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## *Young Talent and the Blue Economy*

*Towards a fit-for-purpose training for marine graduates*

25.09.2018, 13:00-15:30  
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*There is a mismatch between the needs of policy and industry in a changing world, and the typically more traditional approach to educating graduates within the University system.*

We need a new vision for marine graduate training in Europe, looking beyond the more traditional silo-based approaches to education. We must improve the capabilities of the next generation of marine scientists and engineers to work at a systems level, applying multi-disciplinary knowledge to address complex marine issues which cut across scientific, environmental and social systems. To achieve this, it is necessary to examine the very complex educational landscape that currently produces our professional marine experts, identify some of the key issues and challenges faced by educators, and make recommendations on how to improve marine higher educational training in Europe.

The European Marine Board has published a Future Science Brief on Training 21<sup>st</sup> Century Marine Professionals and have made some recommendations on how to achieve a fit-for-purpose training system for marine graduates. The Searica Intergroup has taken the initiative to organise this conference together with the European Marine Board to discuss with representatives from the research community, the industry and students about what is needed to achieve fit-for-purpose training to ensure that the blue economy benefits from the talent of marine graduates.

*Participants are kindly requested to register as soon as possible on [www.searica.eu](http://www.searica.eu) in order to guaranty and organise the access to the EP. The day of the conference, participants are kindly requested to present themselves at **12:30** in order to avoid delays.*

**13:00 - 13:10 Welcome remarks by Ms Gesine MEISSNER, MEP, President of the European Parliament Intergroup Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (Searica)**

**13:10 - 13:30 Setting the Scene**

*Towards Modernizing Graduate Training in Europe*

**Mr Michael GAEBEL, Director of Higher Education Policy, European University Association (EUA)**

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*Training the 21st Century Marine Professional*

**Prof Sheila HEYMANS**, Executive Director, European Marine Board (EMB)

## **13:30 - 14:10 Panel Discussion, incl. Q&A:**

### **What does a modern fit-for-purpose marine graduate training system look like?**

**Introduced and moderated by Merja KYLLÖNEN**, MEP  
**Ms Rosalie TUKKER**, Fisheries Policy Officer Assistant, Europêche  
**Dr Philippe CURY**, Euromarine  
**Ms Giuliana DONINI**, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions /  
**Julie MAGUIRE** Vice-Chair MSCA evaluation  
**Cláudia VIEGAS**, PhD candidate, University of the Azores /  
**Christine RUNDT**, Masters candidate, Free University of Brussels

## **14:10 – 14:40 Innovative Case Studies**

**Mr James MORRIS**, RBINS  
**Ms Noemie WOUTERS**, GreenBridge  
**Dr Tim DEPPEZ**, Ghent University

## **14:40 - 15:20 Panel Discussion, incl. Q&A**

### **What are the next steps towards implementation?**

**Introduced and moderated by Deirdre CLUNE**, MEP  
**Ms Sigi GRUBER**, Head of the Marine Resources Unit, DG Research and Innovation  
**Mr Christophe Tytgat**, Secretary General, Sea Europe  
**Dr Lois CALDER**, MASTS  
**Ms Pauline CAUMONT**, Executive Secretary of the Atlantic Commission, CPMR  
**Silke Tas**, PhD candidate TU Delft

## **15:20 - 15:30 Conclusion**

**Mr Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS**, MEP, Searica Vice-Chair in charge of Marine Knowledge