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DRAFT PROGRAMME

"Sustainable growth from the oceans, seas and coasts: blue growth"

Monday 21 May 2012 – Conference Day

- 7.30 Registration in Eriksberghallen (Conference center)
- 9.00 – 9.45 **Opening welcome to European Maritime Day 2012 in Gothenburg**
Joint welcome address from Ms Catharina Elmsäter-Svärd, Swedish Minister of Infrastructure; Ms Annelie Hulthén, Mayor of City of Gothenburg; Mr Gert-Inge Andersson, President Regional Executive Board, Region Västra Götaland
- Welcome addresses from Ms. Maria Damanaki, Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries; Vice President of European Parliament (tbc); Ms. Bresso, President of the Committee of the Regions (tbc).
- 9.45 – 10.00 **Keynote speech Commissioner Ms. Maria Damanaki**
- 10.00 – 10.15 **Keynote speech Danish Minister for Business and Growth Mr Ole Sohn**
- 10.15 – 10.30 **Keynote speech Secretary General International Maritime Organisation Mr. Koji Sekimizu (tbc)**
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.30 (tbc) : The official signature of the European Social Partners Agreement on the ILO Convention 188

Agreement with Commissioner Damanaki and the European social partners of the seafishing sector Europeche and ETF (European Transport Workers Federation)

- 11.00 – 12.30 **Plenary session 1:**
"Marine and maritime innovation – lead-markets in Europe"

How can innovation act as a catalyst for growth and jobs both in established and emerging marine and maritime activities? How could Europe retain and strengthen its lead in these markets through innovation and research? What are the barriers and opportunities?

Chair: **Maive Rute**, Director, DG Research Development, European Commission

Speakers: **Catharina Elmsäter-Svärd**, Swedish Minister of Infrastructure
Alain Cadec, MEP, Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Fisheries
Adel Al-Kharafi, President of World Federation of Engineering Organizations (tbc)
Patrick Boissier, CEO of DCNS
Dr Peter Heffernan, CEO Irish Marine Institute Galway
Dr Jose Maria Fernandez Sousa-Faro, Chairman of Board of Directors, PharmaMar

12.30 –14.00 Lunch

14.00 –15.30 **Plenary session 2:**

"Sustainable use of healthy seas"

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP), as promoted by the EU integrated maritime policy, is crucial for creating an environment in which the maritime economy can grow in harmony with the surrounding ecosystem. Transparency, stability, predictability and reduced transaction costs are the factors that encourage and accelerate investments – and are among the benefits that MSP can bring. Innovation in Fisheries will also be covered.

Chair: **Lowri Evans**, Director General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Speakers: **Lena Ek**, Swedish Minister of Environment
Gesine Meissner, MEP, Member of the European Parliament Transport Committee
Andres Nordseth, Director General of Danish Maritime Authority (tbc)
Jean Yves Le Drian, President of CPMR
Charles Ehler, President of Ocean Visions
Frans Vroegop, Policy adviser to the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation and Secretary of the Dutch Fisheries Innovation Platform

15.30 –16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 –17.30 **Parallel sessions**

1. Renewable marine energy and infrastructures

What is the potential of renewable marine energies in the face of the climate and fossil fuel reduction challenge? What are the consequences for the environment and spatial planning when we contemplate building up renewable energy capacity? What are the regional 'blue growth' implications of ocean energy industries for coastal zones?

Chair: **Andras Reuter**, Director, Fraunhofer Institute for Wind Energy and Energy System Technology IWES

Speakers: **Yann-Hervé De Roeck**, Director, Department of "Oceanography and Ecosystem Dynamics", IFREMER
John Shaw, CIO and Head of Information Services, Mainstream Renewable Power, Ireland
Pierre Bernard, Head of Business Development, Elia - Belgian Transmission System Operator, Belgium
Anne-Bénédicte Genachte, Regulatory Affairs Advisor, European Wind Energy Association

2. Innovative solutions for sustainable transport

This session will focus on clean technologies as providers of a competitive edge for shipping and European shipping in particular. It will also touch on the "Toolbox" recently proposed by the EU and the amended EU Sulphur Directive.

Chair: **Willem de Ruiter**, Former Director EMSA

Speakers: **Carl-Johan Hagman**, CEO Shipping, Drilling and Ferries, Stena AB
Ernst-Christoph Krackhardt, Vice-Chairman of EMECrid and Chairman of EMEC WG Climate Change and Environment
Richard Everitt, CEO of Port of London Authority, Chair of UK Major Ports Group
Speaker, International Maritime Organisation (tbc)

3. Regional strategies – a path to sustainability and growth

Regional strategies share the basic philosophy of providing added value and coherence, by integrating, grouping and including, where appropriate, relevant policy areas. Through the alignment of funding; in the light of programming EU funds after 2013, such strategies should facilitate ways of better addressing common challenges and opportunities.

Chair: **Bernhard Friess**, Director, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Speakers: **Mercedes Bresso**, President, Committee of Regions (tbc)
Gustaf Lind, Chair of the Arctic Council and Swedish Ambassador for the Arctic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Joao Ribeiro Fonseca, Director PT Secretariat of State for the Sea
Rodolfo Giampieri, Vice-President of the Forum of Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce and President of the Chamber of Commerce of Ancona
Hans Brask, Director of Baltic Development Forum
Wolfgang Streitenberger, Adviser to the Director General for DG REGIO

4. Maritime Surveillance: less costs, more knowledge, how can we do it?

14 countries have been working together in the past 2 years within 2 pilot projects to achieve a more efficient maritime surveillance of their seas based on cooperation across borders and across sectors. Two pilot projects, BlueMassMed and MARSUNO, has brought together civil and military user communities and the corresponding authorities dealing with maritime surveillance from the perspective of merchant transport, customs, marine environment, border and civil protection, defence, fisheries control or law enforcement. Both pilot projects will report about their challenges and recommendations: Did it work? Is it worth it? What is next?

Chair: **Monique Pariat**, Director, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Speakers: **Gunilla Fransson**, Head of Business Area Security and Defence Solutions
Jean-Marie von Huffel, Vice amiral d'escadre, Conseiller auprès du Secrétaire général de la mer, FR
Dan Thorell, Director of Operational Division, Swedish Coast Guard Headquarters
Chris Reynolds, Irish Coast Guard director, Chair EU Heads of Coast Guard network
Michel Hofman, Outgoing Chairman of the CHENS – RADM (BE Navy)
Fotis Karamitsos, Deputy Director-General (Acting), DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission (tbc)

17.30 – 18.00 **Conclusion and message for stakeholder-day**

Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Ms Lowri EVANS
Minister of Infrastructure, Ms Catharina Elmsäter-Svärd

18.00 – 19.15 Seafood dinner at Eriksbergshallen

19.15 – 20.15 Prize ceremony "Kungsfenan" Swedish Sea Food Award

Tuesday 22 May 2012 – Stakeholders Day

8.00 Registration

9.00 – 09.30 **Opening Address to Stakeholders Day 2012**
Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Ms Lowri EVANS
Minister of Infrastructure, Ms Catharina Elmsäter-Svärd

10.00 – 11.30 **First set of workshops**

11.30 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.30 **Second set of workshops**

14.30 – 15.00 Coffee break

15.00 – 16.30 **Third set of workshops**

16.45 – 17.30 **Conclusion of European Maritime Day 2012**
Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Ms Lowri EVANS
Swedish State Secretary for Infrastructure, Mr Carl von der Esch
Maltese Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications, Mr. Austin
Gatt (tbc)