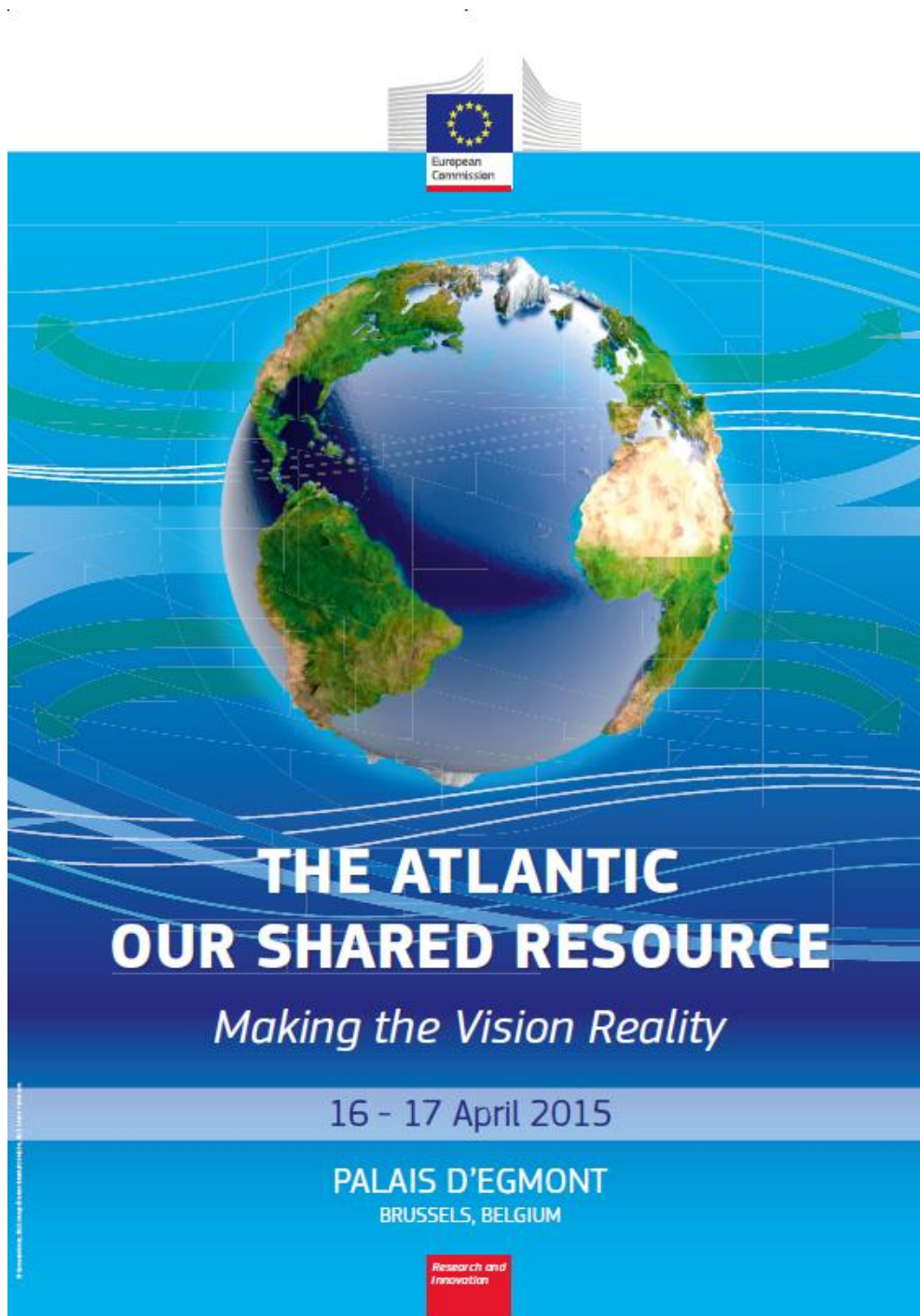


Draft PROGRAMME



Objective

The implementation activities of the *Galway Statement on Atlantic Ocean Research Cooperation*, signed in May 2013 by the EU, Canada and the United States of America, and launching an *Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance*, are moving to a new exciting stage.

This event will be the launch pad for all the '*Galway Statement follow-up projects*' funded with the first Horizon 2020 Blue Growth calls - the main financial instrument on the EU side to make the *Galway Statement* commitments reality.

