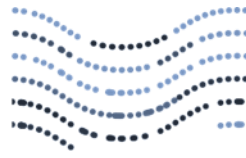


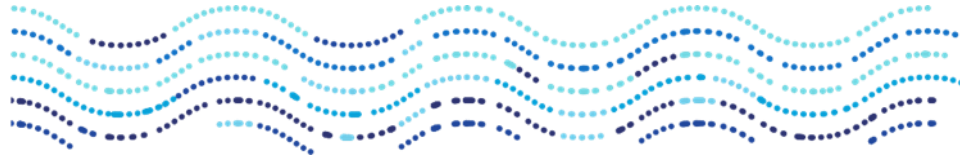
Portuguese Presidency of the Atlantic Strategy

6th Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference



 12 – 13 November 2019, Porto

Congress Center Alfandega do Porto



Conference Moderator: Dr. Maria Fatima Lopes Alves

12 November 2019

13.00 – 14.00 | Registration

12 November 2019

14.00 – 14.30 | Welcome Addresses¹

Mr. Ricardo Serrão Santos, Minister of the Sea, Ministry of Sea

Mr. Filipe Araújo, Vice-President, Municipality of Porto

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”

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

Mr. Gonçalo Faria, Beta-I representative

15.00 – 18.00 | Coffee Break, exhibition stands and B2B meetings

¹ Simultaneous Interpretation will be provided in all plenary sessions to EN, FR, ES, PT.

15.15 – 18.30

Workshop: Atlantic ports as hubs for blue economy²

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.

15.30 – 16.30

Workshop: Environmental actions on Atlantic coastal waters

Organiser: **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.

Moderator: Prof. Francisco Taveira Pinto, Head of Marine Energy Group, Hydraulic, Water Resources and Environment Division, Faculty of Engineering of the university of Porto

Key Speakers:

- **Mr. Sergio Jesus**, University of Algarve, Project JONAS (Joint framework for Ocean noise in the Atlantic seas)
- **Ms. Marisa Fernández**, Centro Tecnológico del Mar – Fundación CETMAR, Project [CLEANATLANTIC](#) (Tackling marine litter in the Atlantic Area)
- **Ms. Maria Jesus Belzunce Segarra**, Marine Research Division, AZTI-Tecnalia, Project [MONITOOL](#) (New tools for monitoring the chemical status in transitional and coastal waters under the Water Framework Directive)

19.30

Conference Cocktail at [Leixões Cruise Terminal](#)³

² This is a limited place workshop – by invitation only

³ Conference Cocktail is courtesy of APDL, Porto Port Authority; please note that transportation will be arranged from the conference venue between 18.30 – 19.00 to take registered participants to the cocktail location.

13 November 2019

09.00 – 09.15

Introduction by the Assistance Mechanism for the Atlantic Action Plan⁴

09.15 – 10.30

First round of two parallel workshop sessions**Workshop 1A*****Digital Solutions in oceans and maritime industry*****Organiser: Directorate General for Maritime Policy & Inova-Ria, Companies Association for an Innovation Network**

Summary: This workshop will give an overview of the existing digital solutions of the blue economy developed in the Atlantic Area. There will be presentations on good practices and experiences in the development and financing mechanisms that support existing digital solutions, as well as discussion on opportunities and constraints to developing new start-up projects deriving from research and innovation produced at universities / research institutions. Finally, there will be discussion of strategic innovations for the development of the blue economy and project ideas that might be considered within the topic.

Moderator: Mr. Nuno Mendonça, Advisor on Innovation and Entrepreneurship of the Rector of University of Coimbra

Panel 1: Existing digital solutions

- **Ms. Susana Seabra**, Senior Consultant, Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação S.A. (SPI) “Platicemar - Digital Solutions: A Potential Diagnosis in the Sea Economy”
- **Mr. Artur Costa**, Offshore Business Development, CEIIA, Centre of Engineering and Product Development, “Understanding the Atlantic: The role of digitalization”
- **Mr. Nelson Marques**, Head of Division of Maritime Traffic Control Systems, Directorate General for Natural Resources, Maritime Safety and Services (DGRM), “LSW - The Portuguese experience with the Logistic Single Window: the importance of port digitalization and portal shipping intelligence”

Panel 2: Upcoming Projects & Ideas

- **Ms. Marcia Lima**, Project R5 Marine Solutions
- **Mr. Tiago Cristovão**, Project Undersee PT
- **Mr. Francisco Campuzano**, Project [iFado](#)
- **Mr. Frederico Pinto Ferreira**, Project [IN 4.0](#)
- **Mr. Hugo Metelo Diogo**, Project BlueGrowth

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Workshop 1B***Feel inspired: how to make the most of EU Blue funding***

Organiser: 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

- Mr Vincent Favrel, Head of Unit EMFF, EASME, “Blue Invest and Blue Window”
- Ms Bibiana Neves Dantas, European Enterprise Network Portugal
- Mr Ted Eriksson, EIC accelerator, Project Adviser Unit A2, EASME

