



PROTECTING, SECURING AND DEVELOPING THE ATLANTIC AREA

Atlantic Stakeholder Conference

29 October 2015 – Brest, France



PROMOTING SMART,
SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH
FOR THE ATLANTIC AREA



*SAFER SEAS welcomes the Atlantic Stakeholder Conference!
«Under the sign of Atlantic overseas cooperation and Blue Growth»*

Participants are invited to attend the closing sessions of the Safer Seas conference on 28 October, the day before the Conference, from 14.30 until 17.00.

The Safer Seas closing cocktail is planned at 19.00. A meeting point is scheduled on the forecourt of The Quartz Conference Centre. Bus shuttles will be organised to the Oceanopolis at Marina of the Moulin-Blanc (20 minutes).



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AGENDA

Moderator of the conference: JACKI DAVIS

09.00 - 09.45

WELCOME ADDRESSES

François Cuillandre, *President of Brest Métropole, Mayor of Brest*
Karmenu Vella, *Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission*

Alain Cadec (*video message*), *Member of the European Parliament*
Alain Vidalies, *Secretary of State for Transport, Sea and Fisheries, attached to the Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy*

09.45 - 10.45

PLENARY OPENING SESSION

THE ATLANTIC STRATEGY THROUGH THE KEY ACTORS IN

ITS IMPLEMENTATION: *States, Regions and socio-economic actors
Representatives of Member States*

- **Simon Jones**, *Department of Business, Innovation and Skills*
- **João Fonseca Ribeiro**, *Directorate General for Maritime Policy*
- Jerry Lundy**, *Committee of the Regions*
- Inma Valencia**, *Presidency of the CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission*
- Michel Hortolan**, *Atlantic Transnational Network (RTA-ATN)*

10.45 - 11.30

COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING

(Open Stands and cooperation opportunities)

11.30 - 13.00

FIRST ROUND OF FOUR PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS



LEGAL ISSUES

Workshop 1.A.

Access to the sea: a development stake for both, companies and territories, benchmark on legislative aspects and possible levers to facilitate the implementation of these projects

Access to maritime legislation and lack of information on available resources are often considered as barriers for the development of maritime activities. Blue growth presents a challenge but also an opportunity to foster the economy of the Atlantic Area. Investir en Finistère is leading an initiative aiming at analysing barriers at local level and identifying solutions and tools to overcome them. The focus is on protecting the coast and on finding available areas to cultivate algae and other marine resources to ensure the production of raw materials essential for the development of economic activities in the cosmetics, biotechnology and nutrition fields. The workshop will review the regulations adopted in the Atlantic Area and how authorities support companies with the development of their products.

Workshop organiser:

Investir en Finistère (FR)

Speakers:

Thomas Fortin, Société d'Aménagement du Finistère (FR)

Seán Ó Coisdealbha, Údarás na Gaeltachta (IE)

Helena Abreu, ALGAplus, Lda (PT)

Fernando António Pereira Gonçalves, Portuguese Aquaculture Farmers Association (PT)



SUSTAINABILITY AND PRESERVATION

Workshop 1.B.

Developing conservation management regimes in the Channel to support the sustainable use of the seas

Marine Protected Areas (MPA) require appropriate management to protect them from human activities that could damage protected habitats and species. However, what is considered appropriate management, and how can we best monitor the status of protected sites? The workshop will focus on specific areas in the Western Approaches and the Channel region. Attendees will consider the issues faced by site managers, stakeholders, and decision makers regarding the management of MPAs. They will explore how MPA management could help to achieve Marine Strategy Framework Directive objectives, whilst ensuring the continued sustainable use of the seas to support a thriving blue economy.

Workshop organiser:

JNCC (Joint Nature Conservation Committee) (UK)

Speakers:

Declan Tobin, JNCC (Joint Nature Conservation Committee) (UK)

Ollie Payne, JNCC (Joint Nature Conservation Committee) (UK)



ATLANTIC SAFETY

Workshop 1.C.

Climate change: Thoughts on the opportunity to develop an action plan for the improvement of defence equipment against erosion in ports facilities

The increase of the frequency and the strength of storms, the slow sea level rise and the damages these cause to ports intensify the need to study the state of the port infrastructures. In March 2013 a storm caused heavy damages to the port of Roscoff Vieux-Port causing damages to pleasure boats and fishing boats. We need to carry out diagnosis studies of the port infrastructures and we need to assess the current conditions of exploitation of the ports to know if they are still adapted in order to improve adaptation to this changes. This information aims at helping each port to define an action plan. The workshop aims at highlighting the problem and at providing a road map of actions to adapt to the climatic change.

Workshop organiser:

Association des Ports Locaux de la Manche (FR)

Speakers:

Anne-Sophie Poirot, Conseil départemental du Finistère (FR)

João Dias, University of Aveiro (PT)

Adam Littlejohn, Royal National Lifeboat Institution (UK)

Aline Chever, Conseil départemental du Finistère (FR)



ATLANTIC COOPERATION

Workshop 1.D.

Open innovation and the Atlantic Maritime Strategy: how can we move from competition to cooperation?

