



ATLANTIC ARC COMMISSION HUBS MEETINGS

12/13 December 2018 in Brussels

PROGRAMME

Meeting in English (no interpretation will be provided)

Wednesday 12 December 2018 (14.00-18.00)

Venue: Pays de la Loire's Office - 14, rond-point Schuman (4th Floor) – Brussels

13.30: Welcome Coffee

I - Atlantic Strategy

14.00-18.00: Atlantic Strategy

- Welcome & introduction by **Sophie Cochard**, Head of the Pays de la Loire Delegation in Brussels
- Update on the Atlantic Arc Commission's activities on the Atlantic Strategy by **Eleni Marianou**, Secretary General of CRPM
- Towards an Atlantic Macro-Region? by **Marta Marín**, Delegación del Gobierno Vasco en Bruselas
- Link between Financing Opportunities and Sea-Basin/Macro-Regional Strategies?
 - **Jean-Pierre Halkin**, Head of Unit at DG REGIO in charge of macro-regions: Maritime cooperation under the new ETC regulation - Component 2b
 - **Quirino Mealha**, in charge of Regional Policy at the Portugal Representation to the EU: link with the post-2020 EU funding
 - **Richard Davies**, Senior Policy Adviser on EU Funding - Dpt. For Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy - Government of the UK
 - **Alejandro Blanco Fernández**, Financial Advisor - Spain Permanent Representation to the EU
 - **Keith Ruffles**, Policy Officer - Ireland Representation to the EU
- **Debate with members**

15 MINUTES BREAK

- **Differences between a Macro-Region and a Sea-Basin Strategy Governance**
 - **Christos Economou**, Head of Unit at DG MARE in charge of sea basin strategies
 - Examples from other macro regional strategies and programmes (Baltic and Mediterranean)
 - **Asa Bjering**, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission (tbc)
 - **Emmeline Allioux**, Director of the Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region Delegation in Brussels
- **Discussion with participants** and next steps
- Conclusions by **Sophie Cochard**, Head of the Pays de la Loire Delegation in Brussels



Thursday 13 December 2018 (9.30-16.30)

Venue: Cantabria Region's Office - 27, avenue des Arts - Brussels

9.15 - Welcome Coffee

II - Maritime Hub

9.30-11.00: Marine Renewable Energy

- Welcome speech by **Olatz Ajuria**, the Basque Energy Entity (EVE) Promotion and Subsidies Area, Chair of the Working Group: feedback on the Spanish National Workshop on the Atlantic Strategy held in Las Palmas (Canarias) & link between Maritime Renewable Energy and the Atlantic Strategy
- **Donagh Cagney**, Policy Director - Ocean Energy Europe and partner of the **SET PLAN** project on Ocean Energy: presentation of the initiative
- **Nicolas Wallet**, Programme Manager - EMEC (European Marine Energy Centre) for a presentation of two projects: **BlueGift** (Interreg Atlantic Area), a project to develop Marine Renewable Energy in the Atlantic, and **Foresea** (Interreg North West Europe)
- **Damien Périssé**, Director in charge of Maritime Affairs at CPMR - Feedback on the Memorandum on Maritime Industries
- **Olatz Ajuria**: Perspectives for the Working Group on Marine Renewable Energy
- Debate with members
- Conclusion and next steps by **Olatz Ajuria**, the Basque Energy Entity (EVE)

15 MINUTES BREAK

11.15-12.15: Innovation / Maritime Training

- Welcome speech by **Javier Olite**, Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, Chair of the Innovation Working Group and proposal for an Atlantic Project on maritime training
- Discussion with participants on this project:
 - Is this idea of interest for your region?
 - Which maritime sector could be tackled in this project?
- Discussion with participants
- Conclusion and next steps by **Javier Olite**

12.30-13.30: LUNCH BREAK ON SITE



II - Accessibility and Attractiveness Hub

13.30-15.00: Transport

- Welcome Speech by a representative of Cantabria, Chair of the Working Group
- **Gudrun Schulze**, Team Leader - Unit B1 - DG MOVE - European Commission: update on CEF II and TEN-T negotiations in the context of Brexit
- Update by **Lucas Bosser**, CPMR's Senior Officer in charge of Transport: CPMR Position on CEF and next steps on TEN-T
- Discussion with participants on priority sections to promote in the framework of the TEN-T revision
- Conclusion by a representative of Cantabria, Chair of the Working Group

15 MINUTES BREAK

15.15-16.00: Update on the Atlantic Arc Commission projects

- BBMBC Project by **Élise Wattrelot**, Policy Assistant - CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission
- SAFER Project by **Élise Wattrelot**, Policy Assistant - CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission
- CleanAtlantic Project by **Lucas Bosser**, Senior Officer at CPMR
- Destinations by **Stavros Kalognomos**, CPMR

16.00-16.30: CLOSURE SESSION

- Feedback from member Regions on these meetings
- Next important dates for the Atlantic Arc Commission / Provisional timetable by the Atlantic Arc Commission Secretariat
- Conclusion of the "hub meetings" by Pays de la Loire Region, Presidency of the Atlantic Arc Commission