



Sustainable Blue  
Economy Partnership

# Blue Economy for the All Atlantic

Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Regional  
Workshop (co-organised with DG RTD and OKEANO)

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# DRAFT AGENDA

9:30		ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION WITH A WELCOME COFFEE	
9:45		<b>WELCOMING</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Majbritt Bolton-Warberg Atlantic Contact Node, Marine Institute (Ireland)	<b><i>Setting the scene: The role of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership in complementarity to the EU Mission Ocean and Waters and in the light of the EU Atlantic region strategy</i></b>  Opening statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Niall McDonough, Marine Institute, Ireland</li> <li>John Bell, EC - DG RTD (TBC)</li> <li>Irene Vecchiato, EC - DG MARE (TBC)</li> <li>Margherita Cappelletto, Italian Ministry of University and Research, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Coordinator</li> </ul>
10:15		<b>SESSION 1</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> (TBC)	<b><i>Enhancing Coastal Resilience: Challenges and opportunities across the Atlantic Ocean</i></b>  Keynote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan-Stefan Fritz, &amp; Alexandra Sophie Roy, German Marine Research Consortium and OKEANO CSA</li> </ul> Panel discussion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elise Wattrelot, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions - Atlantic Arc Commission</li> <li>John Carty, Atlantic Technological University (Ireland)</li> <li>Representative of Environmental ONG (TBC)</li> <li>Brilliant Blue Challenge Community Group (Canada) (TBC)</li> <li>Ricardo Oliveira, SPI (Portugal), AtlantECO project</li> </ul> Q&A with the audience
11:20	       COMFORT BREAK		
11:30		<b>SESSION 2</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Julie Olivier Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Jülich Research Center (Germany)	<b><i>World Café</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Cooperation</li> <li>Social Aspects in Coastal Resilience</li> <li>Nature-based Solutions and Coastal Infrastructure</li> </ul>
	<b>Facilitators:</b> Laura Mc Donagh, Marine Institute (Ireland), OKEANO TBC, Community Group Ricardo Oliveira, SPI (Portugal), AtlantECO project		<b>Rapporteurs:</b> Gabrielle Aubert, JPI Oceans (Belgium) Natalia Ospina-Alvarez, Atlantic Contact Node, AIR Centre (Portugal) Majbritt Bolton-Warberg, Atlantic Contact Node, Marine Institute (Ireland)
12:20		<b>CONCLUSIONS &amp; CLOSING REMARKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carla Grafino, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs and Head of Division for Oceans and Environment. Portugal (TBC)</li> </ul>	

- Moderator of Session 1
- Frode Dal Fjeldavli, SBEP Brussels Cellule, Research Council of Norway (RCN)

12:30



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