



European Maritime Day

Events in Europe 2015

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France

Title: *"European summer school on Maritime Spatial Planning and Management"*

Date: **01 to 05 June 2015**

Location: **Nantes**

Organiser: IUML, FR 3473 CNRS, University of Nantes

Website: <http://www.iuml-cnrs.fr/en/>

Event description: As part of the COSELMAR research project (www.coselmar.fr) led by the IUML (www.iuml-cnrs.fr) and in association with the Marine Spatial Planning Research Network (www.msprn.net), a Summer school dedicated to Maritime Spatial Planning and Management issues will be held in Nantes (France) in June 2015.

For 5 days, specialists from different parts of Europe will be gathered to lead intensive courses and practical exercises, alternating between broad conceptual approaches and in-depth case studies. The goal is to pitch this English-speaking Summer school dedicated to Maritime Spatial Planning and Management at a high, international and selective level.

Title: *"Edible seaweed: today – tomorrow" - 3rd edition of the Rennes Professional Days"*

Date: **28th May 2015**

Location: **Rennes**

Organiser: AGROCAMPUS OUEST Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Center

Website: <http://halieutique.agrocampus-ouest.fr/> / and <http://www.agrocampus-ouest.fr/>

Event description: Since 2012, AGROCAMPUS OUEST takes part to the IDEALG project of which the main objective is to foster the development of macro-algae sector in France and to promote technologies of algae production. This ten-year project, supported by the National Agency for Research (ANR), is funded with 10 million euros and gathers 18 public and private partners.

In the framework of IDEALG, the AGROCAMPUS OUEST Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Center works more specifically on the French market of edible seaweed. Our aim is to study the current seaweed consumption, to analyse the market of seaweed products and to quantify its potential for development.

The Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Centre organises, on Thursday 28th may 2015, its third edition of the Rennes Professional Days on edible seaweed. The meeting will offer the opportunity to meet exchange and discuss with the different stakeholders of the French algae sector. It will be organized in three sessions and one round table:

- Seaweed in the plate: what kind of consumption today?
- Algae and production: what kind of supply for tomorrow?
- Seaweed and market: how to develop edible seaweed market?
- Round table: how to popularise seaweed consumption? What kind of products and promotion to develop for tomorrow?

This meeting will be focused on the French algae sector. All sessions will be presented in French.

Title: *“Ports as innovation hubs for renewable energy projects”*

Date: **19 May 2015**

Location: **Nantes**

Organiser: AG Port of Oostende

Website: www.beppoproject.eu

Event description: The workshop is part of a series of thematic events that the BEPPo (Blue Energy Production in Ports) project -co-financed by the Interreg NSR Programme- has been organising since its start in 2013 in order to consolidate research on Blue Energy, with a specific focus on the role that ports can play to support the emerging MRE industry.

Germany

Title: *“Legal Aspects of Marine Protected Areas”*

Date: **06 May 2015**

Location: **Bremerhaven**

Organiser: Institute for the Law of the Sea and International Marine Environmental Law (ISRIM) in co-operation with the University of Applied Sciences Bremerhaven

Website: www.isrim.de

Event description: The university workshop will address the legal aspects of marine protected areas (MPAs) in the context of different marine activities, including (1) marine scientific research (2) offshore wind energy, (3) sea-bed mining, (4) marine biotechnology, etc.

Greece

Title: *"Economic Impacts of the Cruise Industry on SMEs of Coastal, Insular and River Destinations"*

Date: 23 May 2015

Location: **Ancient Olympia**

Organiser: Network of Insular Chambers of the European Union (INSULEUR)

Website: www.insuleur.eu / www.heliachamber.gr

Event description: The event will seek to explore possibilities and conditions presented on coastal, insular and river destinations for business and examine the methods, means and procedures for the effective participation of insular and coastal businesses to promote this thematic tourism industry by offering new products and services. It will also examine international best practices, current tools, training, etc. The findings will help the Chambers and other local agencies and existing or potential businesses to meet the modern needs of the industry and benefit by it.

