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“Blue Growth: From Marine & Maritime Services towards new drivers for economic & territorial change”

10:20 - 17:20 (Athens Time), June 24th, 2021

Working Agenda

10:20

Welcome and opening

Welcome video of **Mr. Giannis Tsakiris**, Greek Deputy Minister of Development and Investments

Introduction by **Mr. Wiktor Szydarowsky**, ESPON EGTC Director

The Conference framework (TNO project) by **Prof. Dr. Ir. Luuk Boelens**

10:40 - 12:10

Plenary Session part 1

10:40

Opening panel: National Strategies incorporating Blue Growth - Interlinkages and synergies in the framework of Cohesion Policy

“Blue Growth as a catalyst for regional government in the new programming period 2021-2027”, **Mr. Dimitris Skalkos**, Secretary General for Public Investments and PA, Greek Ministry of Development and Investments

“Blue economy and maritime transport challenges for Greece and the Mediterranean Sea Basin”, **Dr. Evangelos Kyriazopoulos**, Secretary General, Greek Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy

“Integrated Maritime Policy & Insularity: Creating new paths for 2021-2027”, **Dr. Manolis Koutoulakis**, Secretary General of Aegean & Insular Policy, Greek Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy

“Regional development and interregional cooperation for the Blue Economy sectors”, **Dr. Giorgos Alexakis**, Vice-Governor, Region of Crete

“Offshore Wind Energy in Greece: Institutional framework, challenges and perspectives”, **Mr. Antonios Marinos**, Head of Office, Secretariat General for Energy and Mineral Resources, Ministry of Environment and Energy

Session & discussion moderated by journalist **Mr. John Papageorgiou**

11:40

Q&A and panel discussions (20min)

Followed by a short break

- 12:10 - 13:30** **Plenary Session part 2**
- 12:10** **The role of the ESPON programme in Blue Growth – Research backbone**
- “The capacity of integrated territorial development to realise the potentials of Blue Growth”, **Prof. Dr. Dave Shaw**, University of Liverpool, MSP-LSI project
 - “Maritime eco-clusters as engines of economic growth of seaport regions”, **Mr. Marten van den Bossche**, Consultant at ECORYS, ERMES project
 - “New opportunities for islands with regard to climate change”, **Dr. Erik Gløerson**, Director of Spatial Foresight, BRIDGES project
 - “Strengthening cross-fertilisation of policy-making across sectors to support sustainable blue growth: lessons from ESPON COMPASS”, **Prof. Vincent Nadin**, Technical University of Delft, ESPON COMPASS
- 13:10** **Q&A and panel discussions**
- 13:30 - 14:30** **Midday break**
- 14:30 - 16:00** **Plenary Session part 3**
- 14:30** **Good practices in the Mediterranean and beyond – Case studies**
- “Energy Transition in Smart Seas”, **Ms. Ivana Lukic**, Senior Marine Policy and Planning Consultant, s.Pro - sustainable projects GmbH/SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth EEIG
 - “Smart Shipping: Navigating to the future”, **Capt. Marc Nuytemans**, FFNI, CEO Blue Cluster Belgium
 - “Cruise/Coastal Tourism: Zadar’s sustainable strategy”, **Mr. Đoni Štambuk**, Assistant Director, Port Authority Zadar Croatia
 - “Smart fisheries evaluation tool in the Mediterranean: BlueFASMA project”, **Prof. Yorgos Stephanedes**, University of Patras
- 15:30** **Q&A and panel discussions (20min)**
- Followed by a short break (10min)**
- 16:00 - 17:20** **Final Session**
- 16:00** **Closing panel: Blue Growth and Cohesion Policy in 2021-2027**
- “The new approach to sustainable Blue Economy and the importance of the maritime regional cooperation”, **Mr. Christos Economou**, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs & Fisheries, Head of Unit Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security
 - “How do the Greek PA & Operational Programmes deal with Blue Growth?”, **Mr. Ioannis Firbas**, Director General of the National Coordination Authority for PA, Greek Ministry of Development and Investment
 - **Mr. Wiktor Szydarowski**, ESPON EGTC Director
- Followed by discussions moderated by **Mr. John Papageorgiou**, journalist expert in EU Affairs
- 17:00 - 17:20** **Closing statement & wrap up comments**