



## Seas, Rivers, Islands & Coastal Areas

### OPENING CONFERENCE

## HOW TO DEVELOP A STRONGER EUROPE OF THE SEA?

12 MAY 2015 – from 11.00 – to 13.30

European Parliament – Room PHS5B001 – Translation EN/FR

### DRAFT AGENDA (as at 27 April 2015)

*Participants are kindly requested to present themselves at the desk situated in the main entrance of the EP on “Esplanade Simone Viel” for accreditation and badge access at **10.30** precisely in order to avoid delays.*

#### 11.00-11.20 Welcome Speeches

- MEP Gesine MEISSNER, Chair of the Intergroup
- Commissioner Karmenu VELLA, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Environment
- Mr. George ALEXAKIS, Regional Councilor of Crete, Greece, Vice-President of CPMR

#### 11.20-12.05 Session I – Towards sustainable Blue Growth

CHAIR: MEP Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS Vice-Chair of the Intergroup for Maritime Knowledge

- MEP Isabelle THOMAS, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup for Maritime Safety and Transport
- Mr. Francis VALLAT, President of European Network of Maritime Clusters
- Mrs. Kathrine ANGELL-HANSEN, Director, JPI Ocean
- Mr. Roberto FERRIGNO, WWF

Q&A with the Commissioner

#### 12.05-12.45 Session II – Efficient EU funds to support maritime activities

CHAIR: MEP Cláudia MONTEIRO DE AGUIAR, Member of the Intergroup for the Atlantic

- Mrs. Sigi GRUBER, Head of Unit, DG RTD
- Mrs. Isabelle GARZON, Head of Unit, DG MARE
- Mr. François-Marie DUTHOIT, Chairman Waterborne TP Blue growth Working group

Q&A

#### 12.45-13.25 Session III – Tackling the challenges of European Islands

CHAIR: MEP Tonino PICULA, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup for Islands

- MEP Sofia RIBEIRO, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup for Outermost Regions
- Mr. Dimitrios THEOLOGITIS, Head of Unit, DG MOVE
- Mr. Charalampos KOKKINOS, Deputy Regional Governor of South Aegean, Greece – representing CPMR Islands Commission

Q&A

#### 13.25-13.30 Concluding remarks

- MEP Gesine MEISSNER



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