Title: *"Our Sea – Our Port – Our Future in young generation eyes"*

Date: 29 May 2015

Location: **Souda Port – Chania**

Organiser: Harbour Management Organization of Chania Prefecture

Website: www.ltnx.gr

Event description: Young students (elementary level) will be guided by Chania marine Academy graduate students at the Souda Port. The aim is the young students to learn about the importance of the Souda port in the European maritime transport.

Title: *"11th Symposium of Oceanography & Fisheries, "Aquatic Horizons: Challenges & Perspectives""*

Date: 13-17 May 2015

Location: **Mytilene, Lesbos Island**

Organiser: Researchers and Employees of the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), under the aegis of the Centre

Website: www.symposia.gr

Event description: Every three years, the Researchers and Employees of the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) organise the Symposium of Oceanography and Fisheries, under the aegis of the Centre. This year, at the 11th Symposium that will take place in Mytilene, Lesvos Island, in collaboration with the Department of Marine Sciences, University of the Aegean, we will celebrate 30 years since the 1st Symposium.

It will be a 4-day conference, with five invited speeches by distinguished scientists from different countries and disciplines and three round tables on cutting-edge subjects. Approximately 300 papers will be presented, in more than 25 oral presentation sessions, plus a poster session.

Additionally, if its operational availability will allow it, HCMR's R/V "Aegeon" will be docked at the main port of Mytilene, in order for pupils of local schools as well as for the wider public to visit the largest Greek research vessel.

Finally, selected schools of Lesvos Island will have the opportunity to visit the premises of the Department of Marine Sciences of the University of the Aegean. In this event, young children will be introduced to the main principles of Oceanography and Fisheries, by professors of the Department and HCMR scientists, through a series of laboratory exercises.

Title: *"Thessaloniki: One Port- One History"*

Date: **19 May 2015**

Location: **Port of Thessaloniki**

Organiser: Thessaloniki Port Authority, Olympic Museum

Website: www.thpa.gr

Event description: 1) A photography exhibition which sketches a portrait of the port. 2) An open invitation for every student between 6-12 years old to participate in the educational program "Knowing the port of my city". Collaboration with the Olympic Museum for viewing the sports of the Sea, through open events and educational programs.

Title: *"Intelligent Ports and Air Quality"*

Date: **18 May 2015**

Location: **Patras**

Organiser: University of Patras

Website: www.upatras.gr

Event description: Workshop highlighting cross-border and multinational projects that involve the interaction between ports and universities in the areas of intelligent ports management and ports growth.

Title: *"Startup Weekend Piraeus – Blue Growth"*

Date: **28-31 May 2015**

Location: **Piraeus**

Organiser: Up Gobal, Stavros Messinis and Maria Calafatis

Website: <http://piraeus.up.co/>

Event description: Startup Weekends are weekend-long, hands-on experiences where existing and aspiring new entrepreneurs collaborate to generate new business ideas and solutions to various industry problems. On average, half of Startup Weekend's attendees have technical or design backgrounds, the other half have business backgrounds. Beginning with "open mic" pitches on Friday; attendees present their best ideas and inspire others to join them in a team for the weekend. Over Saturday and Sunday teams focus on customer development, validating their ideas, practising LEAN Startup Methodologies and building a minimal viable product. On Sunday evening teams demo their prototypes and receive valuable feedback from a panel of experts.

Ireland

Title: *"Launch of a national website resource encouraging correct training for all aquatic activities"*

Date: **20 May 2015**

Location: **Irish Water Safety, The Long Walk, Galway, Ireland.**

Organiser: Irish Water Safety

Website: www.safetyzone.ie

Event description: As part of Irish Water Safety's activities for National Water Safety Awareness Week (June 15 – 21), a new website will be launched on 20 May called www.safetyzone.ie that will encourage members of the public to train with registered training providers before engaging in aquatic

activities. The website will make it much easier to find training courses for swimming, surfing, sailing, rowing, paddling, diving, boating and angling. An average of 135 people drown in Ireland every year and this year's safety message will focus on the importance of receiving proper training before going in, on or near water.