The Galway Statement contributes to the implementation of the EU's Atlantic Strategy and its related Atlantic Action Plan, which considers responses to the challenges of delivering growth, reducing the carbon footprint, using the sea's natural resources sustainably, responding effectively to threats and emergencies and implementing an "ecosystem" management approach in Atlantic waters.

With a view to translating commitments into investments, the European Commission has earmarked approximately EUR 56 million towards implementation of the Galway Statement through Horizon 2020, the EU Research and Innovation Programme for the period 2014-2020. It will bring together its main actors and set the ground for the next steps in a coordinated approach.

It will also be the occasion to bring together all the project coordinators and partners, both from our Member States, from the US and Canada, but also from Brazil and South Africa, which will contribute to extend this cooperation towards the Southern Atlantic.

Ongoing projects from EU Member States but also from our international Atlantic coastal countries contributing to the implementation of the Galway Statement commitments will also be invited. This will allow for cross-fertilisation between the different consortia, and pave the way for enlarging the Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance community.

Participants / Stakeholders

High Level representatives from the Atlantic Coastal States and the European Commission will include:

- The Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, (together with the Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Environment);
- Ambassadors from our major partner countries (Ambassadors from the United States of America, Canada, Brazil, South Africa, Cape Verde, etc);
- The co-chairs of the marine Working Groups from the US and Canada, and our main marine partners from Brazil and South Africa,
- Members of the European Parliament
- Representatives from the EU Atlantic Coastal States (ES, FR, IRL, PT, UK), but also from other interested Member States DE, DK, BE, etc, as well as representatives from Norway, Iceland, Faroe Island etc) ,
- The Coordinators and key partners of the first successful ‘Galway Statement follow-up’ Horizon 2020 projects as well as coordinators of already ongoing projects across the Atlantic;
- The ‘Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance’ community and industry; representatives from the private sector, Leading Scientists, Representatives from Marine and Oceanographic Institutes, Funding Agencies, Research Performing Organisations and Industry

Organisers

This conference is organised jointly by the European Commission, the Directorate-General Research and Innovation in close cooperation with the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and the US and Canadian Co-chairs of the Marine Working Groups.

The Atlantic – our Shared Resource: making the vision reality.

Thursday, 16 April 2015	
09.00 – 10:00	REGISTRATION
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Opening and setting the scene</p> <p>Mr John Bell – Director Bioeconomy, European Commission Ms Maria Cristina Russo – Director International Cooperation, European Commission</p>
10:15 – 11:00	<p>Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance in a global context</p> <p>Oceans and Society: Blue Planet – the Marine Task within GEO Ms Sophie Seeyave – Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans (POGO)</p> <p>Marine Litter and Sargasso Sea Mr Ward Appeltans – UNESCO-IOC (tbc)</p> <p>General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans Initiative (GEBCO) Mr Yves Guillam – International Hydrographic Organization</p>
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Mr Carlos Moedas – Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science Mr Karmenu Vella – Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Environment (tbc)</p> <p>Individual Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Gail Shea – Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada(tbc) - Mr Simon Coveney – Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine and Minister for Defense (tbc) - Mr Ricardo Serrão Santos – Member of the European Parliament - Mr Anthony L. Gardner – Ambassador of the US to the EU (tbc) - Mrs Vera Barrouin Machado – Ambassador of Brazil to the EU (tbc) - Mr Thomas auf der Heyde – Deputy Director-General for R&D support South Africa (tbc) - Mr Michel Aymeric – Head of the Secretariat General for the Sea, France (tbc)

12:00 – 12:30	<p>Implementing the Galway Statement: The Canadian perspective Mr Trevor Swerdfager – Assistant Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Oceans - Canada</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Implementing the Galway Statement: The US perspective Terry Schaffer – Deputy Director, International Activities Office, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Networking Lunch break</p>
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Showcasing Galway Implementation through Horizon 2020</p> <p>Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Support Action (AORAC-SA) Mr Peter Heffernan – Marine Institute of Ireland, together with International Partners</p> <p>Optimizing and Enhancing the Integrated Atlantic Ocean Observing System (AtlantOS) Mr Martin Visbeck – GEOMAR, Germany together with International Partners</p> <p>Industrial Applications of Marine Enzymes: Innovative screening and expression platforms to discover and use the functional protein diversity from the sea (INMARE) Mr Jan Bart Calewaert – SeaScape UK, together with International Partners</p> <p>Ecosystem Approach to making Space for Aquaculture (AquaSpace) Mr Kenneth Black – Scottish Marine Institute, together with International Partners</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
16:00 - 16:20	<p>Coffee break</p>
16:20 – 17:35	<p>Showcasing Galway Implementation through Horizon 2020</p> <p>Connecting Science with Society (EU-Polarnet) Ms Karin Lochte – Alfred Wegener Institute (tbc), together with International Partners</p> <p>Sea Change Mr Jon Parr – Marine Biological Association UK, together with International Partners</p> <p>Sustainable oceans: our collective responsibility, our common interest (ResponSEable) Mr Pierre Strosser – ACTeon – Innovation Policy Environment (tbc), together with International Partners</p>

