

Thematic Maritime Sessions

Maritime Conference, Thursday, May 28

Below you find some of the content of each thematic session that will be held during the second day of the conference. These shall only be considered as proposals for discussion. For background information on EU and Maritime co-operation, please see the links below.

Accessibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linking the programmes' regions through multi-modal transport corridors (including motorways of the sea) and innovative logistics solutions. ○ Port development and cooperation ○ Cooperation on safe maritime transport, safe havens in case of accidents etc. ○ Improving the accessibility to coastal areas – both for residents and tourists (also to improve all year round tourism) ○ Joint efforts to improve your and your European neighbors' regional accessibility e.g. intermodal connection points, hubs etc.

Sustainable Environmental Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coastal zone planning and management (Integrating the land and sea areas with your neighbors on a trans-European level – a territorial challenge) ○ Interregional challenges and solutions for water management and water policies responding to a changing climate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Particularly: improved water quality to secure health and good quality of life for people living in coastal areas. ▪ Focusing on both the sea and the surrounding rivers, floods etc. ○ Wave and wind energy ○ Sustainable fishing ○ Protect coastal areas and the sea from pollution, littering etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special focus could be on port areas

Innovation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity building on innovation within the marine and maritime clusters throughout the programmes' regions. ○ Responding to marine pollution with new and innovative solutions to protect the programmes' areas nature. ○ Business opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attracting young people to the maritime sector (cooperation on education e.g.) ▪ Improving business opportunities in coastal communities lagging behind (including protecting the maritime heritage, making use of it as a development opportunity) ▪ Cultivation: fishes, oysters etc.

For more general input, click on the following links:

- Maritime blue book/the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, Motorways of the Sea, http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/publications_en.html
- The green paper on future TEN-T networks http://ec.europa.eu/transport/infrastructure/index_en.htm
- The ETAP initiative (The European Technologies Action Plan) http://ec.europa.eu/environment/etap/index_en.html
- The Floods Directive http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/flood_risk/index.htm
- Relevant ongoing ICZM (Integrated Coastal Zone Management) <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/iczm/home.htm#zone1>) and/or EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency) <http://www.emsa.europa.eu/>) activities
- EU:s Maritime Transport Strategy 2009-2018 <http://www.sweship.se/Files/PDFDokument/TransportStrategy2009.pdf>