

**Second Conference:
The Ocean of Tomorrow projects:
What results so far?**

Blue Growth – Offshore challenge and opportunities

27 November 2014

EC MADOU building,
1 place Madou, 1210 Brussels
Auditorium Karel van Miert

From 08:30: Registration

9:15 Opening of the Conference

Chair: Sigi Gruber, Head of the Unit for Marine Resources, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

9:25 Movie from MERMAID project

9:30 Introduction – From the 'The Ocean of Tomorrow' to Horizon 2020

John Bell, Director for Bioeconomy, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

9:40 Navigating the Blue Growth Agenda

Bernhard Friess, Director for Atlantic, Outermost Regions and Arctic, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Session 1: Multi-use offshore platforms: new concepts for combining activities offshore and potential opportunities for business and society

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Presentation of the TROPOS, MERMAID and H2OCEAN projects by the coordinators: Joaquín Hernández Brito, PLOCAN, Spain, Erik Damgaard Christensen, DTU-MEK, Denmark, Ian Hart, BHR Group, United Kingdom

10:45-11:15: Coffee break

11:15-12:05: Emerging synergies between "The Ocean of Tomorrow" projects and complementary approaches

11:15 Multi-use offshore platforms and tools to monitor the marine environment: potential synergies between two "The Ocean of Tomorrow" projects

Presentation of the NEXOS project

Eric Delory, NEXOS project coordinator, PLOCAN, Spain

11:30 Security aspects related to offshore activities: a complementary approach to "The Ocean of Tomorrow"

Presentation of the PERSEUS project

Fernando Barbero Fernández, INDRA, Spain

11:45 The view of the offshore aquaculture sector

Arne Fredheim, SINTEF, Norway

12:05-13:00: Panel discussion with the coordinators - Q&A session

13:00-14:15: Lunch break

Session 2: "The Ocean of Tomorrow" and the offshore wind sector: progressing towards clean and competitive energy production

14:15 Optimising the offshore wind farms' lifecycle

Presentation of the LEANWIND project

Jimmy Murphy, University College Cork, Ireland

14:30 Networks of Marine Protected Areas and Offshore Wind Farms in Southern European Seas

Presentation of the COCONET project

Ferdinando Boero, University of Salento/CNR-ISMAR/CoNISMa, Italy

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

Session 3: Opportunities from emerging Blue Growth activities and new challenges regarding uses of the maritime space

15:30 Panel with the industry and public authorities

Arne Fredheim, SINTEF, Norway

Abbie Badcock-Broe, Ocean Energy Europe, United Kingdom

Francois Duthoit, DCNS, France

Anne-Bénédicte Genachte, European Wind Energy Association, EU

Janneke Pors, Institute for environment and systems analysis, Netherlands

Camilla Loevaas Stavnes, Rogaland County Council, Norway

Piergiorgio Scaloni, Regione Lazio, Italy

17:00 The way forward - Wrap –up session

Sigi Gruber, Head of the Unit for Marine Resources, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Closing: Ocean Sampling Day movie