6th Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference 2019
CONGRESS CENTER ALFANDEGA DO PORTO
Porto, Portugal
12 – 13 November 2019
Draft Agenda[1]

Day 1 – 12 November 2019

Conference to be moderated by Dr. Maria Fatima Lopes Alves

13.00-14.00   Registration

14.00-14.30   Welcome addresses

- **Mr. Ruben Eiras**, Director General for Maritime Policy, Directorate General for Maritime Policy

14.30–15.00   Scene setter: "New action plan for the Atlantic and the role of ports"

- The revised Atlantic action plan/ Introducing a new pillar on "Atlantic ports as gateways and hubs for blue economy"
  Mr. Christos Economou, Head of Unit, Sea-basin strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- The Portuguese "BlueTech Accelerator"
  Presentation by DGPM and Beta-i representative (tbc)

15.00-18.30   Coffee Break, exhibition stands and B2B meetings

15.10-18.30   Workshop: Atlantic ports as hubs for blue economy[2]

The interactive workshop will centre on the role of ports as blue economy hubs in the EU Atlantic area, the use of open innovation concepts with relation to ports, gather insights about the thematic areas with innovative potential and relevance for the Atlantic ports and related ecosystem and to explore the creation of a network of innovative ports. The workshop aims to gather Atlantic port operators and maritime service providers and public authorities active in the EU Atlantic area, as well as start-ups, business accelerators and incubators and discuss with them how to operationalise the "Ports" pillar of the revised Atlantic action plan.

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[1] Agenda as of 24.10.2019
[2] This is a limited places workshop – by invitation only

15.30-16.30   Workshop: Environmental actions on Atlantic coastal waters implemented by INTERREG Atlantic Area

At a time when the update of the Atlantic Action Plan is under negotiation, the European Commission is taking concrete steps in order to safely steer the Atlantic Maritime Strategy into a promising future. Among the many topics around the Economy of the Sea that are currently on the table, the INTERREG Atlantic Area programme will highlight in this session the environmental actions on Atlantic coastal waters and bring some Atlantic projects that through their expertise are working together to tackle common challenges affecting the areas involved. The projects in question aim to protect the environment and marine biodiversity by addressing issues such as marine litter, noise pollution and monitoring of transitional and coastal water quality.

19.30   Conference cocktail – location to be announced

Day 2 -13 November 2019

09.00–09.15   **Introduction by AAM**

09.15-10.30   **First round of two parallel workshop sessions**

- **Workshop 1A: Digital Solutions in oceans and maritime industry (tbc),** implemented by Directorate General for Maritime Policy

- **Workshop 1B: Feel inspired: how to make the most of EU Blue funding,** implemented by Executive Agency for SMEs (EASME) – European Commission

Summary: Are you a company **looking for funding** to develop a cutting-edge technology, and you don't know how to do it? Have you developed an innovative product and **you need an investor** to place it on the market? **Then this workshop is for you**. Learn more about the new funding opportunities and services EASME – the **Executive Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises** - can offer you by participating in an interactive panel with EASME representatives and companies that have benefited from different EU programmes.

Moderator: **Ms Luisa Prista,** Head of Department A/COSME, H2020, SME & EMFF, Executive Agency for SMEs (EASME)

Panel 1: Upcoming Funding Opportunities
- "*Blue Invest and Blue Window*", **Mr Vincent Favrel**, Head of Unit EMFF, EASME
- Representative from European Enterprise Network, Portugal
- **Mr Ted Eriksson,** EIC accelerator, Project Adviser Unit A2, EASME

Panel 2: Voices from projects
- SMEs project – (tbc)
- BlueNet – Key speakers (tbc)
- WAOH – Key Speakers (tbc)

10.30–11.30   **Coffee Break, exhibition stands and B2B meetings**

11.30-12.45   Second round of two parallel workshop sessions

- **Workshop 2A: Opportunities and risks in Maritime Spatial Planning in the European Atlantic,** implemented by SIMAtlantic project

Summary: The Supporting Implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning in the Atlantic (SIMAtlantic) project aims to support the establishment and implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) in five European Atlantic countries. In order to promote and highlight the work planned as part of the project this interactive workshop will showcase the current status of MSP implementation in Atlantic countries together with the needs, challenges, opportunities and gaps and describe how the SIMAtlantic project will address these. An interactive session will provide attendees with the opportunity to put forward their experiences and ideas in relation to those challenges identified. The workshop will begin with a brief introduction to the SIMAtlantic Project followed by a panel discussion with representatives from EU member states. The second part of the workshop will be interactive in nature with delegates discussing the opportunities and risks associated with the four key themes of the project; Governance, Cumulative Impacts and SEA, Data Use and Sharing and Land-Sea Interactions.

Key Speakers:
- Ms. Sue Kidd,
- Dr. Stephen Jay, Director of the Liverpool Institute for Sustainable Coasts and Oceans (LISCO)

- **Workshop 2B: All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Workshop,** implemented by All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance

Summary: tbc

Key Speakers:

- **Ms. Margaret Rae,** Marine Institute, Ireland
- **Ms. Sofia Cordeiro,** FCT, Portugal
- **Ms. Laura Mc Donagh,** European Commission
- **Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassadors** from five Atlantic Member States (IE/FR/PT/ES/UK)

12.45-13.00   Closing words

The Atlantic Strategy Group 2019 Portuguese Presidency, the next Atlantic Strategy Group 2020 Presidency and a representative from the European Commission Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries will close the Conference.