Italy

Title: *" Innovation for ship safety and security: Training and innovation could be your last defence"*

Date: **22 May 2015**

Location: **Trieste**

Italia Marittima - Congress Hall, Marineria Palace, Passeggio Sant' Andrea, 4, Trieste

Organiser: MarineLAB in partnership with Trieste Chamber of Commerce and others

Website: www.marinelab.it

Event description: Conference (programme on dedicated website)

1st Session (morning – from 09.00 am to 01.00 pm):

- Welcome by Chamber of Commerce President and his speech about “The economic and employment opportunities created by research and innovation”.
- Reports and discussion about “International maritime conventions between amendments and needed updates”

01.00 – 02.00 pm - lunch break (catering by IAL Hotel School)

2nd Session (afternoon from 02.00 pm to 06.00 pm)

- Workshops one results of a set of innovative projects aimed at ship safety and security
- Round Table “New maritime technologies capable to improve safety, security and environmental protection”

Driven by the CEO of DITENAVE (Naval and Nautical Technology District of FVG Region)

Conclusions: drawn by the representative of ARIES - Special Agency of the Trieste Chamber of Commerce.

Title: *"Ecoadria-fisherman Event"*

Date: **30 May 2015**

Location: **Fishing Port of Bellaria Igea Marina**

Organiser: Bellaria Igea Marina Municipality in cooperation with OP Bellaria Pesca, Lega Pesca, Legacoop, Arpa Emilia-Romagna, Mare Coop

Website: www.ecoadria.it

Event description: The ECOADRIA-FISHERMAN event is a whole day dedicated to the sea, to the marine environment and to the fisheries sector. The Event will include several activities in the same day: national conference, exhibitions, guided visits on the port of Bellaria, on board fishing boats, local fish market and educational tours, theatrical performance, artistic sculptures mad with rubbish collected at sea (sea rubbish art), Fish tastings with local traditional receipts.

Title: *"Maritime technologies from Friuli-Venezia Giulia to the Adriatic – Ionian Macroregion"*

Date: **20 May 2015**

Location: **Trieste**

Organiser: Friuli-Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region in cooperation with DITENAVE- Naval and Nautical Technology Cluster of Friuli-Venezia Giulia

Website: www.regione.fvg.it ; www.ditenave.it

Event description: The event proposed is an open launch conference at the transnational level aimed at presenting the international cooperation project “WAITC- towards Waterbone Adriatic Ionian Technological Cluster”, promoted by Region Friuli-Venezia Giulia in cooperation with DITENAVE – Regional Nautical and Naval Technology Cluster under the Regional Law 19/2000. The project, which moves from the specific topics of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR) Action Plan, aims at the definition of a Road Map for the creation of a transnational network of actors (research organizations, big industries and SMEs, universities, regional clusters, associations, public authorities) focused on better and coordinated development of blue technologies and related supporting policies and R&I investments in the Adriatic – Ionian Region. During the conference some first outputs of the project concerning the mapping of relevant experiences in the Region will be presented together with a proposal of a possible governance and cooperation model for the transnational waterborne network. The purposes of the conference could be summarized in: fostering relationships among actors within Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region and in the macro area; increasing the awareness about the potential of the EUSAIR approach on the selected issue; sharing the vision and stakeholders opinions on the governance and cooperation model also on the base of collected suggestions on the Road Map definition.

Title: *"Blue Growth” and relevance of nautical tourism in Sardinia"*

Date: **15 May 2015**

Location: **Oristano**

Organiser: ALTurEGO (Cultural Association of graduates in tourism management)

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/AlturEgo?ref=hl> OR <http://www.consorziouno.it/>

