Seminar - Atlantic Action Plan related growth for Outermost Regions of the EU, and European territorial cooperation opportunities

Funchal, Madeira, 17 and 18 March 2014

Pestana Casino Park

Monday 17 MARCH morning

09h00 – 09h30  Registration of participants

Introductory Plenary Session

09h30 – 10h00  Opening by local, regional and national authorities. Welcome remarks by
Manuel António Correia (Regional Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources)
Nuno Teixeira (Member of the European Parliament)
Manuel Pinto de Abreu (Secretary of State, Direçao Geral da Politica do Mar)
João Sales Correia – seminar facilitator (Diretor Regional do Ordenamento do Território e Ambiente)

10h00 – 10h20  Implementation of the Atlantic Action Plan, Outermost Regions and European Territorial Cooperation. Introductory comments by
European Commission to be confirmed
João Fonseca Ribeiro (Diretor, Direçao Geral da Politica do Mar) to be confirmed

10h20-10h45  Coffee break
Panel Discussion Session (in plenary)

10h45 – 11h30  Panel 1 discussion: Opportunities for territorial cooperation in the context of the outermost regions.

**Moderator:** Vincente Rodrigues Saez (Deputy Head of Unit DG REGIO.D.1): A new configuration of cooperation in the Atlantic area

**Panelists:**
- Irene Ruiz, or Silvio Costa or Ana Mota (President and Vice president of the Instituto de Desenvolvimento Regional da Madeira): “the Transnational Cooperation Programme Madeira-Açores-Canarias” *to be confirmed*
- Jessica Aubourg-Julian
- Nuno Nunes (President, Agência Regional para o Desenvolvimento da Investigação, Tecnologia e Inovação – ARDITI): “the Madeira Smart Specialization Strategy”

11h30-12h15  Panel 2 discussion: Tourism, fisheries and other maritime economic activities in outermost regions – drivers of blue growth.

**Moderator:** Inma Valencia, Director General of Economy and European Affairs, Government of Cantabria: “Policy context and funding opportunities for economic activities in outermost regions”.

**Panelists:**
- Carlos Andrade (Direcao Regional de Pescas): “Madeira ocean aquaculture: established biotechnologies and future trends”
- Cátia Carvalho (Diretora de Operações, Marina Quinta do Lorde): “The nautical sector as an anchor to tourism – implementation of a model for sustainable nautical tourism”
- Emmanuel Peton (le Cluster Maritime Français) *to be confirmed*
- European Federation of Nautical Tourism Destination project CurioSEATY. *To be confirmed*
- Araceli Suárez (Gobierno de Canarias): “The Maritime Cluster/Forum of the Canary Islands”

12h15-13h00  Panel 3 discussion: Exploration and exploitation of marine potential in outermost regions

**Moderator:** Rui Caldeira (CIIMAR): “Island wakes and their relevance for outermost regions”

**Panelists:**
- Carlos Barrera (Plataforma Oceanica De Canarias - PLOCAN): “The use of autonomous platforms to monitor the open ocean”
- Filipe Oliveira (Presidente do Conselho de Administração Agência Regional da Energia e Ambiente da Região Autónoma da Madeira - AREAM): “Marine energy in small islands: challenges and opportunities”
- Ricardo Serrão Santos (University of Azores): “Azores Deep Sea Observatory and the pelagic fish diversity in Azores”

13h00 – 14h15  LUNCH
Monday 17 MARCH afternoon

Continuation of Panel Discussion Session (in plenary)

14h15 -15h00 Panel 4 discussion: Protection and security of resources in deep-sea environments in outermost regions

Moderator: Tiago Pitta e Cunha (Counselor for Maritime Affairs to the President of Portugal) to be confirmed

Panelists:

- Mafalda Freitas (Director, Marine Biology Station of Madeira): “Inventoring deep-sea biodiversity”
- João Clode (Centre of IMAR of the University of the Azores): “Marine invasions in a changing climate”
- Bernado Faria (Serviço do Parque Natural da Madeira): “Madeira Marine Reserves, objectives and achievements”
- Luis Freitas (Director Museu da Baleia da Madeira): “Studying and monitoring Atlantic cetacean populations: a necessary step towards the sustainable use of the sea”

15h00 – 18h00 Visit to Mariculture Center of Calheta

18h00 – 19h00 Cocktail drink and presentation of the MARPROF project book and tasting experience at the Clube Naval do Funchal/Naval Club of Funchal
TUESDAY 18 MARCH morning

Parallel working group sessions

09h00 – 11h30 Parallel working group sessions on the panel discussion topics 2-4 from day 1
(a coffee break will be taken at appropriate time during this session)

Participants will be divided into one of three working groups based on their interest and expertise. The three working groups will focus on the panel discussions 2-4 from day 1, with the issue of territorial cooperation being a cross-cutting issue that will inform all 3 working groups.

Each parallel group session will further discuss and build on the panel discussions from day 1 with a speaker first invited to present a relevant project to orientate the following group discussion.

All three groups will be tasked with ensuring interactive and constructive discussion to analyse further opportunities for cooperation, current gaps, opportunities for funding, etc.

Group 1: Tourism, fisheries and other maritime economic activities in outermost regions – drivers of blue growth

Administração dos Portos da Regiao Autonoma da Madeira - to be confirmed

Group 2: Exploration and exploitation of marine resources in deep-sea environments

WavEC project OWC PICO PLANT (wave energy in a small Island grid), or projet Énergies Marines, Service ENR, Reunion. To be confirmed

Group 3: Protection and security of resources in deep-sea environments

University of Madeira to be confirmed

Final Plenary Session

11h30 – 12h15 Feedback from parallel working groups (15 mins each)

12h15 – 12h45 Closing session: conclusions (Hosting institutions and DG MARE)