

Managing ships effluents within the Green Deal

Learning from Blue Ports Project

Thursday 10.12.2020, 10:00-12:30 (CET)

Online - Microsoft Teams

1. Introduction

The management of ships effluents and waste is regulated by the IMO and by the European Union. It is nevertheless a complex issue for ports, shipping companies and public bodies trying to find the right compromise between costs and environmental protection.

The project “Blue Ports” started on September 1 2017 when the European Commission was revising the Port Reception Facility Directive and the IMO Ballast water management convention just entered into force. During 3 years the consortium has worked jointly and within a Think Tank of almost 170 organisations to improve the management of ships effluents.

The working session aims at analysing project feedbacks, challenges and possible solutions.

Participants are kindly requested to register as soon as possible on www.searica.eu in order to guaranty and organise the access to the on line session. The day before the session, participants will receive information to connect and to contribute to the session.



2. Agenda

10:00 – 10:30 Introductory Session

10:00 - 10:10 Welcome and opening speech by Mr Pierre KARLESKIND, SEArca

10:10 - 10:20 Address by Mr Lucas BOSSER, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions.

10:20 - 10:30 Blue Ports - Introduction by Mr Meriadec LE MOUILLOUR¹, Project coordinator

10:30 - 11:00 Roundtable 1: *Facilitating implementation of the IMO Ballast Water Management Convention*

The IMO BWMC entered into force on 10 September 2017 (10 days after the start of the project). Its implementation raises technical, economic and environmental issues that EU Member State face individually. It calls for support actions to facilitate the implementation of the Convention in Europe, in a coordinated way, and support of EU institutions by the IMO.

Moderator: **Mr Jan-Christoph OETJEN**, SEArca

Panellists:

Mr José Eduardo Carvalho, Port of Lisbon, chairman of the Board of the G.A / movie produced in Lisbon Port

Mr Julio DE LA CUEVA, Puertos del Estado, Spanish ministry of transport

Ms Antidia CITORES, Surfrider Foundation Europe

Respondent: **Mr Frederic HEBERT**, Head of Unit Sustainability & **Mr Brian ELLIOTT** project officer-EMSA

Q&A

11:00– 11:30 Roundtable 2 – Monitoring and Protecting sea water in ports

Protection of sea water is a core objective of the European Union. The Green Deal promotes further development of ocean monitoring networks and increased use of scientific data. In ports monitoring and protecting marine water quality remains a challenge. It requires specific facilities and competencies they do not always have.

Moderator: **Mr Pierre KARLESKIND**, SEArca coordinator for marine affairs

Panellists:

Pr. Maria DOLORES GELADO, and **Dr. Joaquin BRITO** University of Las Palmas & PLOCAN, Gran Canarias

Ms Isabelle RYCKBOST, ESPO Secretary General and **Mr Valter SELEN**, senior advisor sustainable development

Mr Jan-Bart CALEWAERT, Head of EMODnet Secretariat

¹ General manager of the Chamber of Commerce of West Brittany (CCIMBO)

Respondent: **Ms Zoi KONSTANTINO**, Policy Officer - Maritime Policy - Blue Growth and Innovation, Directorate General For Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Q&A Session

11:30 – 12:00 Roundtable 3 - Fostering development of cutting edge port services for ships effluents

The European Port Reception Facility Directive (PRFD) has been revised in 2018 to cover the management of new effluents and growing volumes of waste. The Green Deal policy and its circular economy objective ask for further technical and economic innovation to enable reusing ships effluents.

Moderator: **Ms Deirdre CLUNE**, SEArca

Panellists:

Mr Nuno MATOS, General manager of Eco-Oil, representing Euroshore

Captain Michael McCARTHY, adviser for the Port of Cork and Cruise Europe

Respondent: **Ms Rikke NIELSEN**, DG Move

Q&A Session

12:00 – 12:20 Conclusion – Action plan

Conclusion by: **Mr Meriadec LE MOUILLOUR (CCIMBO)** and **Mr Pierre KARLESKIND, (SEArca)**

3. Background information: about “Atlantic Blue Ports”



The project “Atlantic Blue Ports” is co-funded by the Interreg Atlantic program (www.atlanticarea.eu²). This program targets in particular a sustainable (Green, Smart and Innovative)

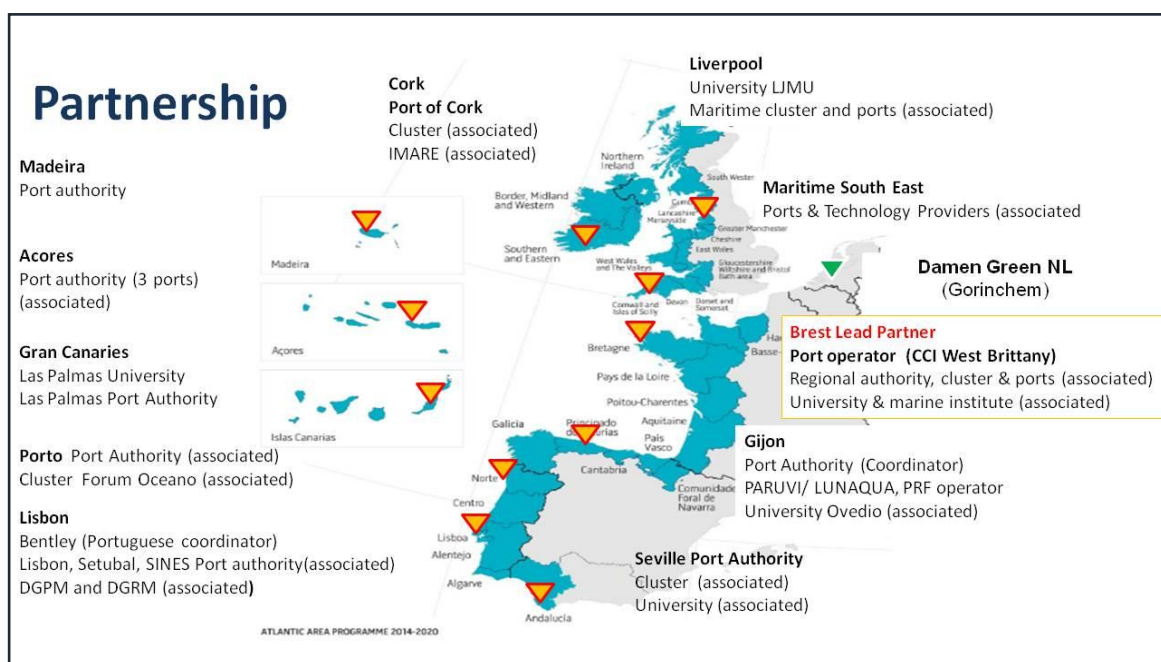
maritime economy.

“Blue ports” was setup in a very specific context: the revision of the European Port Reception Facility Directive (2016-2018) and the ratification of the IMO Ballast Water Management Convention (2017.09.10).

These two regulations impact the management scheme of ships effluents and dangerous waste. Both regulations concern many parties: port operators, shipping companies and member states.

In theory, these two regulations should push the development of new/enhanced port services, the ports playing their role of service hub for shipping. In practice the topic is all about economy: a balance between technical and operational constraints; sea water protection goals and fulfilment of regulation.

Today, having the Green Deal as common objective, the conclusions of the project are worth to be considered as open topics for further EU actions to sustain the development of Green port services as a circular economy, to monitor and to protect sea water from pollution of any kind.



² Interregional cooperation program involving 5 countries: Spain, Portugal, France, Ireland and the UK.