Panel 2: Voices from projects

- Mr Patrick Freire, Project [BMX-11](#)
- Ms. Oihane C. Basurko, Project [BlueNet](#)
- Ms. Julia Vera, Project [WAOH](#)

10.30 – 11.30

Coffee Break, exhibition stands and B2B meetings

11.30-12.45

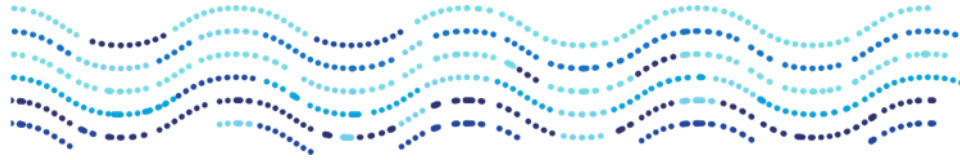
Second round of two parallel workshop sessions**Workshop 2A*****Opportunities and risks in Maritime Spatial Planning in the European Atlantic***

Organiser: 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:

- Dr. Stephen Jay, Director, Liverpool Institute for Sustainable Coasts and Oceans (LISCO)
- Ms. Anne Marie O'Hagan, Research Fellow and SIMAtlantic Project Lead, MARei, Ireland



- Ms. Flo Clucas, Councillor Cheltenham Council and Visiting Fellow Heseltine Institute for Public Policy, Practice and Place

Panel members:

- **Mr. Stephen Jay**, Director, Liverpool Institute for Sustainable Coasts and Oceans (LISCO)
- **Ms. Ana Paula Simão**, Head of Environmental Monitoring Unit at the Directorate General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services, Portugal
- **Mr. Tom Woolley**, Marine Planning Advisor to the Irish Government's Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- **Ms. Claude Wohrer**, French General Secretariat for the Sea

Workshop 2B

All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Workshop

Organiser: All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance

Summary: The European Union – Canada – United States Galway Statement on Atlantic Ocean Cooperation and the European Union – Brazil – South Africa Belém Statement on Atlantic Research and Innovation Cooperation signed in May 2013 and July 2017 respectively, were the basis for building an Atlantic Community that shares a vision of an Atlantic Ocean that is healthy, resilient, safe, productive, so that present and future generations can continue to reap the immense benefits. Under the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance, several initiatives and projects have been launched among which the #GoAtlanticBlue, campaign that relied heavily on social media for everyone to broadcast and celebrate their own unique connections to the Atlantic Ocean. In addition, the first All-Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassador Summer School took place on 22 – 27 August 2019 in Galway, Ireland. The Youth Ambassadors will pitch their campaigns and achievements at the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Forum, taking place from 6 – 7 February 2020 in Brussels. During the Forum, the All-Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassadors Forum will be launched, which is an example of how the EU works together with its trans-Atlantic partners to empower the next generation of leaders for sustainable development along and across the Atlantic Ocean. The workshop will gather a panel of testimonials from stakeholders involved in the design and the implementation of this overall Atlantic alliance as well as project leaders who make it a reality.

Key Speakers:

- **Ms. Margaret Rae**, Marine Institute, Ireland
- **Ms. Marta Norton**, FCT, Portugal
- **Ms. Eugénia Barroca – Portugal, Ms. Johanne Vad - United Kingdom, Mr. John Armstrong - Ireland, Ms. Irene Sastre – Spain, and Ms. Odeline Billant - France**, Joint Presentation from the Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassadors



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.

Mr. Christos Economou, Head of Unit, Sea-basin strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Mr. Ruben Eiras, 2019 Presidency of the Atlantic Strategy Group

Ms. Claude Wohrer, 2020 Presidency of the Atlantic Strategy Group

13.00**Lunch**

Conference moderator



Maria Fátima Lopes Alves holds a PhD in Sciences Applied to the Environment (University of Aveiro; Portugal). She is professor in the Department of Environment and Planning in the University of Aveiro and researcher at the Centre for Environmental and Marine Studies (CESAM). Leader of the COPING TEAM (Coastal and Ocean Planning and Governance Team) at University of Aveiro/CESAM. With over 25 years of professional experience, her main fields of expertise are Integrated Coastal and Marine Planning and Management, Maritime policy, Spatial Planning of Protected Areas, Blue economy, Strategic Planning, AIA/ SEA. She takes part in several national, EU and international research projects, involving networking and cooperation on ICZM, MSP and Environment and Socioeconomic Assessment. She has deep experience in working as a consultant for public and private organizations as well as in the coordination of multidisciplinary teams, she is member of the coordination team of the Portuguese Maritime Spatial Planning and Coastal Zone Management Plans in the Portuguese mainland and Azores islands.

