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## Round Table “Seas in Motion Activating the Atlantic Action Plan”

June 14, 2016 - 16.00 - 18.00  
European Parliament - PHS 7C050  
Interpretation EN-SP

Participants are kindly requested to register as soon as possible [here](#) in order to guaranty and organise the access to the EP. The day of the conference, should they need a badge, Participants are kindly requested to present themselves at 15.15 onwards at the INFOPOINT of the European Parliament *Esplanade Simone Veil*

### Welcome speech

Mrs. Gesine MEISSNER, MEP, Chair of the Intergroup

Mrs. Sofia RIBEIRO, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup

**Roundtable discussion I: Developing the Atlantic Marine Economy- opportunities and challenges and the role of the Atlantic Strategy**

Moderated by Mr Ramón JÁUREGUI ATONDO, MEP

This session focusses on the economic development of the Atlantic, the origins of the Atlantic Strategy and its Action Plan, how it is being implemented and the opportunities that it presents as well as the challenges it seeks to address.

*Discussion with:*

- Mr Iain SHEPHERD, Acting Head of Unit Atlantic, Outermost Regions and Arctic, Directorate General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs
- Mr. Francisco José HUIDOBRO, Vice-president of Réseau Transnational Atlantique - Atlantic Transnational Network
- Mrs Marcella SMYTH, Chair of the Atlantic Strategy Group
- Mr Jorge García REIG, Subdirector General de Programación Territorial y Evaluación de Programas Comunitarios del Ministerio de Hacienda y Administraciones Públicas
- Pauline CAUMONT, Executive Secretary, Atlantic Arc Commission of the CPMR

**Questions & Answers:** *Focussing on how successful has the Strategy been to date? What stops it being more successful?*

**Roundtable discussion II: Marine Co-operation in the Atlantic -the role of innovation and research**

Moderated by Mrs Deirdre CLUNE, MEP, Member of the Intergroup

This session focusses on the role of innovation and research, how this has been a driver of the Atlantic Strategy, as well as on the role of the Galway Statement and international co-operation in the achievement of the objectives of the Atlantic Strategy

*Discussion with:*

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

- Mr John BELL, Director for Bioeconomy, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Mr Trevor SWERDFAGER, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ecosystems and Ocean Science, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Mrs Pascale VAN DOREN, Support Team for the Atlantic
- Enrique C. LOPEZ VEIGA, President of the Port Authority of Vigo, Spain

**Questions & Answers:** *How is research within the Atlantic Strategy contributing to sustainable jobs and growth?*

**Closure**