Increasingly, innovation takes place through networks of collaborating partners as firms often lack the resources and technical capabilities to innovate on their own. Creating and managing these partnerships is new to many SMEs which are not used to sharing information and managing the networks and the interdependencies created between companies. The workshop will consider the role of clusters in the creation of innovation networks between companies to strengthen competitiveness and growth through new product and service innovations which meet the needs of European and global markets. It will focus on the development and application of new technologies to create new products and services designed to meet the objectives of the Atlantic Action plan particularly within the themes of Marine Resource Efficiency, Sensor Technologies and Advanced Design.

Workshop organisers:

Liverpool John Moores University and Mersey Maritime Partnership (UK)

Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique (FR)

Marine South East Ltd (UK)

Speakers:

Ian Jenkinson, Liverpool John Moores University (UK)

Jonathan Williams, Marine South East (UK)

Phil Monbet, Pole Mer Bretagne and French Research Institute for Marine Renewable Energies (FR)

Participating in the stakeholder panel:

Cristina Quelle, Campus do Mar (ES)

Carla Domingues, Forum OCEANO (PT)

Chris Shirling-Rooke, Mersey Maritime (UK)

13.00 - 14.30

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

(Open Stands and cooperation opportunities)

14.30 - 16.00

SECOND ROUND OF FOUR PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS



OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SOCIAL FACTOR

Workshop 2.A.

An evaluation of offshore renewable energy, its trade, externalities and their impact on stakeholders

Many European countries have ambitious renewable energy targets to be achieved in part by offshore renewables as well opportunities to expand the trade in renewable energy exports (DCENR, 2012). However, despite widespread public support for renewable energy and its export (SEAI, 2003, Warren et al, 2005), social acceptance of individual renewable energy projects and the trade in renewable energy by citizens and stakeholders has been unsatisfactory due to negative externalities associated with their operation (Groothuis et al., 2008; Jensen et al. 2014). The workshop will inform on the literature on offshore renewables and associated externalities reflecting demand side and supply side studies and will detail how economic tools can be used to elicit preferences for a range of offshore wave, tidal and wind technologies. It will also reveal important insights into the identification of factors that influence renewable energy adoption for export and trade.

Workshop organiser:

National University of Ireland (IE)

Speakers:

Tom van Rensburg, National University of Ireland (IE)

Noreen Brennan, National University of Ireland (IE)

Hugh Kelley, Oxford Brookes University (UK)

Anne Marie O' Hagan, University of Cork (IE)



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Workshop 2.B.

Maximising the value of marine bioresources - the future role of marine biotechnology in the Atlantic area

The Marine Institute in the context of the Marine Biotechnology ERA-NET project leads the task of developing a strategic roadmap for Marine Biotechnology Research, Technology, Development and Innovation (RTDI). The findings from a foresight exercise conducted within the project, which considered future marine biotechnology RTDI needs, are a major input to this roadmap. The workshop will be based on the results/findings of this foresight exercise; specifically in relation to maximising the contribution of marine biotechnology in generating value from marine bio resources. It will provide insights to the findings of the exercise, including the range of thematic research areas required to generate knowledge on which to build new enterprise activity.

Workshop organiser:

Marine Institute (IE)

Speakers:

Alice Stack, Marigot Ltd (IE)

Charlie Bavington, Glycomar Ltd (UK)

Dermot Hurst, Marine Institute (IE)

Jacques Fuchs, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of European Commission



ATLANTIC SAFETY

Workshop 2.C.

Human factor: the key element of maritime accidents

Human factors are the leading cause of maritime accidents. This workshop will present an in-depth analysis of accidents in Europe and Canada, as well as, the results of a study on pilot fatigue. It will also discuss about new technologies that can reduce the risks related to human factors. The view of a pilot will bring a practical perspective to the topics covered.

Workshop organisers:

Innovation maritime, Institut Maritime du Québec (CA)

Universidad de Cadiz (ES)

Speakers:

Sylvain Lafrance, Innovation Maritime, Institut Maritime du Québec (CA)

José M. Mestre, Universidad de Cadiz (ES)

Jose R Cordon, Universidad de Cadiz and SASEMAR (ES)

Alain Richard, Innovation maritime (CA)

Diane B. Boivin, Institut universitaire en santé mentale Douglas / Université McGill (CA)

Michel Fortin, Corporation des pilotes du Saint-Laurent central (CA)



SUSTAINABILITY AND PRESERVATION

Workshop 2.D.

Mapping and assessment of ecosystem and ecosystem services in the Atlantic Area

The Action Plan for a Maritime Strategy in the Atlantic area invites all stakeholders to consider responses to implement the ecosystem based management approach embedded various EU directives and regulations intended to support sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors. Mapping of ecosystem services and assessment programmes have been initiated in various members states. Marine ecosystems are a major component not yet or only partially studied in most countries. The workshop will provide the opportunity to exchange information amongst authorities, industry, NGOs and research involved in mapping, assessment and policy implementation to share information about on-going work and needs, as well as, a networking opportunity for the initiation of projects in support of this agenda.