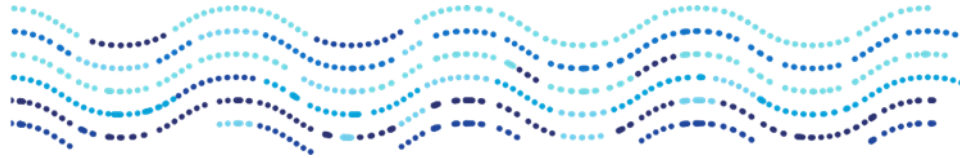
Welcome Addresses



Ricardo Serrão Santos (RSS), Minister of the Sea of the XXII Government of Portugal, has been a Member of the European Parliament (2014-2019). He was full Member of the Committees of Fisheries and of Agriculture and Rural Development and coordinator for the S&D group on Fisheries Committee, and Vice Chair of the Intergroups Seas, Islands, Rivers and Coastal Zones and Climate change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development. RSS holds a Doctorate Degree from the University of Liverpool. He is professor at the University of the Azores where he has been Pro Rector for Sea Affairs, Director of the Department of Oceanography and Fisheries and President of IMAR Institute of Marine Research. During his academic career RSS coordinated and chaired several scientific organisations of the EU, Portugal and the Azores. He holds positions in several scientific advisory bodies and committees among which the Oceanographic Institute of Paris. RSS, who authored/co-authored more than 300 scientific papers and books is Specialty Chief Editor of *Frontiers in Marine Science*. RSS is Member of the Portuguese Academy of Sciences and Emeritus Member of the “Portuguese Navy Academy”. He has received several honourable mentions and awards, among which a «Gift to the Earth» by WWF in 2002, the Prize “Seeds of Science in “Earth, Marine and Atmospheric Sciences set by “Ciência Hoje”, 2009 the “Insígnia Autónoma de Reconhecimento” awarded by the Legislative Parliament of the Azores and the Azores Government in 2012” commended “Chevalier de l'Ordre de Saint Charles” by SAS Prince Albert II of Monaco in 2013, awarded the Prize Excellence Mare by PwC Portugal in 2017



Filipe Araújo is Porto's Vice-Mayor and City Councillor for Innovation and Environment, Chairman of the Board of Directors of AdePorto (Porto's Energy Agency), Chairman of the Board of Directors of Porto Digital Association (supports the Porto City Council in the development of e-government projects and online services), board member of LIPOR-Intermunicipal Waste Management of Greater Porto, Chair of Eurocities Environment Forum, Vice-Chair of Eurocities Environment Forum (2016-2018), advisory board member of Portuguese Association for the Development of Communications, advisory board member of MIL (Media Innovation Labs) of Porto University, and member of the Innovation

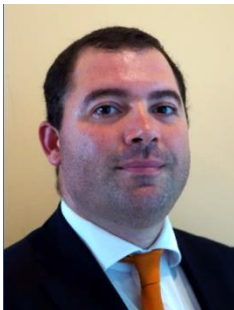


Advisory Board, of Porto University. Graduated in Electrical Engineering (University of Porto) he holds a M.Sc. in Telecommunications (UMIST - University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, UK). He was guest Professor at the Faculty of Science of University of Porto (2007-2011) and Municipal Deputy of Porto between (2005-2009). Other relevant executive functions include Service Manager in a telecommunication company and board member of the Youth Foundation.

Plenary Session – Scene Setter



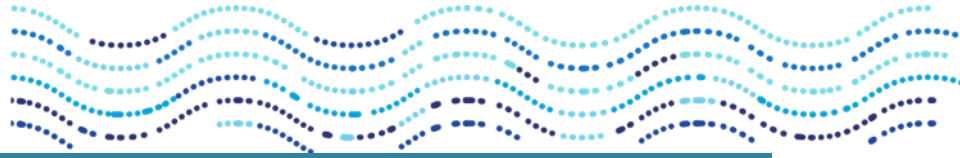
Christos Economou is Head of Unit at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) with responsibility for sea-basin strategies, maritime regional cooperation and maritime security. He joined the Commission in 2000 where he worked in various positions at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) dealing with maritime transport, land transport and lastly with innovation in railways, from the position of Interim Executive Director for the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking. Prior to 2000, he worked for the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) in Brussels. He studied Business Administration in the University of Athens, and holds Master's degrees of European Economics and of Maritime and Aviation Law, both from the University of Brussels.



Ruben Eiras, is currently Director General for Maritime Policy of the Ministry of the Sea of Portugal. He was advisor for industry, innovation and energy of the Minister of Sea of Portugal. He was a Science and Technology manager at Galp Energia. He holds a Phd in energy security policy in the area of History, Defense and International Relations, by the Instituto Superior de Ciências do Trabalho e Empresa – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa and the Military Academy. He also holds a Master Degree in Sustainable Energy Systems from the MIT-Portugal Program. He was a member of the Group of Experts on Natural Gas from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and a SAS Technical Member Energy Security from NATO Science and Technology Organization.



Gonçalo Faria currently is Open Innovation Programme Director at Beta-i. He is Client Success Lead for the areas of Smart Cities, Transportation & Logistics and Tourism and Program Director of Bluetech Accelerator, the programme developed with the Portuguese Ministry of the Sea to boost innovation in the blue economy and focused on Ports & Logistics; The Journey, a programme whose main partner is the Portuguese Tourism Board and was created to bring innovation to the tourism industry; and Smart Open Lisboa, a smart city open innovation programme with the Lisbon City Hall and with a strong focus on mobility. He has more than 6 years of international project management experience in strategy, management consulting and innovation projects, in countries such as Portugal, South Africa and Angola, and in several sectors as telco, retail, public administration and energy. Degree in Economics and an international MBA.



