



Information

The Ocean

and future aspects of the European Marine Research Area

Welcome to the International Forum Meeting !

Friday 11 June: 09:00 – Lunch
Stanhope Hotel, Rue du Commerce 9, 1000 Brussels

The Forum-meeting focuses on why the Ocean and future aspects of the European Marine Research Area should be high on the European research and innovation agenda and in the future 7th Framework Programme.

Purpose

A main purpose of the seminar is to stimulate the debate on the priority of this theme and which issues that should be addressed on a European level. What is the potential value added for Europe? Which opportunities could be grasped? What could be the elements for a research agenda? What are the challenges regarding innovation and value creation? What opportunities could the new EU research policies offer?

Program

Please see the enclosed program for the details.

Welcome to the Reception !

Thursday evening 10 June Ambassador Bjørn T. Grydeland invites all participants to an informal reception 19:30 – 21:30 where the Sea will be the theme. The reception will take place in his residence: Av. Jules César 24, 1150 Bruxelles.

Lars Horn will at the reception present some glimps from the Foresight Study “Norwegian Aquaculture 2020”.

Lars is Director, Division for Strategic Priorities, The Research Council of Norway.

The seafood served at the reception comes from Nordland, a county where the thousand islands and islets scattered across the sea makes the perfect breeding grounds for fish, mussels and scallops, and the very best environment for fish farming.



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Program

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08:30 Welcome Coffee

09:00 Opening session

Moderator: Ambassador Bjørn T. Grydeland, Mission of Norway to EU

Keynotes:

- Representative for the Irish Presidency: Dr. Peter Heffernan, Chief Executive, The Marine Institute, Ireland
- Dr. Jake Rice, Chief Scientist, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- Mrs. Kristin Clemet, Norwegian Minister for Education and Research
- Mr. Philippe Busquin, Commissioner for Research, European Commission

10:45 Coffee, fruits and pastry

11:00 Session two – panel followed by discussion – “The Ocean and the European Marine Research Area – a great opportunity for the next framework programme – but of what substance – and how?”

Moderator: Mr. Alain Laurec, Principal Adviser, DG Fisheries

10 minutes intervention by representatives from

- Sweden, Dr. Kerstin Johannesson, Professor in Marine Ecology at Göteborg University, Department of Marine Ecology and Director of Tjärnö Marine Biological Laboratory
- DG Research, Directorate E - Biotechnology, agriculture and food, EU Commission, Dr. Laurent Bochereau, Head of Unit Safety of food production systems
- Germany, Professor Peter Herzig, Director, IFM-GEOMAR Kiel
- Norway, Mr. Wiktor Sørensen, Executive Director, NORUT
- DG Research, Directorate I – Environment, EU Commission, Mr. Pierre Mathy, Head of Unit Biodiversity and marine ecosystems
- Spain, Dr. Beatriz Morales Nin, Ministry of Education and Science

Suggestions for issues that could be addressed are:

- “Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment: A "holy trinity" or a "Bermuda triangle"?”
- “The Oceans: What secrets are yet to be discovered?”
- “The role of oceans in global climate change.”
- “Ecosystems, the pillars of marine biodiversity and sustainability.”
- “Coastal zone management”
- “Safe food from a sustainable ocean”
- “Promising fields with regards to European innovation and value creation”

12:45 “Take home lessons” with regard to the next framework programme

Interventions - 5 minutes each from representatives from

- The Netherlands: Mr. Auke Bijlsma, the Dutch research council NWO
- DG Research, Directorate I – Environment, EU Commission, Mr. Pierre Valette, Director
- Norway, Ms. Karin Refsnes, Director, the Research Council of Norway

13:10 Closing of the Forum-meeting

13:15 All participants are invited to a seated Luncheon at Stanhope



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Norwegian regions contribute

West Norway and Nordland contribute with stands during the event.

Nordland will bring its seafood tradition to the reception Thursday 10 June 1930 – 2130

West Norway – the main “engine” of Norway’s seafood industry

West Norway plays a leading role in Norway’s seafood industry. The region hosts Norway’s largest exporters of salmon and trout, accounting for 41% of all export of salmon and trout from this country. Norway exported nearly 600 000 tonnes of salmon and trout in 2003, and is the leading export country in the world of these species.

The presentation will show key figures of the aquaculture industry and traditional fisheries with information of the main research areas and education institutions in the region. There will also be a taste of Norwegian seafood.

“Nordland - the world's most beautiful coast”

Nordland Tourist Board will present the concept “Nordland - the world's most beautiful coast”.

Along this coast you can travel on the "Hurtigrute", the famous Norwegian Coastal Voyage, in the crystal clear waters of Nordland County.

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