



SEMINAR **BLUE**  
**ECONOMY**  
*PLUGGING THE FINANCE GAP*



**BRUSSELS** DEC 5TH 2019  
1:30pm to 5pm



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**A**ccording to consolidated data from the European Union, many ocean-based industries have the potential to outperform the global economy as a whole both in terms of value added and employment.

However, innovation in the blue economy especially in emerging sectors is hampered through lack of access to finance, in particular for start-ups and scale-ups with an estimated funding gap of around 65-80 billion € in Europe (*source: European Maritime Day May 17 2019*).

During this seminar, the stakeholders whether private or public will present their analysis of the existing financial needs, the potential difficulties of getting potential access to funding and how they are working to address this gap.

How for instance new instruments such as the new Assistance Mechanism for the Blue economy or Maritime Funds set up by regional banks with the backing of local authorities will facilitate the development of a more diverse blue investment and innovation community ?

Panelists from Belgium, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Spain will participate in this by invitation only seminar organised at the European Committee of the Regions in Brussels.

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**European Committee  
of the Regions**

**12:30pm** **Welcome and Cocktail** (Atrium 5)

**1:30pm** **Opening speeches**

**Christophe CLERGEAU**

*First VP of Commission for Natural Resources*

*European Committee of the Regions*

*Member of Pays de Loire Regional Council*

**Elizabeth BOULET**

*Regional Counsellor of Hauts-de-France*

*in charge of European Structural and Investment Funds*

**2pm** **Blue economy scope and challenges : what is at stake ?**

Moderator : **John SMIT** Seafood Partners Alliance

**Dora BARREIRA RAMOS** DG Mare

**François LAMBERT** GICAN

**Yolanda MOLARES** Vigo Blue growth

**2:45pm** **Analysis of financial needs :  
Blue economy funding in real life**

Moderator : **Jens Henryk MOELLER** Seafood Partners Alliance

**Andreaa STRACHINESCU** DG MARE

**Wim STUBBE** Port of Ostende

**3:30pm** **SME's pitches**

Moderator : **Pascal LABARRE** Euramer / Chamber of Commerce  
Littoral Hauts-de-France

Blue power synergy : Port energy & carbon savings

**Yvon TIMMERMAN**

Eel energy : Tidal energy converter **Franck SYLVAIN**

Glowee : Enlightened by the sea **Laura HERBEL**

Nausicaá : Living Lab **Maxence HUYGHE**

Norfrigo/CAB : Seawater heat pump facility

**Marion LE GUENANFF & Charles VANAPPELGHEM**

Novocib : Fish freshness kit **Larissa BALAKIREVA**

S-Able : Coastal erosion solution **Liv JEANNESSON**

Via Aqua : Blue growth and fresh water aquaculture **Benoît VIDAL-GIRAUD**

**Q&A**

Moderator : **Jean-Noël CALON**

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**5pm** **Conclusions**