Workshop: Environmental actions on Atlantic coastal waters

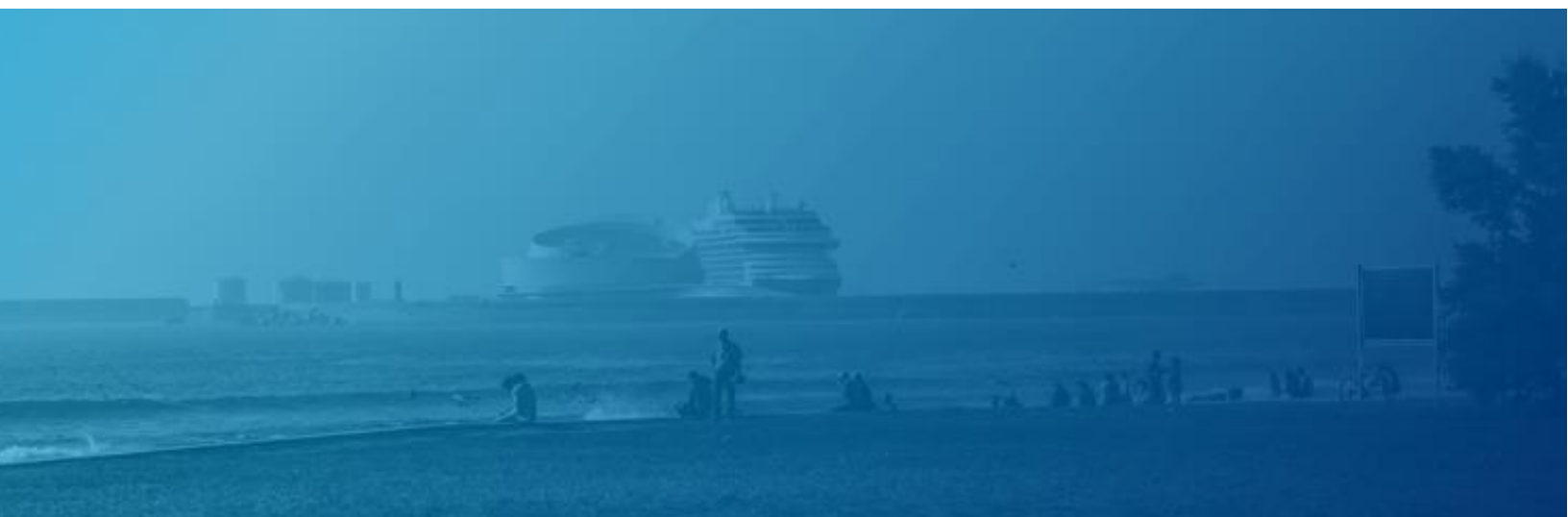
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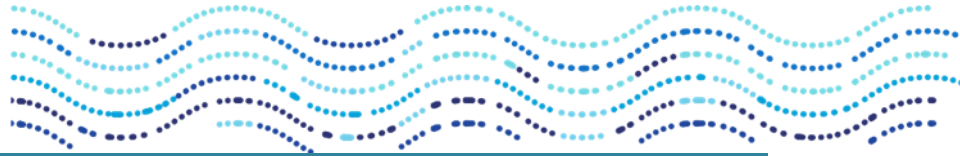
Moderator



Francisco Taveira Pinto is a full Professor of FEUP, Sub-Director of the Civil Engineering Department of FEUP, President of the Board of the Hydraulics and Water Resources Institute at UPORTO and Director of the Hydraulic Laboratory.

He was the international Chair of the European Union for Coastal Conservation (EUCC-The Coastal Union) and past Chair of the Committee on Maritime Hydraulics of the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research. From 2016 to 2018 he was the President of the Executive Committee of the Portuguese Association of Water Resources (APRH) and from 2006 till 2019 the Coordinator of the Hydraulic, Water Resources and Environment Division of DEC-FEUP. He has organized several national and international scientific meetings and conferences, was co-editor of several proceedings, as well as member of several scientific and advisory committees. Research expertise in the field of coastal and marine engineering and marine renewable energy. More than 300 publications, 80 in international peer-reviewed journals. He has been project manager for a variety of R&D projects. Within the Civil Engineering Doctoral Programme and the Integrated Master of Civil Engineering, he has supervised 10 PhD Theses and more than 60 Master Dissertations. His main research interests are applied maritime hydraulics, coastal engineering and marine renewable energy, having participated in several National and European projects, such as “EUrosion”, “CoPraNet”, “ELAMCAM”, “ENCORA”, “EnviCOP”, “HYDRALAB+”, “SE@PORTS”, “PORTO”, among others. He has also been the coordinator of the Portuguese Network for Coastal Research and been involved in the organization of several national and international conferences, namely the Littoral series from Eurocoast Federation (Lisbon, Porto, Aberdeen, Gdansk, and Venice), the ICCCM Series (Algarve, Hammamet-Tunisia, Lisbon) and the CoastLab Series (Porto, Bari, Barcelona, Gent, Varna, Ottawa). Head of the Research Group of FEUP/UPORTO on Sea Energy, focusing on the numerical and physical modelling of wave energy concepts.





