

Agenda for the 1st National Event as part of the Our Ocean Wealth Conference

National Maritime College of Ireland, Ringaskiddy Cork, 10th July 2015 at 1.45pm –3.45pm

Hosted by: Marine Institute (on behalf of the Marine Coordination Group), Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) and the Support Team for the Atlantic Action Plan

Agenda for Workshop	
Implementing the Atlantic Action Plan – Opportunities for SMEs	
Chair: Michael Cuddy, Professor of Economics (Emeritus), NUI, Galway	
Welcome and Opening:	
13.45	Maritime Affairs Attaché - Marcella Smyth
13.50	DG MARE Representative – Cristina Ami-Lopez
Funding and support opportunities for SMEs:	
14.10	The Atlantic Action Plan and the role of the Support Team - Alexandros Chloros (Kantor Qwentos - Director, Head of Policy Development & Evaluation Business Unit)
14.20	Opportunities for Innovative SME's in horizon 2020 - SME Instrument and Fast track to innovation – Stephen O’Reilly (Horizon 2020 National Contact Point (NCP) for ICT and Future and Emerging Technologies (FET))
14.30	Introduction to the Irish Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) – Cathal Fitzgerald (Head of Food and Agriculture Investments)
SME Case Studies:	
14.45	Irish Observer Network Ltd (ION) - Mike Fitzpatrick (Director)
14.55	EU funding: Learnings from an Irish SME, EireComposites - Tomas Flanagan (Engineering Director)
15.05	Brandon Products Ltd - Paul Mullins (Director)
15.20	Panel discussion: Opportunities and Challenges for SMEs in the Atlantic Area

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