Event description: The current forms of tourism that are emerging request to spend leisure time as actively as possible and the development of niche tourisms with these characteristics can represent a sustainable development strategy for touristic destinations. Pleasure boating, a subset of maritime economy, is strongly linked to experiential forms of tourism, it brings together sports, recreational activities and tourism. Sardinia is an Italian Island where the climatic and morphological characteristics associated with a strong tourist vocation of the seaside coastal resorts, suggest a careful reflection on the characteristics and potentiality of the nautical tourism. In order to develop this activity, the preservation of the environment, facilities and marinas play a strategic role. Nautical tourism (with sail boats and yachts) in Sardinia is not adequately measured and studied, it is an unobserved form of tourism and community, students and other relevant stakeholders are not properly aware of its potentiality. The aim of the event is first to contribute to disseminate the Blue Growth European Strategy and its challenges for coastal and maritime tourism, secondly to introduce nautical tourism (main concepts, definitions and data) and share its relevance in Sardinia. The event is mainly addressed to students and graduates in tourism management of Sardinian Universities (the future tourism managers in Sardinia), and they are welcomed to attend also other relevant stakeholders who want better understand nautical tourism segment and contribute to its development in Sardinia.

Title: *"Me&Sea Project"*

Date: **29-31 May 2015**

Location: **Messina**

Organiser: FeelLand Group

Website: www.feelland.it

Event description: Me&Sea Project is a three-day event and a calendar of sea-related activities in the city of Messina. The project wants to value the only identification element of the city of Messina which survived after the earthquake and tsunami in 1908: the connection between the sea and the city. The name of the project wants to value both the relationship between a person and the sea and the one between the city and the sea (ME is the international code of Messina's city).

The project aims to achieve two objectives by promoting the marine resource in the metropolitan area of the Strait:

- To strengthen the identification process between the citizen and the sea by promoting environmental sensitization activities (INNER AIM);
- To promote cultural and natural heritages and to value the potential of sports tourism in the city of Messina (EXTERNAL AIM).

The event wants to approach citizenship to the sea using it as container and natural setting for the realization of artistic, cultural and gastronomic activities which have as their object the sea; at the same time it plans to promote good practices of environmental and nutritional awareness, as well as respect of marine resources. During the event there will be the presentation of the summer calendar that will promote major sporting and cultural events related to the sea during the summer season, to specific targets, as well as tourism in transit. In this way it will offer an opportunity to encourage the process of identification of the city with the sea and keep alive in time the activities of environmental awareness and the philosophy of the project Me & Sea

Luxembourg

Title: *"Fighting the ocean plastic pollution"*

Date: **05 May 2015**

Location: **Luxembourg**

Organiser: Luxembourg Maritime Cluster – Odyssea - Deloitte

Website: www.cluster-maritime.lu

Event description: 75% of ocean pollution is due to onshore activities and plastic trash accounts for 90 percent of all trash floating on the ocean's surface. The Luxembourg Maritime Cluster, the marine biologists' association Odyssea, the audit company Deloitte, and the other partners would like to address this major issue on the occasion of the European Day. The evening will begin with a conference with experts from Pangaea Exploration, Human Society International and a keynote speech of Luxembourg Minister for Environment. Then the participants will attend the premiere of the movie The 7th Continent Expedition and a cocktail reception.

Spain

Title: *"The Sea on board"*

Date: **20 May 2015**

Location: **Hondarribia – Guipuzcoa**

Organiser: Navegavela

Website: www.navegavela.com

Event description: several children will come on board to see what a boat is and how is inside and the most important ... how can we take care of our oceans. Because ... all together can get impossible to possible.

Title: *"Know your Port"*

Date: **25 May to 05 June 2015**

Location: **Algeciras**

Organiser: Port Authority of Algeciras Bay

Website: www.apba.es

Event description: To mark European Maritime Day, the Port Authority of Algeciras Bay (APBA) is organizing its third CONOCE TU PUERTO (KNOW YOUR PORT) activity, which offers our neighbours the opportunity to discover the port facilities from the sea. From 25 May to 5 June it will invite 1,500 members of the public to come on one of ten scheduled boat trips, where, further to receiving information about port activity, they will be able to enjoy a pleasant ride, including the chance to spot the dolphins that inhabit the waters of the bay.

