



Fit for the future: Atlantic and North Sea FLAG Seminar

Draft Agenda

Time	Activity
Day 1, 25 May (Tuesday)	
10:00-11:00	Opening Plenary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome & agenda, FARNET Support Unit (FSU) - DG MARE, European Commission - FSU Introduction on FLAG work - An example of FLAG work on the ground
11:00-12:30	Working Group 1 – Planning project selection <i>Approximately five parallel working groups on setting selection criteria that reflect the FLAG strategy and putting simple and transparent procedures in place to select the most valuable projects for the area.</i>
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:30-15:00	Working Group 2 - Animation and Stakeholder engagement <i>A short example in plenary from a FLAG, followed by approximately five parallel working groups on tools and techniques to mobilise the local community behind a common vision for the area (motivating leaders and innovators as well as “hard-to-reach” target groups to present projects)</i>
15:30-16:30	Pitches by different marine-related stakeholders, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Artisanal fisheries (5-10 mins) - Marine energies sector (5-10 mins) - Algae practitioner (5-10 mins) - Aquaculture sector (5-10 mins) <i>These short pitches will highlight some the different interest groups that FLAGs might want to engage with.</i>
Day 2, 26 May (Wednesday)	
10:30 – 12:00	Working Group 3 – Result orientation and monitoring <i>A short example in plenary from a FLAG, followed by approximately five parallel working groups on techniques to monitor the effectiveness of FLAG activities, such as animation, the project application process, etc.</i>
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>

14:00 – 15:30	Cooperation, networking & exchange <i>Short plenary introduction with presentations from initiatives funded from other programmes in the Atlantic or North Sea (e.g. Interreg, Horizon Europe, etc.), followed by informal parallel discussions groups with the presenters and on themes proposed by FLAGs in the registration.</i>
15.30 -16:00	Conclusions

Focus group discussions

Days 3 & 4, 27-28 May

Various focus groups discussions (approximately 1 hour each) on themes emerging from the registration responses, for example:

- Artisanal fishers in the future FLAGs
- Aquaculture of the future, capitalising on research opportunities
- Renewable energies in the marine space
- Algae opportunities
- Tackling marine and fisheries-related waste
- Adapting to Brexit