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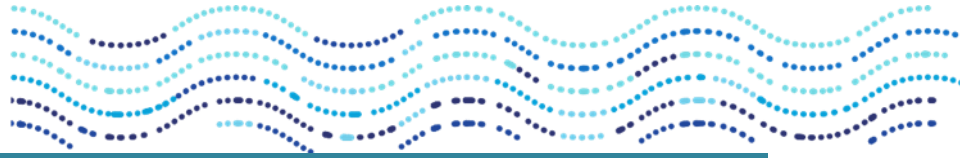
Sérgio M. Jesus received the "Doctorat Es-Sciences" in Engineering Sciences from the Université de Nice, France in 1986. From 1986 to 1992 he was a staff scientist at the SACLANT Undersea Research Centre, La Spezia, Italy, in the Ambient Noise and Signal Processing Groups. During that period he was involved with underwater acoustic noise field directionality and early studies on target detection using matched field processing. In 1992 he joined the Electrical Engineering and Computer Department at the University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal where he is full professor. His interests are underwater acoustics signal processing, model-based inversion, ocean and seafloor tomography, ocean noise, ocean bioacoustics and underwater communications. He is the author or co-author of over 200 scientific publications including journal papers and proceedings. He has coordinated five EU projects and participated in over 40 other projects at national, EU and international level. He is member of IEEE, EURASIP and the Acoustical Society of America.



Marisa Fernández, PhD in Chemical Sciences, was in charge of the coordination of the Network of EU National Reference Laboratories for Marine Toxins for over 9 years at the EU Community Reference Laboratory on Marine Toxins, where she acted as Chairman of EU Working Groups related to marine toxins hosted by the EU Commission. Since 2002, she is the Head of the Department of Control and Management of Marine Environment & Resources in CETMAR, where she has been coordinating regional, national and EU projects and networks related to maritime safety, marine pollution and marine litter. She was the project leader of the EU projects ARCOPOL, ARCOPOL plus and ARCOPOL Platform funded under the Atlantic Area Programme and of MARINER project funded by DG ECHO. She is coordinating the Spanish Technological Platform for the Protection of the Coast and the Marine Environment PROTECMA and currently leading the CleanAtlantic Project.



Maria Jesus Belzunce Segarra holds a PhD in Chemistry by the University of Mining and Metallurgy, Kraków (Poland). She works in AZTI in the Marine Research Division since 1998. She has led numerous national and regional projects and she has gained experience in research cruises. Since 2001 participates in the ICES group of experts for marine sediment contamination. In various occasions she has been granted by scholarships to work abroad, in Poland, Scotland and Australia. MJ Belzunce is author/co-author of 55 peer-reviewed scientific papers, 7 book chapters and more than 60 technical-scientific/research consultancy reports.



Workshop 1A: Digital Solutions in oceans and maritime industry

Organiser: Directorate General for Maritime Policy

Moderator



Nuno Mendonça is Advisor on Innovation and Entrepreneurship of the Rector of the University of Coimbra, since April 2019; PhD from Universidade Nova de Lisboa, since 2009; MBA for Executives from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra, since 2013. Between 2016 and 2019, he was manager of science and technology at MAREFOZ Laboratory, as well as executive director of the Incubator of the Sea & Industry of Figueira da Foz. Focused on the management of science, through the dynamization of research and innovation projects based on the principles of sustainability, it is an active driver of entrepreneurship directed to the economy of the sea, in a sustainable exploration of this unique resource of our planet. It has streamlined social innovation programs, both through programs aimed at disadvantaged populations and through ocean literacy.



Workshop 1A: Digital Solutions in oceans and maritime industry

Organiser: Directorate General for Maritime Policy

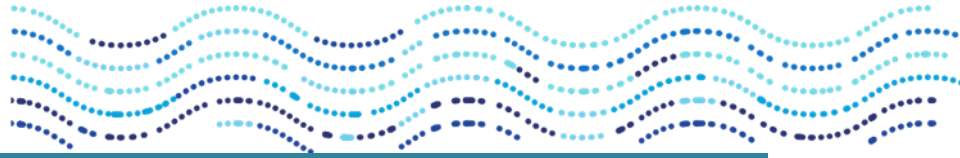
Speakers



Susana Seabra is a senior consultant of SPI, an international consulting Group with offices located in Europe, USA and Asia (Beijing and Macao). She is responsible for coordinating activities in the SPI Coimbra office for the central region of Portugal, working with companies and local government entities. She has extensive international experience and expertise in the fields of strategic planning in the private sector and regional authorities, strategic and social innovation, new product development, innovation management, technology transfer, R&D, internationalization, incentive programmes, entrepreneurship, and sector studies. She has a degree in Chemical Engineering from the Science and Technology Faculty of the University of Coimbra, Portugal.



