

Marine Litter: EU Actions for the Future of our Oceans

Tuesday 13 October 2020 || 15.15-16.45

Online meeting

CleanAtlantic project is an INTERREG Atlantic Area project which aims at improving capabilities to monitor, prevent, and remove marine litter in the Atlantic Ocean, but also works to raise awareness on this environmental problem. Being such a hot topic as marine litter is, there are many initiatives ongoing at all levels to tackle this challenge. This event aims at showing how the project connects with the EU work to tackle marine litter and ensuring that its results are transferred into useful information to EU decision makers.

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15.00–15.15: Pre-meeting

- Connections and house rules – CPMR, Secretariat of the SEARica Intergroup

15:15-15:25: Opening speech

- **Pierre Karleskind**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the PECH Committee, Vice-Chair of the SEARica Board for Marine and Maritime Research
- **Tonino Picula**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the SEARica Intergroup

15.25–15.50: Results of the CleanAtlantic project

*Debate introduced and moderated by **Paloma Rueda**, Managing Director of CETMAR - Lead Partner of CleanAtlantic*

- **Tiziana Luisetti**, Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) - Partner of CleanAtlantic project: Panorama of socio-economic impacts of marine litter and policy recommendations
- **Vicente Pérez**, University of Santiago de Compostela - Partner of CleanAtlantic project: Models developed by CleanAtlantic to predict marine litter fate and map hotspots
- **Marisa Fernández**, CETMAR - CleanAtlantic Project Coordinator: CleanAtlantic capitalisation methods and results

15.50–16.20: Reactions from the panel

- **Catherine Chabaud**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the SEArca board for Climate & Governance: Perspectives of the European Parliament
- **Michel Sponar**, Deputy Head of Unit - DG ENV - European Commission: Work at EU level to prevent marine litter
- **Pedro Sepulveda**, OSPAR Commission: CleanAtlantic project, an example of multi-level governance to protect the Atlantic and its resources
- **Rüdiger Stempel**, Executive Secretary of HELCOM, Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission: Comparison with the work on marine litter in the Baltic sea
- **Zita Pels**, Regional Minister on Circular Economy from Noord Holland Region: Perspectives from the North Sea area

16.20–16.25: first conclusions before the debate

- **Manuel Pizarro**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the SEArca board for the Atlantic: Wrap-up and avenues of work from the perspective of the European Parliament

16.25–16.40: Debate with the participants

*Debate moderated by **Catherine Chabaud**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the SEArca board for Climate & Governance*

16.40–16.45: Conclusions

- **Catherine Chabaud**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the SEArca board for Climate & Governance
- **Pierre Karleskind**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the PECH Committee, Vice-Chair of the SEArca Board for Marine and Maritime Research