



Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference

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Cádiz Spain



ATLANTIC STRATEGY
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Atlantic Approach: Enabler of sustainable Green Blue Economy

Palacio de Congresos de Cádiz

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Moderator: Mercedes Tarrazon Rodon

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:0 **Opening Ceremony**

- Virginijus **Sinkevicius**, EU Commissioner for Environment Oceans and Fisheries (video message)
- Pascual **Navarro**, Secretary of State for the European Union. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (tbc)²
- Alejandro **Abellán** General Director of the Internal Market and Community Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (tbc)
- Kestutis **Sadauskas**, Deputy Director General at the Directorate General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

10:00 - 11:30 **1st Plenary Session | Atlantic Approach: Enabler of sustainable Green Blue Economy**

- Vincent **Favrel**, Head of Unit “Sustainable Blue Economy”, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, European Commission
- Carlos Botana **Laragon**, Head of sustainability department, Port Authority of Vigo, *Pillar I Coordinator “Atlantic Ports and Blue Economy”*
- Ana **Noronha**, Executive Director of Ciência Viva, *Pillar II Coordinator “Blue Skills and Ocean Literacy”* (tbc)
- Kerrie **Sheehan**, Head of Research & Technology, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), *Pillar III Coordinator “Marine Renewable Energies”*
- Phil **Monbet**, Director Pole Mer Bretagne Atlantique, *Pillar IV Coordinator “Healthy Oceans and Resilient Coasts”*

11:30 - 11:45 **Coffee Break**

¹ Agenda as of November 11, 2022

² To be confirmed



- 11:45 – 13:00** **2nd Plenary Session | Blue Economy in the world**
- Szilvia **Nemeth**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG RTD, European Commission
 - WestMed Initiative representative (tbc)
 - CPMR North Sea Commission (tbc)
 - Mr. Paul **Holthus**, CEO, World Ocean Council, “*Trans-Atlantic Ocean Business Collaboration in support of a sustainable Green Blue Economy*”
- 13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 16:00** **Interactive Parallel Stakeholder Workshops**
- Session 1:** **Workshop 1: Smart Specialisation Strategy**
- Organiser:** CPMR supported by the Directorate General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- Workshop 2: Linking Coastal Universities : SEA-EU insight**
- Organiser:** SEA-EU Alliance (European University of the Seas)
- Workshop 3: Connecting Atlantic Policy efforts through co-implementation**
- Organiser:** EurOcean
- Session 2:** **Workshop 4: Boosting Blue SMEs: best practice, challenges and opportunities towards Atlantic Excellence - Featuring AspBAN, SAFER and FANBEST projects**
- Organiser:** Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe
- Workshop 5: Ocean-ICU: Improving Carbon Understanding for a healthy and resilient ocean and sustainable blue economy**
- Organiser:** Marine Institute, Galway
- Workshop 6: When technology meets aquaculture**
- Organiser:** CEEI Bahía de Cádiz, on behalf of the Access2sea Project
- 16:00 - 16:15** **Coffee break**
- 16:15 – 17:30** **Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”: an Atlantic-Arctic lighthouse**
- Opening and debrief on the Atlantic-Arctic lighthouse launch event**
- Kestutis **Sadauskas**, Mission Manager
 - Peter **Heffernan**, Mission Board member
- Panel discussion on Atlantic initiatives and actions**



Closing remarks

- John **Bell**, Deputy Mission Manager (online)

17:30 - 18:15 **Atlantic Project Awards**

18:15 – 18:45 **Conference Conclusions / Wrap Up;
Handover of the Atlantic Strategy Chair**

- Christos **Economou**, Head of Unit, Sea-basin strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- José María **Solano López**, General Sub-directorate for Economic Sustainability and Social Affairs General Directorate for Fisheries Management and Aquaculture General Secretariat for Fisheries
- Conceição **Santos**, Head of Strategy Department of the Directorate General for Maritime Policy, Portugal (tbc)

18:45 – 21:00 **Reception**