Marcia Lima completed the Integrated Master of Civil Engineering in 2011 at the University of Aveiro with the thesis entitled “Programming methods for pre-design of coastal structures”. In 2018, she completed the PhD in Civil Engineering, also at the University of Aveiro (in partnership with the University of Lund, Sweden, and the Faculty of Engineering of University of Porto), with the thesis entitled “Numerical Tool for the Assessment of the Impact of Coastal Interventions on the Shoreline Evolution: Costs and Benefits”. In 2016 she worked as technical auditor and researcher at ANQIP and participated as a researcher in the MarRisk project, both at the University of Aveiro. During her master's and PhD thesis, she developed numerical modelling programs in the specific area of Coastal Engineering, namely, pre-design, shoreline evolution and cost-benefit analysis, culminating the final thesis result in the development of the COAST platform (it is the only one existing numerical tool that allow cost-benefit analysis applied to coastal interventions). She is currently part of the R5 Consulting Engineers and R5 Marine Solutions team, working as consultant (specializing in Hydraulics and Coastal Engineering) and she is a Professor at Lusófona University and at ISCIA institute. She is part of the RISCO (Aveiro Research Center of Risks and Sustainability in Construction at Aveiro University) and DREAMS (ULP) research unit.



Workshop 1A: Digital Solutions in oceans and maritime industry

Organiser: Directorate General for Maritime Policy

Speakers



Tiago Cristóvão has a MSc in Mechanical engineering from University of Coimbra, specialist in Production and Project in 2015. He has participated in Blue Bio Value and Katapult Ocean acceleration program focus on blue economy and sustainable business. He is the co-founder and current COO of Undersee. This young company helps aquaculture producers and environmental agencies access water quality data on estuarine and coastal environments. This service optimizes the production of aquaculture processes and prevents losses due to possible contaminations, for example: algae blooms, etc.



Frederico Pinto Ferreira is project officer of Fórum Oceano since January 2013, he has a wealth of work experience related with maritime economy and affairs, namely: worked for the Forward Studies Unit of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), participating in the "Europe of the Sea" Study (CRPM's contribution to designing the European Strategy for the Sea); Made part of the Maritime Policy Task Force of European Commission, in Brussels, where he had responsibilities on regional issues and socio-economic data; He was also Executive Director of IDCEM – Institute for the Development of the Knowledge and Economy of the Sea. Currently as project officer of Fórum Oceano he is engaged with activities related with the sectors of Shipbuilding and Ship repair, Marine Energies, Marine technologies, and Ports, Maritime Transports and Logistics, is responsible for project management and cooperation concerning industry/research connections as well as networking activities and assistance to setting up new project ideas and new business opportunities.

Workshop 1B: Feel inspired: how to make the most of EU Blue funding

Organiser: Executive Agency for SMEs (EASME) – European Commission

Moderator



Luisa Prista is Head of Department at EASME- European Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises, dealing with the implementation of different EU Research & Innovation Programmes COSME, Horizon 2020 & EIC pilot, and European Maritime and Fisheries Fund.

She has a degree in Mechanical engineering, Applied Thermodynamics. She initiated her career as researcher and lecturer at university of Lisbon and engineer at Techninvest/Profabril and moved to private sector dealing with manufacturing, energy and tunneling in Switzerland. In Switzerland she was also heading the InfoEnergie office at the Cantonal and Swiss Federal Government. In 1994 she joined in European Commission in Brussels where she had different management positions, related to research, innovation and legislation in a wide variety of industrial sectors at DG Research and DG GROW. Lately she was dealing with sustainable chemistry, plastics and eco-innovation



Workshop 1B: Feel inspired: how to make the most of EU Blue funding

Organiser: Executive Agency for SMEs (EASME) – European Commission

Speakers



Vincent Favre is Head of Unit for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) at the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (EASME). The Unit implements significant parts of the EU Integrated Maritime Policy and Common Fisheries Policy by supporting projects and scientific studies funded under direct management by the EMFF. Graduated in mechanical engineering, he obtained post-graduate diplomas in Environment Management and Marine Environment Modelling in 1995. He started his career by developing innovation projects between SMEs, universities and research centres in support of regional development. After a career in environment economics research (impact assessment and external costs of transport-related pollution), he joined the European Commission in 2002 as Project Officer for the Environment Programme of Directorate-General for Research and Innovation for which he was in charge of sustainable urban development, integrated coastal zone management and land use. Between 2007 and 2018, he was responsible – including as Head of Unit since 2012 for the supervision of legal and financial aspects of Research and Innovation programmes as well as legal and financial advice on related policy initiatives for the Climate Action and Sustainable Use of Resources programme (2007-2017) and the Industrial Technologies, Bioeconomy and Transport programmes (2018). On 1st January 2019, he was appointed as Head of Unit in the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) and seconded to EASME.



