21 November 2017 | 09:00 – 13:00 | European Committee of the Regions | JDE 51

Commission for Natural Resources

Ocean Meets Regions

09:00 – 09:30  Registration and Coffee

09:30 – 10:45  Opening session: “The European maritime agenda: What’s going on?”

Moderator: Ossi MARTIKAINEN, Chair of the CoR Commission for natural resources

Karmenu VELLA, Member of the European Commission, Maritime affairs, Fisheries and Environment

Werner SCHMIDT, European Investment Bank, Director for Environment and Sustainable Territorial Development

Jannik LINDBÆK, Vice President, STATOIL

Rémi GRUET, CEO, Ocean Energy Europe

Q&A with participation of the audience

10:45 – 11:45  A new stage in the European policy on Blue Growth

Moderator: Damien PERISSÉ, Director for Maritime Affairs, CRPM

Christophe CLERGEAU, (FR/PES) CoR Rapporteur on “A new stage in the European policy on blue growth”

Marian ELORZA, General Secretary for External Action. Basque Government

Heitze SIEMERS, European Commission, DG MARE, Head of Unit Maritime Innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investments

Petros KOKKALIS, Councillor for local economic growth & entrepreneurship, Piraeus Municipality, Greece

Mascha STROOBANT, Coordinator MARE_Lab, Ligurian Cluster for Marine/Maritime Technologies, IT

Q&A with participation of the audience
11:45 – 12:45  **The Regional Aspects of Ocean Governance**

Moderator: **Anthony BUCHANAN**, (UK/EA) CoR Rapporteur on “International Ocean Governance”

**Jacky WOOD**, Acting Executive Director, JPI Oceans

**Dina EPARKHINA**, EuroGOOS, European Global Ocean Observing System

**Cecilia DONATI**, Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service

**Jan-Bart CALEWAERT**, EMODnet

Q&A with participation of the audience

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12:45 – 13:00  **Wrap-up session and conclusions**

**Jerry LUNDY (IE/ALDE)**, CoR Rapporteur on “Action Plan for a Maritime Strategy in the Atlantic Area - Delivering Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth”

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