	<p>Developing Innovative Market Orientated Prediction Toolbox to Strengthen the Economic Sustainability and Competitiveness of European Seafood on Local and Global markets (Primefish) Ms Anna Kristín Daniélsdóttir– EU (tbc) together with International Partners</p> <p>Strategies for the gradual elimination of discards in European fisheries (DiscardLess) Ms Clara Ulrich – Technical University of Denmark together with international partners</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
17:35 – 17:55	<p>Industry – Academic Links. The Future for Marine and Maritime Research, Development and Innovation</p> <p>Ms Kim Tanneberger – Lloyd's Register Marine</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
17:55 – 18:15	<p>Pilot Initiative – Mapping the Atlantic Seafloor</p> <p>Mr Thomas Furey – Marine Institute Ireland Ms Jennifer Jencks – University of Colorado and NOAA (tbc) Mr Stephen Locke – Geological Survey of Canada or Mr Randy Gillespie – Marine Institute, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
18:30 – 20:00	<p>Networking cocktail for workshop participants</p>

Friday, 17 April 2015	
09:00 – 10:15	<p>Showcasing initiatives between Atlantic Coastal States</p> <p>EU Basin-scale Analysis, Synthesis & Integration (EuroBASIN project) Mr Michael St. John – National Institute of Aquatic Resources, Denmark</p> <p>Ireland and Canada Transatlantic Research Cooperation between: Celtic Explorer Mr Ron Newhook – Marine Institute, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada</p> <p>UK and Canada - Enhanced Sensing Technologies for Tidal In-stream Energy Applications Ms Sheila Paterson – Government of Nova Scotia, Canada Mr David Hýtch – INNOVATE UK</p>

	<p>Norway: Cooperation with Atlantic Coastal States Mr Tore Nepstad – Institute of Marine Research, Norway</p> <p>Interplay between the Atlantic & Arctic Mr Thomas Jung – Alfred Wegener Institute</p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00	<p>Showcasing ongoing initiatives between Atlantic Coastal States</p> <p>Debrief from scientific workshop on Southern Atlantic Marine Science Cooperation, 15 April 2015 (Brazil, Europe and South-Africa) Mr Jan-Stefan Fritz – German Marine Research Consortium Mr Gilles Lericolais – Ifremer, France Together with Brazilian and South African representative</p> <p>Brazil – France – US: The PIRATA Initiative Mr Moacyr Cunha de Araújo Filho – Federal University of Pernambuco (tbc)</p> <p>Cape Verde: ongoing Atlantic Cooperation Mr Carlos Daniel Ferreira Santos – National Institute for Fisheries Development, Cape Verde</p> <p>Portugal ongoing cooperation with Brazil Mr João Fonseca Ribeiro – Director General for Maritime Policy</p> <p>South Africa with France and Norway Speaker (tbc)</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Panel discussion: towards an <i>All Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance</i> - next steps</p> <p>Remarks from Mr Kurt Vandenberghe – Director for Climate Action and Resource Efficiency, European Commission ; Ms Lowri Evans (tbc) – Director General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission; Mr Trevor Swerdfager – Assistant Deputy Minister , Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Mr Craig McLean – Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA , Ms Janice Trotte – INPOH Brazil ; Mr Thomas auf der Heyde (tbc) – Deputy Director-General for R&D support South Africa; Ms Lourdes Armesto – JPI Oceans, Management Board</p>
13:00 – 13:15	<p>Closing</p> <p>Speaker tbc</p>

Background information

to be added the Galway Statement

What to showcase and where:

AtlantOS project