Bibiana Neves Dantas is since 2008 the European Enterprise Network (EEN) project manager at ANI. She has a background in Textiles Industrial Engineering and worked in the industry for 10 years as production and quality manager. Since 2008 has been the Enterprise Europe Network project manager at ANI, being responsible for the innovation advisory services, key account manager for high growth SMEs and adviser to innovative companies aiming to go international through projects, markets or technology. In the Network she holds the representation of Portugal in the Micro and Nano Technologies Sector Group, Innovation TG and in the Research for SME's TG. She is also the liaison officer between the EEN and NCP's networks in Portugal.



Ted Eriksson is a Project Officer at EASME EASME- European Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises, and for the last 4 years, he is working with SMEs in the Blue Economy area. Ted is passionate about oceans and lakes, and as a good fan of water sports he knows very well how to use them but keeping them clean.

Workshop 1B: Feel inspired: how to make the most of EU Blue funding

Organiser: Executive Agency for SMEs (EASME) – European Commission

Speakers



Patrick Freire is a Researcher and Entrepreneur, with a PhD in Molecular Biology by Universidade Nova de Lisboa and a former Researcher at the National Institute for Agriculture and Veterinary Research.

Founder of BioMimetx SA, a Portuguese Biotech Start-up focused on the development of organic biocides, Patrick assumed the role of Chief Scientific Officer in the initial phase of the Company and is its Executive Director since 2016.



Oihane C. Basurko (BSc in Environmental Science, MSc Environmental Engineering) completed her PhD degree in the field of sustainability assessment of marine technologies at the School of Marine Science and Technology of Newcastle University, UK (2010). She has worked on national and international projects regarding ballast water management, carbon footprint analysis of shipping, and marine environmental and social sustainability. She joined AZTI in 2010, and since, she has been involved on research projects related to fishing, aquaculture and shipping, particularly on their interaction with marine litter, energy efficiency, and non-indigenous species, and on leading these industries and relevant administration towards a sustainable development and management. Some of the works include the coordination for marine litter surveys at sea, establishing protocols for marine litter analysis at lab, energy auditing, fuel consumption optimisation through engine monitoring and modelling using intelligent algorithms, Life Cycle Assessment studies, and sustainability assessment of marine innovations. She is the Technical Coordinator of [LIFE LEMA](#) and [BLUNET](#) projects.



Julia Vera is the founder and director of Travelecoology -an ecotourism travel & consulting agency- and the managing director of WILDSEA Europe (www.wildsea.eu), a European public-private network in support of coastal & marine ecotourism in Europe. Through her work, she seeks to build and nurture positive interrelations between the travel industry and environmental conservation, making tourism a meaningful driver of sustainable development. Before working in the tourism sector, Julia has held management responsibilities in organizations such as Fundación Biodiversidad (Spanish Ministry for the Environment) and Fundación Entorno - Spain's Business Council for Sustainable Development, as well as having worked as international consultant for firms such as KPMG. She holds an MSc in Economics from the University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

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Stephen Jay, specialises in marine spatial planning (MSP), and its international implementation. Stephen has led numerous European-funded projects on transboundary aspects of MSP and am a co-founder of the MSP Research Network (MSPRN). He has an interest in promoting interchange between planning theory and MSP practice, particularly developing perspectives that seek to accommodate the dynamic character of the sea and human interaction with it. Stephen is currently exploring the applicability of spatial theory to developing more responsive approaches to marine planning, focusing particularly on how this can assist with seascape characterisation. He is a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and currently the Director of the Liverpool Institute for Sustainable Coasts and Oceans (LISCO), which combines the marine and maritime expertise of the National Oceanography Centre, the University of Liverpool, and Liverpool John Moores University.



Anne Marie O'Hagan has over 15 years of experience in applied marine and coastal research. Her background is in environmental science and law. Anne Marie is currently the Principal Investigator on the Marine Institute-funded Navigate project on Ocean Law and Marine Governance. Until 2018, she was the Coordinator of the SIMCelt project on supporting Implementation of MSP in the Celtic Seas with seven partners from Ireland, UK and France. Prior to that she worked on the legal aspects of ocean energy development, planning and management systems for offshore energy devices and their environmental effects. She has also worked on a number of multidisciplinary projects focused on aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning, streamlining environmental assessment, and risk-based consenting. Anne Marie represents MaREI on a number of working groups including the IEA's Ocean Energy Systems Agreement (IEA-OES) Tasks on Environmental Impacts of Ocean Energy and also their Consenting Processes Task; the ICES Working Group on Marine Renewable Energy and newly established Working Group on Scenario Planning for Aquaculture; and is the Honorary Secretary of the all-Ireland Marine Renewables Industry Association (MRIA).