Title: *"Commemoration of the European Maritime Day in Andalusia"*

Date: 20-22 May 2015

Location: 20 May Port of Málaga and 21-22 May IEO of Fuengirola

Organiser: Cluster Maritime of Andalusia, Spanish Institute of Oceanography and Delegación Territorial de Málaga (Consejería de Economía, Innovación, Ciencia y Empleo)

Website: www.cmma.eu

Event description: The event consists on a series of activities, which will be aimed at informing the general public and school groups on innovation, technology development and maritime-marine research, the marine and environmental richness of Mediterranean and Atlantic sea, as well as on the submerged historical and archaeological wealth, a hallmark of European culture.

On May 20th there will be a professional orientation working days to highschool, in the Port of Malaga. Open days tours will be held on May 21st at the premises of the Spanish Institute Oceanography of Cadiz and on May 22nd will be done in Malaga, the last with cycles of conferences.

May 20th, Port of Malaga

The first day will be held a series of activities grouped under the title: "Orientando el Rumbo" (Guiding the Course), where will be show to the schoolchildren, the main professions related to the sea. To do this, an exhibition of large format photographs will be mounted. In addition, there will be a drawing contest in which children and young could draw their ideas of European Maritime Day, and finally, a live demonstration will take place from the different techniques and underwater technologies (diving, robotics, security, oceanography, etc.) ending with a visit to a research ship.

May 21st: Spanish Institute of Oceanography (Cadiz)

In the open days there will be shown the facilities, the objectives and the investigations done or ongoing by the Spanish Institute of Oceanography in Cadiz.

May 22st Spanish Institute Oceanography (Fuengirola, Malaga)

In the open days there will be shown the facilities, the objectives and the investigations done or ongoing by the Spanish Institute of Oceanography in Fuengirola (Málaga).

The second activity will be a cycle of conferences, which will be done by companies and institutions with a high technological development and whose themes are:

OPENING

IEO Director and General Manager of CMMA

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

A window of opportunity for innovation: Blue Growth (The Innovative Hub)

Innovation and technology in underwater research (Marine Vision)

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Major environmental risks on marine ecosystems: the case of the Mediterranean Sea (ETC-UMA)

Wealth and protection of European underwater heritage as a hallmark (Nerea Arqueología Subacuática)

Aquaculture: sustainability and Blue Growth (ProBío)

Title: ***"Tadusak"***

Date: **20 May 2015**

Location: **San Sebastian – Guipuzcoa**

Organiser: Albaola Factory and Azti, Navegavela, Aquarium Donostia, Real Sociedad Subacuaticas

Website: www.albaola.com/es

Event description: Osentziyo is the last fisher boat in San Sebastian. We will organize a concert on board with a band called Tadusak in order to start a campaign to save it. Save the Osentziyo.

Title: ***"Blue growth through our coasts and ports. The European Maritime Day in the Region of Murcia"***

Date: **from 4 to 31 May 2015**

Location: **Cartagena (Murcia)**

Organiser: D.G. of Public Participation, European Union and External Affairs (Region of Murcia), Cartagena City Council, Cartagena Port Authority and CTN (Marine Technology Center). They are all financed by the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT) - Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness.

Website: <http://www.ctninnova.com/dia-maritimo-europeo-2015/>

Event description: The Region of Murcia will join the celebration of the EMD with the organization of different activities that will contribute to show the importance of the sea in our daily life, in the economy and the employment creation, especially in a region with such a long maritime tradition as the Region of Murcia. Under the title "Blue growth through our

coasts and ports” we will organize activities such as Catamaran trips, Cetacean observation trips, Open doors days, Technical Conference on underwater noise, Conferences on Blue Growth and the importance of ports for the economy and employment creation.

Title: *"European Forum for Innovation in the Marine Bioresources sector"*

Date: **29-30 April 2015**

Location: **Santa Cruz port**

Organiser: Atlantic Blue Tech

Website: <http://atlanticbluetech.ceeicadiz.es/>

Event description: Atlantic Blue Tech is an EU funded project which aims at promoting and developing the marine bioresources sector at the Atlantic level. The project gathers economic and innovation development agencies, local authorities and scientific organisations from the Atlantic Area: France, Spain, Ireland, Portugal and the United-Kingdom. After more than one year of intense work between EU regions to improve the business development, partners organise their final conference in Cadiz, on April 29-30th. The purpose of this conference is to provide information on the results reached in the Atlantic Blue Tech project. It will also provide with high-quality education, networking opportunities (through networking meetings), and information on future funding opportunities. Study-visits are also planned.

Romania

Title: *"International Day of Innovation in Aquaculture of the Marine Species"*

Date: **15 May 2015**

Location: **Constanta Romania**

Organiser: Innovative Farm

Website: www.caviarfactory.ro

Event description: We will organize an international conference on innovative growth and promoting aquaculture of marine species with commercial value, because in this way we can preserve the marine species stock. The conference will address and the message "Stop Poachi - Solution is Aquaculture Innovative!"

Title: *"Black Sea-Danube Social & Economic Innovation Forum: "Promoting a Coherent and Strong Danubian Cities & Towns common brand in the context of the Sustainable Development and Innovation of the EU Danube Macro-Region and its Black Sea related area"*

Date: **28-29 May 2015**

Location: **Palace of Parliament/Romanian Academy**

Organiser: EUROLINK - House of Europe Foundation

Website: <http://www.houseofeurope.ro/Danube-Brand/>

Event description: High Level Stakeholders Event - working and debate sections; Project Market Place (face-to-face business negotiations for project consortia); small exhibition with booklets and publications; Awarding Ceremony of the Trophies "Black Sea - Danubian Social & Economic Innovator - 2015"; Knowledge Exchange Visit to the Romanian Academy. This event is the 5th edition of the celebration of European Maritime Day in Romania (since 2011). Main Partners: "Local Communities along the Danube River" Association (CLDR Romania), the EUSDR Honorary Chair "Jean Bart" (CIO-SUERD), the Romanian Academy through its Center for Biodiversity, and the Senate of Romania.

UK

Title: ***"European Seaweed Production and Marketability Event"***

Date: **13-14 May 2015**

Location: **Oban, Argyll, Scotland**

Organiser: Dr. Ilaria Nardello, Adam Hughes

Website: <http://euseaweed.eventbrite.com/>

Event description: The European Seaweed Production and Marketability workshop is a world first, bringing together five EU projects - AT~SEA, EnAlgae, iDREEM, SeaBioPlas and Atlantic BlueTech, in conjunction with the GlobalSeaweed network, and the Biomarine International Clusters Association (BICA). The event promises an interesting and challenging discussion of best practices in seaweed cultivation, harvesting, analysis and product extraction. It will aim to:

- i) Establish the transnational value of the European seaweed resource, towards the marketability of its products, considering the conservation and genetics of the resource basis, the regulatory framework and social acceptability issues;
- ii) Create an informative reference framework for industry, as well as for regulators, research and service providers, around production and marketability of seaweed.

Representatives from industry, research and policy are all warmly invited to attend and bring their experiences and their attention to this special forum.

The event is free but places are limited. Please, ensure registration by the 15th of April

And outside EU:

Turkey

Title: *"24th Meeting of the Advisory Group on the Environmental Safety Aspects of Shipping (ESAS AG) of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution (Bucharest Convention)*

Date: 25-26 May 2015

Location: **Istanbul**

Organiser: Permanent Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (Bucharest Convention)

Website: www.blacksea-commission.org

Event description: The ESAS Advisory Group is one of the 6 sectoral groups of the Black Sea Commission which meets annually to discuss the shipping-related activities of the 6 Black Sea countries - Contracting Parties to the Bucharest Convention, inter alia, ESAS AG Annual reporting to the Black Sea Commission; progress in cooperation with relevant organizations (IMO, EMSA, industries etc.), participation in new initiatives, projects and calls of proposals; status of cooperation and implementation of MoU between IMO and BSC; regional contingency response planning, regional and national exercises, response operations and other relevant issues.