

## **European Maritime Day 2016 – DRAFT PROGRAMME**

### ***Investing in competitive blue growth - smart and sustainable solutions***

European Maritime Day is the **annual meeting point for Europe's maritime community to network, discuss, and forge joint action**. Its ninth edition will take place in Turku, Finland with a stimulating conference on 18-19 May 2016 and an attractive lineup of activities for the general public on 20-22 May 2016.

The conference will provide a **strong input to shape future policies and the practical steps needed to drive transformational change in the blue economy** and the wider integrated maritime policy agenda.

It will **focus on smart and sustainable solutions** for blue growth, ocean governance, clean energy and skills development and it will look at tools such as roadmaps and strategic partnerships to facilitate joint action. Throughout, there will be a particular focus on specific regional challenges and opportunities.

#### **Wednesday, 18 May**

08.00 – 09.00 Registration and Networking Breakfast

#### **09.00 - 12.30 Thematic Stakeholder workshops (first set: 1-10)**

This session will allow stakeholders to organise and run their own workshops. Workshops will be selected based on a call for participation launched in November 2015. Each workshop will produce/agree on three practical recommendations/main conclusions on how to achieve transformative change in the five main focus areas of the EMD 2016 and on what kind of actions and commitments stakeholders can take.

12.30 – 13.30 Networking Lunch

#### **13.30 – 15.00 Thematic Stakeholder workshops (second set: 11-15)**

15.00 – 15.30 Networking Coffee

15.30 – 16.00 Welcome and Opening by Host City

16.00 – 16.15 Opening remarks by **Karmenu VELLA**, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs

#### **16.15 - 18.30 Leadership Exchange**

*Investing in the blue economy is a great economic opportunity for the EU if it is done right and in a coordinated way. How can we invest not only in blue growth but also in green growth, in solutions for healthy seas and oceans and a circular economy, and what kind of transformational strategies and governance do we need?*

**Anne BERNER**, Minister of Transport and Telecommunications, Finland

**Sharon DIJKSMA**, Minister for Environment, Netherland (tbc)

**N.N.**, European Parliament

**Bernhard MEYER**, CEO Meyer Werft (tbc)

**Tim CORNELIUS**, CEO Atlantis Resources (tbc)

Input presentation/key note: Vice Admiral, **Mark MELLET DSM**, Chief of Staff Defence Forces Ireland

18.30 Conclusions by Moderator

19.00 Drink and "Eat my Turku" dinner reception

## Thursday, 19 May

09.00 - 11.30 **Thematic Sessions** (parallel)

These focused, thematic sessions will explore what is needed to drive transformational change in different areas of the integrated maritime agenda. In each stream, a panel discussion will be followed by a structured discussion to set out which actions and commitments are needed at policy levels - regional, European and global - and by business actors and civil society.

### **Session I: Investing in blue growth**

The maritime economy offers significant growth opportunities to be harnessed through innovation and clusters. This session will focus in particular on key drivers for competitiveness and economic transformation such as the circular economy, digitisation and service innovation. It will highlight successful investments in smart and sustainable solutions and explore how to invest in new value chains.

### **Session II: Improving ocean governance**

The international debate on modernizing ocean governance is increasingly gaining momentum. It is about having governance mechanisms and practices in place that keep the oceans healthy, clean and safe whilst exploring marine resources and maximising economic benefits. This session will explore which actions and commitments are needed at different levels (global, European, local, public and private).

### **Session III: Boosting skills development**

Working with new standards and technologies as well as challenges such as working in an Arctic environment or in the deep see requires an increasingly skilled workforce. They call for new skills and competences that enable the marine/maritime workforce to apply new technologies, respect new standards and work in international teams across disciplines and sectors. This session will explore the skills challenge and identify solutions for skills and competences development.

### **Session IV: Harnessing clean energy**

Decarbonisation and the support for innovative energy solutions are key priorities of EU's Energy Union agenda. Offshore renewable energy resources such as wind, waves, tides and differences in temperature and salinity offer a huge potential to deliver low-carbon electricity to our homes and create new jobs in the process. However, unlocking this potential requires significant aligned investments into generation, transmission, port and research infrastructure. This session will discuss where to best focus these investments and what kind of processes and frameworks are needed to strengthen coordination.

## Session V: Facilitating joint roadmaps

Research and innovation in maritime regions is essential to boosting blue and green growth. Joint roadmaps, strategic transnational partnerships and demonstrator projects are increasingly seen as important tools to catalyse and coordinate actions across borders, align investments and leverage industry participation, create more critical mass and scale, accelerate the market uptake of smart and sustainable solutions and strengthen the global competitiveness of clusters. This session will explore how these tools can contribute to deliver synergies and harness joint business and development opportunities in blue growth value chains.

### 11.30 – 12.30 **Reporting-back session I (Plenary)**

Report back from workshops/harvesting of workshop conclusions: *What have we learned? What are recommendations for policy strategy and implementation, for business actors and civil society? Which concrete actions and commitments can we take to drive the blue economy forward?* This session will also harvest the outcomes of the stakeholders' discussions.

12.30 - 13.30            Networking lunch

### 13.30 -15.00 **Leadership Exchange II**

What have we learned about how drive transformational change? What are practical steps to take this forward?

**Joao AGUIAR MACHADO**, Director General, DG MARE

**Kitack LIM**, Secretary General, International Maritime Organisation (tbc)

**N.N.** European Parliament

**Antti PELTOMÄki**, Deputy-Director General, DG GROW

**John Tanzer**, Director Marine Programme, WWF International (tbc)

Input presentation: **Mark Mellett**, DSM, Vice Admiral and Chief of Staff of Defence Forces Ireland

15.00 - 15.15            Closing remarks by DG Joao AGUIAR MACHADO

15.15 – 15.30            Conference video and handover (Poole/UK 2017)

15.30                      End of conference/Shuttle to airport

More information: <https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday/en/turku-2016>