

Marine Knowledge

Supporting Marine Research Knowledge Exchange for Blue Growth

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9:00 – 12:00

European Parliament – Room ASP 3H1

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There has been extensive and growing investment in Marine research and technology through European and national funding programmes over the last decade. Whilst our knowledge of the Ocean has increased and a range of new technologies have been developed to explore and develop marine resources, there is still much hidden knowledge and barriers to the efficient transfer of the knowledge gained from the research and development community to operational business and resource users and those charged with ensuring a sustainable and equitable use of the marine environment, in particular at the regional level. The objective of this workshop is to explore how we can improve methods, processes and engagement in knowledge exchange between different stakeholders concerned with Blue Growth. In particular this will be an opportunity to develop a dialogue on the specific needs of Europe's maritime regions and investigate how the activities of organisations such as EurOcean and CPRM can support their knowledge requirements. This will be addressed by providing experiences of best practice from groups that have already faced the above-mentioned barriers and have succeeded in lowering or eliminating them. The potential for reproducing or transferring such experiences to different marine thematic areas and sea basins around Europe will also be discussed, as well as European programmes that may be able to offer support. The expected outcome from the event is a set of recommendations on how to improve the sharing and integration of knowledge to support the sustainable Blue Growth agenda.

Welcome address

- Mrs Gesine MEISSNER, MEP, President of the Intergroup

Introduction

- Mr Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup

Scene Setting by the European Commission

- Mr Claus SCHULTZE and Mrs Charlotte HERMAN, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Mr Marco WEYDERT, Directorate General for Research and Innovation

Panel 1: Needs of Europe's maritime regions for knowledge; experience with maritime clusters and smart specialisation groups

Moderator: Mr Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup

- Mr Iain SHEPHERD, Marine South East
- Mrs Angela SCHULTZ ZEHDEN, SUBMARINER

INTERGROUP SEAS, RIVERS, ISLANDS AND COASTAL AREAS



- Mrs Ann OVERMIERE, Flanders Maritime Cluster
- Mr Pieter Jan JORDAENS, OWI_Lab

Discussion and Contributions from Attendees

Panel 2: Supports for improved Knowledge exchange; Experiences from EurOcean and relevant European projects and activities

Moderator Mrs Claudia MONTEIRA DE AGUIAR, MEP, Member of the Intergroup (tbc)

- Mr Douglas ROBINSON, EMBRIC
- Mr David MURPHY, AquaTT
- Mr Ned DWYER, EurOcean
- Mrs Annika ANNERBY JANSSON, Vice-President of the Regional Council, Skåne Region, Vice-President of the CPMR

Discussion and Contributions from Attendees

Closing remarks by MEP Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS