

Conference

Mapping EU's coasts:

A key towards Sustainable Blue Development

7 February 2017, 14.00-16.00

European Parliament – Room A5G-1

The Intergroup invites you to participate in its discussion on coastal data entitled "***Mapping EU's coasts: A key towards Sustainable Blue Development***". It will take place on 7 February 2016 from 14.00 to 16.00 in room A5G-1 of the European Parliament.

This event is organised in the framework of the project "Coastal Mapping" funded by the EMFF. It will aim to address the strategic importance of coastal bathymetric data to develop maritime activities in a sustainable way in Europe. It will also look at what the EU can do to support the effort in terms of data collection and harmonisation.

Welcome Addresses

Mr. **Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS**, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup

Key Note Speeches

Mr. **Bernhard FRIESS**, Director, Directorate A Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Round-Table 1: What is Coastal Bathymetric Data and why is it crucial for maritime activities?

Moderation by Mr. **Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS**, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup

- Prof. **Martin VISBECK**, GEOMAR | Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, *Bathymetric Data, a key enabler for maritime and coastal activities* (tbc)
- Mr. **Bruno FRACHON**, French hydrographic service, *Coastal Bathymetric Data, What are we talking about?*
- Mr. **Sean CULLEN**, Senior Geologist, Geological Survey of Ireland, *Economic Models*
- Mr. **George ALEXAKIS**, Vice-President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, *Use of coastal bathymetric data by the Regions*

- Mr Joseph COLIN, Worldline, *Demonstration of the Coastal Mapping Portal: A new tool for maritime stakeholders*

Discussion with the participants

Round-Table 2: Which support from the EU?

Moderation by Mrs. **Gesine MEISSNER**, MEP, President of the Intergroup

- Scene Setting:
 - o Mr. **Jan-Bart CALEWAERT**, Head, European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) Secretariat
 - o Mr. **Magnus WALLHAGEN**, Head of Production, Hydrographic Office, Swedish Maritime Administration
 - o Mr. **Damien PERISSE**, Director for Maritime Affairs, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions
- Discussion with the European Commission

Question & Answer

Conclusive remarks

Mrs. Gesine MEISSNER

Participants are kindly requested to register as soon as possible [here](#) in order to guaranty and organize the access to the EP

*The day of the conference, Participants are kindly requested to present themselves at **13.15** onwards, in order to avoid delays – Registration to the entrance of the European Parliament at **the Info Point**.*