam

MS. SIGI GRUBER, Head of Marine Resources Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

20.00

Networking reception for all conference participants at the

Veakio Theatre in Piraeus

Bus shuttles are foreseen for all participants for the transfer to Piraeus.

FRIDAY 29 MAY 2015

08.00

Opening of registration and exhibitions

08.30-10.00

3rd Set of Stakeholders workshops

08.30-10.00

"Education and training for the maritime sector"

→ **Room: Trianti Hall**

Organisers: Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe, Women's Shipping and Trading Association, Navigator Shipping Consultants Ltd./Open Mind Group, Hellenic Association of Maritime Economists

The workshop is addressed to politicians, academics and practitioners from the public and the private sector and will present the extent to which continuous learning, when combined with innovation and technology, play a key role in enhancing competencies of EU maritime professionals. It will also focus on the role of education, training and talent management in continually advancing the maritime sector's competitiveness and sustainability while preserving and protecting the marine environment and the cultural heritage related to the EU maritime economies.

Moderator: MR. GIUSEPPE SCIACCA, Senior Policy Officer, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe

Speakers:

MR. PÄR KARLSSON, Kalmar Maritime Academy

"Towards more integrate education in maritime transport across Europe: the experience of [Vasco-da-Gama](#) project"

MR. DANAE BEZANTAKOU, Managing Director of Navigator Shipping Consultants Ltd./Open Mind Group

"Maritime Growth activities" - Creating and moulding the next shipping generation and empowering women in the industry - presentation of a case study of Open Mind Group"

MS. ANGIE HARTMANN, Crew Manager of Starbulk S.A./WISTA Hellas President - Employment and training

of Seafarers

PROF. ANGELOS PANTOUVAKIS, Chairman, Hellenic Association of Maritime Economists (HAME)

"Managing talents in the maritime sector: A survey and an empirical approach"

08.30-10.00

"Regional cooperation on Maritime Spatial Planning"

→ **Room: MC 3.4**

Organisers: The North Sea Commission of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe, Institute of Marine Science of the National Research Council of Italy and CORILA Consortium for management research on the Venice lagoon system, Institute of Marine Biology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture, Hellenic Centre of Marine Research

This workshop is co-organized by Institutions involved in promoting/assessing processes of Maritime Spatial Planning at regional level, in different European Seas. Practices independently developed in the Mediterranean and in the North Sea will be presented, with the aim to share of on-going experiences and to foster the knowledge accretion of the governance processes on the Maritime Spatial Planning implementation. This is relevant not only for the Maritime Spatial Planning obligations' achievement, but mainly for boosting the economy of the involved territories.

Moderator: **MR. PIERPAOLO CAMPOSTRINI**, ISMAR CNR and CORILA, Adriplan project coordinator

Speakers:

MR. TOM-CHRISTER NILSEN, North Sea Commission President

MR. HAITZE SIEMERS, Head of Unit, DG MARE, European Commission

"Supporting the implementation of the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive: the next steps"

MR. LODEWIJK ABSPOEL, North Sea 2050 Spatial Agenda

DR. ANDREA BARBANTI, Institute of Marine Science of the National Council of Research Italy ISMAR CNR
"Data management, visualisation and integration tools: the Adriplan experience"

DR. ELENI HATZIYANNI, Director of Environment and Spatial Planning, Region of Crete, Greece

"Towards the implementation of MSP Directive at a regional level. Demands and expectations from the public sector"

08.30-10.00

"The BLUEMED initiative for blue growth and jobs in the Mediterranean"

→ **Room: Skalkotas Hall**

Organisers: Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, with the support of the "Ad hoc BLUEMED initiative working group"

This workshop focuses on the BLUEMED initiative developed under the Italian Presidency of the EU Council in 2014 together with Mediterranean EU Member States and Portugal and the support of the European Commission. It fosters integration of knowledge and efforts to develop the blue growth in the Mediterranean and promotes joint actions of relevant research and innovation priorities. In addition it maximises the leverage effects of the research investments. The workshop aims at sharing the BLUEMED's objectives and at exploring with stakeholders how to jointly implement priority actions.

Moderator: **MR. VANGELIS PAPATHANASSIOU**, Research Director, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research

Speakers:

MS. SIGI GRUBER, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation Head of Marine Resources Unit

MR. FABIO FAVA, University of Bologna & Italian Representative, SC2 H2020 Programme Committee.