Workshop organisers:

Université de Brest (FR)

Plymouth University (UK)

Agence des Aires Marines Protégées (FR)

Speakers:

Denis Bailly, Université de Brest (FR)

Sebastian Villasante, University of Santiago de Compostella (ES)

Nicola Beaumont, Plymouth Marine Laboratory (UK)



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AGENDA

- 16.00 - 16.30** **COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING**
(Open Stands and cooperation opportunities)
- 16.30 - 18.30** **PLENARY CLOSING SESSION**
- 16.30 - 17.00** **PRESENTATION OF WORKSHOP SESSIONS OUTCOMES**
- 17.00 - 17.15** **QUEBEC'S MARITIME STRATEGY: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION:**
- **Georges Farrah**, *Secretary General for Maritime Affairs for the Government of Quebec*
- 17.15 - 18.15** **BUILDING SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION PROJECTS FOR THE ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN:**
Panel of representatives of funding instruments
- **Pierre Karleskind**, *Bretagne Operational Programme*
- **Jacques Fuchs**, *Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of European Commission*
- **Mario Aymerich**, *European Investment Bank*
- 18.15 - 18.30** **CLOSING WORDS:**
- **Marcella Smyth**, *Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade*
- **Claude Wohrer**, *General Secretariat of the Sea*
- 18.30 - 19.30** **COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND NETWORKING**



VENUE MAP

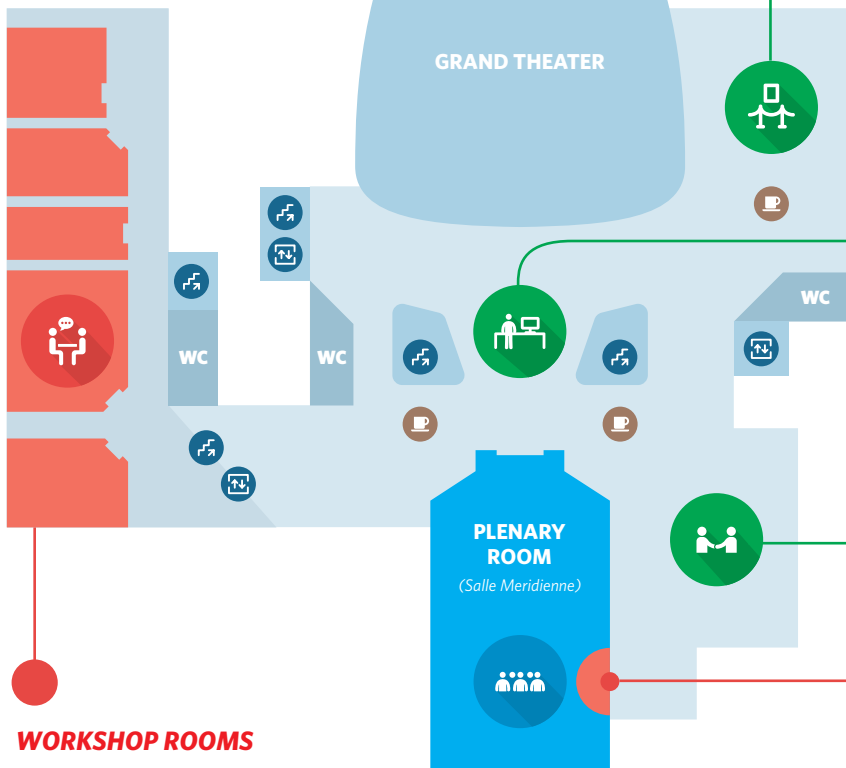
LEVEL 1 MAIN ENTRANCE AND REGISTRATION AT LEVEL 0



ELEVATORS



STAIRS



WORKSHOP ROOMS

MORNING AND AFTERNOON
PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Simultaneous interpretation: **EN and FR**



NETWORKING ACTIVITIES (AVAILABLE ALL DAY)

EXHIBITION STANDS RESERVED FOR STAKEHOLDERS
(European Commission, Networks, Funding Agencies, Organisations, etc.)

COOPERATION WALL AND REGISTRATION OF STAKEHOLDERS' MEETINGS

- Exhibition of project ideas and possibility for reservation of meetings with project promoters
- Confirmation of matchmaking meetings and real-time updating of meetings schedule (*secretariat*)

INFO KIOSK

- Presentation of the website and possibility for registration in the online partners and projects databases
- Presentation of services provided by the Support Team of the Atlantic Action Plan (*Central Team and Focal Points*)
- Social Media corner

MATCHMAKING MEETINGS AREA

(coordinated by the Support Team of the Atlantic Action Plan)



PLENARY ROOM



INTRODUCTION WELCOME ADDRESSES PLENARY OPENING SESSION

- The Atlantic Strategy through the key actors in its implementation



MORNING AND AFTERNOON PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Simultaneous interpretation: EN, FR, ES and PT



PLENARY CLOSING SESSION

- Presentation of workshop sessions outcomes
- Quebec's Maritime Strategy : new opportunities for cooperation in research and innovation
- Building successful cooperation projects for the Atlantic Action Plan (*Panel of representatives of funding instruments*)
- Closing Statements



COFFEE AND LUNCH AREAS

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