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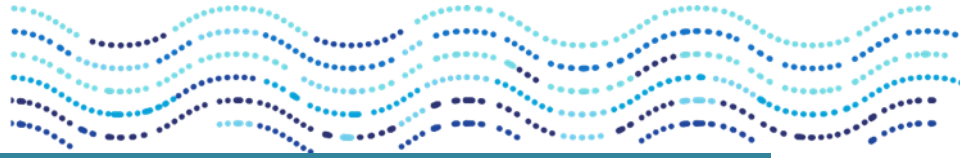
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Tom Woolley is Marine Planning Advisor to the Government of Ireland's Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) in Dublin. Tom leads DHPLGs work as a project partner in the EMFF funded project Supporting the Implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning in the Atlantic (SIMAtlantic). Holding degrees in Marine Biology and Coastal Management, Tom began his career working in government relations in London on topics including bioenergy and tidal power, first at the Royal Society of Biology then in the third sector. In 2010 Tom joined the Marine Management Organisation in Newcastle where he helped establish England's marine planning system and the UK's first marine plans. Tom has in-depth experience of all phases of the marine plan development cycle including evidence gathering and management, stakeholder engagement (including transboundary engagement), issues identification, assessments (e.g. HRA), options / alternatives development, policy design, implementation, monitoring and reporting. Tom joined the DHPLG in 2019 and is currently working on development of Ireland's first national marine spatial plan and related implementation work.



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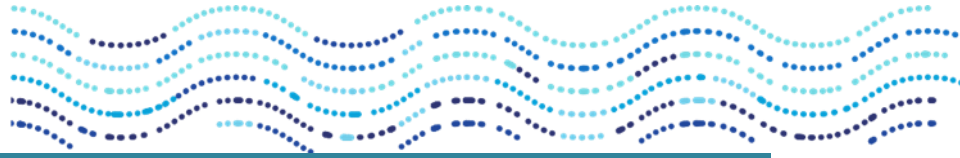
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Margaret Rae is the Director of the Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Coordination and Support Action at the Irish State's agency for the Marine, the Marine Institute. In her role she catalyses actions and supports the policy-makers of the Galway Statement on Atlantic Ocean Cooperation in the European Commission, Fisheries and Oceans Canada as well as the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In 2019, Margaret piloted the #GoAtlanticBlue to celebrate our Atlantic Ocean and connections to it and organised the All Atlantic Youth Ambassador Summer School with 23 Youth Ambassadors participating from 14 countries along and across the Atlantic represented. Prior to joining the Marine Institute in 2015, Margaret worked in Marine Biodiscovery under the Beaufort Marine Biodiscovery Research programme at NUI Galway. Margaret has had diverse roles over the years in local authority, regulatory, multinational companies and academic environments. Margaret graduated from UCD with a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Biochemistry, later went on to do a part-time Master's degree with the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and finally obtained her Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the Instituto Superior Técnico at the University of Lisbon in Portugal. Margaret has published research in peer reviewed journals across a broad range of subject matter from physical chemistry to the biological sciences and more recently in marine policy.



Eugénia Barroca, Portugal Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassador, has a degree in Marine Biology from the University of Algarve, Portugal. She is currently working as a sailor and touristic guide in a Whale Watching Company on the Madeira Island, she is also working as a consultant to the Sustainable Ocean Alliance where she is responsible for its expansion to Portuguese speaking countries. Ms. Barroca intends to contribute to restore the ocean's health by informing and educating her community about biggest ocean's threats and solutions to rescue marine ecosystems. Ms. Barroca's work as an All Atlantic Youth Ambassador is supported by Ciência Viva via the EU Horizon 2020 Coordination and Support actions AORA-CSA and AANCHOR.



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Johanne Vad, United Kingdom Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassador, is a post-doctoral research associate currently working within the Horizon 2020 EU-ATLAS European Project, which focusses on deep-sea ecosystems conservation in the North Atlantic. With this project, I have learned to collaborate efficiently with researchers from Europe and Canada. I have also taken part in several scientific expeditions (Diving: Maldives, Greenland; Ship-based: Spain, Ireland, Scotland, Canada) and understand how scientific data, needed for efficient conservation, is gathered. Dr. Vad's work as an All Atlantic Youth Ambassador is supported by the University of Edinburgh via the EU Horizon 2020 research projects ATLAS and iAtlantic.



John Armstrong, Irish Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassador, works as an Educational Assistant at Fota Wildlife Park in Co. Cork Ireland. He has a degree in Ecology from University College Cork, Ireland and he volunteers with Cork Nature Network. He is a strong advocate on the Atlantic Ocean in his own community in Cobh Co. Cork and is motivated by the realization that this is our generations "do or die moment". Mr. Armstrong's work as an All Atlantic Youth Ambassador is supported by the Marine Institute Ireland via the EU Horizon 2020 Coordination and Support Action AORA-CSA.



Odeline Billant, France Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassador, has a Master's degree in political economy (Sciences Po Paris) and a Master's degree in environmental law (University of Limoges). She is currently pursuing PhD at the Université de Bretagne Occidentale, on the measure of the implementation of marine environmental law, specifically focusing on land-based pollution in the Atlantic (plastic, sewage, pesticides). Whilst working as a manager of a European project, she worked in interdisciplinary and international contexts and developed skills in project management, communication and event organisation useful to design and develop campaigns. Her Master's thesis was related to the regulation of plastic bags in African countries bordering the Atlantic coast. Ms. Billant's work as an All Atlantic Youth Ambassador is supported by Ifremer via the EU Horizon 2020 Coordination and Support Action AANChOR.