MR. LUCA MARANGONI, European Commission, DG Maritime Affairs, Team Leader for Maritime Policy in the

08.30-10.00

"Greening the Blue: forty years together for a sustainable Mediterranean"

→ Room: MC3

Organisers: United Nations Environment Programme, Barcelona Convention Secretariat

This year the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Barcelona Convention celebrate their 40th Anniversary. This workshop will discuss the key environmental pressures affecting the marine and coastal environment and their links to the achievement of sustainable development in the Mediterranean basin. It will provide an opportunity to participants to discuss key accomplishments and challenges of the past decades in "greening the blue", from the perspectives of government, NGOs and Academia representatives.

Moderator: MR. GAETANO LEONE, Coordinator of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention

Speakers:

MINISTER GVOZDENOVIĆ, Minister for Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro

MR. NIBANI HOUSSINE, Association de Gestion Intégrée des Ressources, Morocco

DR. MOHAMED YOUSSEF OMAR, Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport

DR. MICHAEL J. SCULLOS, MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (MIO-ECSDE)

08.30-10.00

"Innovative and sustainable aquaculture"

→ Room: MC3.2

Organisers: SINTEF Fisheries and Aquaculture, Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation, Seas At Risk, Marine Conservation Society, AZTI-Technalia

The EU Blue Growth strategy aims to boost its aquaculture sector as a means to meet future seafood demands and as a potential source of employment and economic growth. This growth has to be based on sustainable development principles and farming practices as various environmental challenges still remain. Technological and practical innovations are possible means to enable more robust, safe and sustainable operations; allowing the increase of seafood production. This workshop aims to highlight the pros and cons of a number of innovative future approaches for aquaculture.

Moderator: MR. ARNE FREDHEIM, Research director, SINTEF Fisheries and Aquaculture

Speakers:

MS. COURTNEY HOUGH, General secretary, European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform

MS. ANASTASIA MILIOU, Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation

MR. HANS BJELLAND, Research Manager, SINTEF Fisheries and Aquaculture

MR. DAWN PURCHASE,, Marine Conservation Society (UK)

08.30-10.00

"Addressing the restricted work mobility of seafarers in fishing and boating sectors in Europe"

→ Room: MC 3.3

Organisers: European Boating Industry, Europêche, European Transport Workers' Federation

Despite a single internal market and simplified administrative procedures to live and study anywhere in Europe, certain professional qualifications are still not recognised between EU countries. The

workshop will look at problems faced by the fishing and boating industries in Europe, due to the lack of recognition of seafarers' qualifications on fishing and small commercial vessels. It will highlight its impacts on maritime employment, safety at sea, vocational training, nautical tourism and discuss possible solutions.

Moderator: [MS. MIRNA CIENIEWICZ](#), Secretary General at European Boating Industry

Speakers:

Joint opening by [MS. BEATE GMINDER](#), Head of Unit at DG MARE, European Commission, and [MR. KONSTANTINOS TOMARAS](#), Deputy Head of Unit at DG GROW, European Commission

[MR. COR BLONK](#), Chairman of the EU Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Sea Fisheries (Europêche)

[MS. SOFIA RIBEIRO](#), MEP and rapporteur for the STCW-F Convention

[MR. FANIS KIRIACOULIS](#), CEO of Kiriacoulis Mediterranean (charter company)

[MS. SILJA TEEGE](#), Project Leader of TRECNET and TCC-SCV projects and Director of Sea Teach (boating school and charter company)

08.30-10.00

"Challenges for sustainable coastal and island tourism"

→ **Room: MC 2**

Organisers: Ecorys, Municipality of Piraeus, Greek Ministry of Tourism

Coastal and maritime tourism makes up one third of the economic value of the Blue Economy, and contributes more than 2 mln jobs in Europe. To strengthen the sector and promote its sustainable growth, actions are needed. An investigation of key challenges that the sector faces, and strategies developed at local level to tackle these is being made. In the workshop, interim findings of an EU wide analysis will be presented and compared with local level experiences.

Moderator: [MR. JOHAN GILLE](#), Ecorys

Speakers:

[MR. MATTEO BOCCI](#), Ecorys

[MS. ANASTASIA MARKATOU](#), Directorate of Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, Ministry of Economy, Infrastructure, Maritime Affairs and Tourism, Section of Tourism, Greece

[DR. MAGDALENA MUIR](#), European Coastal and Marine Union (EUCC)

[MR. GEORGE VERNICOS](#), General Secretary, Greek Tourism Confederation

10.00-10.30

Coffee break

10.30-12.00

Thematic Sessions

Thematic Session 1: Maritime skills and employment

ROOM: MC 3

Europe's coasts, seas and oceans have the potential to be a major source for jobs and growth which may improve the way we use the planets' resources. However, a major skill gap is hindering the blue economy's development. Skills shortage is not a new problem. Employers have been struggling to recruit suitably qualified personnel. Very often the problem is the gap between education and labour market needs. How can we solve this? How to promote careers in the maritime sector and make them

attractive to young people?

Moderator: MS. JACKI DAVIS, Moderator of the Conference

Speakers:

MS. TINE VIVEKA WESTERBERG., Assistant Professor, Department of Maritime Technology, Management and Innovation, Buskerud and Vestfold University College, Norway

MR. ZACHARIAS SIOKOUROS, President of the Maritime Institute of Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus

MR. ZOLTAN KAZATSAY, Deputy Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

MR. IAN JENKINSON, Director School of Engineering, Technology and Maritime Operations, John Moore University, Liverpool

Thematic session 2: Working with nature - Innovative solutions for jobs and growth in coastal areas

ROOM : SKALKOTAS HALL

Coastal margins are amongst the most environmentally diverse, intensively utilised and economically productive areas within Europe. The session will discuss how sustainable development of coastlines, coastal cities and ports can provide the impetus for a balanced economic development and how innovative nature-based solutions (measures which are inspired by nature, use nature or are supported by nature) can open up new economic opportunities in activities such as aquaculture, tourism, and recreation, while protecting coastal populations from climate-related threats and health risks. The session will highlight outcomes from environmental research and innovation programmes, successfully implemented solutions from the relevant business and industry sectors, and explore future perspectives in innovation.

Moderators:

MR. KURT VANDENBERGHE, Director for Climate Action and Resource Efficiency, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

MS. MARIANNE WENNING, Director for Quality of Life, Water and Air, Directorate-General for the Environment, European Commission

Speakers:

MS. STELLA KYVELOU, ESPON Programme Contact Point Director

MR. KENNETH BLACK, Principal Investigator, Scottish Association for Marine Science

MS. PAULIE MERRIMAN, Project Director, Baltic EcoRegion Programme, WWF

MR. PARIS SANSOGLU, Secretary General of the European Dredging Association

Thematic session 3: Ports: innovation hubs of the Blue Economy

ROOM: PLENARY/ TRIANTI HALL (Interpretation in EN- FR-GR, passive LV)

The session will discuss the evolving nature and role of ports as multi-activity nodes of the traditional or emerging maritime economy. Interventions will discuss the increasing importance of cross-sectoral links through structures such as clusters; the growth of offshore infrastructure/activities and related logistic and supply chain and its implications for the maritime industry; the role of ports as hubs for the new energy flows and the development of new maritime related activities such as port reception

facilities. The session will also demonstrate how these new developments in ports can contribute to boost the economic activities and jobs creation in ports as well as in coastal cities.

Moderator:

MR. MICHAEL ANTONIS, Senior Advisor, Environment, Health, Safety and Security, Co-ordinator EcoPorts, European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO)

Speakers:

MR. REMI MAYET, Deputy Head of Unit Ports and Inland Navigation, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission

MR. PAOLO COSTA, President of the North Adriatic Port Association (NAPA)

ME ADAM BANASZAK, Member of the Committee of Regions

PROFESSOR MICHAEL DOOMS, Coordinator Portopia project

MR. PETROS KOKKALIS, Councillor for local economic growth & entrepreneurship, Piraeus Municipality

12.00-13.00

Lunch break

13.00-14.00

Plenary session 3: Sailing towards EMD 2016

ROOM: PLENARY/TRIANTI HALL (Interpretation in EN- FR-GR, passive LV)

After two days of discussions on all aspects of maritime coasts and ports, the participants in this plenary session will aim to frame the main conclusions in the context of the European Maritime Policy, and translate the ideas and proposals into a mandate for policy makers and the whole maritime community in the coming years.

The high-level panel will bring together policy-makers (European Parliament, European Commission, coastal regions of Europe) and the private sector.

Moderator: MS JACKI DAVIS, Moderator of the Conference

Speakers:

MS. EVA KAILI, Member of the European Parliament

MS. LOWRI EVANS, Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

MR. VASCO ALVES CORDEIRO, President of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions

MR. GIORGOS ANOMERITIS, Piraeus Port Authority President & CEO

14.00-14.20

Official closing of European Maritime Day 2015

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Moderator: MS JACKI DAVIS, Moderator of the Conference

Speakers:

MR. ALEKSI RANDELL, Mayor of the City of Turku

MR. YANNIS MORALIS, Mayor of the City of Piraeus