

PROGRAMME LAUNCH EVENT

Venue: Centro de Congressos da Alfândega do Porto

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AGENDA

- 09:00 - 09:30 Registration
- 09:30 - 10:00 **Official Launch of INTERREG Atlantic Area Programme**
Welcome session
Emídio Gomes, President of North Regional Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-N), Portugal and President of the Managing Authority
João Aguiar Machado, Director General, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
Video message from **Corina Crețu**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission
Jimmy Mc Clearn, Irish Presidency of the Atlantic Area Programme 2016, Northern and Western Regional Assembly, Ireland
- 10:00 - 11:00 **Atlantic Area 2020: New Challenges and New Beginnings for an Improved Cooperation Driven by Results**
Round table with political representatives of the Member State regions to make a point about what it is expected from territorial cooperation as an added value for the political decision process on common development issues.
Chair: **Javier Fernández**, Ecorys España, in charge of the Atlantic Area Programme support for drafting
Marcella Smyth, Maritime Affairs Attaché from the Irish Permanent Representation to the EU, Chair of the Atlantic Strategy Group, Ireland
M^a del Carmen Hernández Martín, Vocal Asesor de la Dirección General de Fondos Comunitarios, Ministerio de Hacienda y Administraciones Públicas, Spain
David Rousseau, National Correspondent for France, Préfecture de la région Pays de la Loire, France
Carlos Neves, Vice-President of North Regional Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-N), Portugal
- 11:00 - 11:30 Debate
- 11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 13:00 **INTERREG Atlantic Area 2020 Programme challenges, priorities and management procedures**

Presentation of EU and territorial context of the Cooperation Programme, the strategy and intervention logic, projects challenges, management, certification and audit procedures and rules and procedures for the first call for projects

Chair: **Michael O'Brien**, Irish Presidency of the Atlantic Area Programme 2016, Northern and Western Regional Assembly, Ireland

Joanna Kiryllo, Directorate-Regional for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission, *Commission's expectations towards the programme taking into account broader context*

Armindo Carvalho, Managing Authority, *Territorial cooperation in the European Atlantic Area: trends and challenges*

Morgane Lesage, Director of Joint Secretariat, *New Programme: a first call tailored for results*

José Viegas Ribeiro, Audit Authority representative, *The audit system for the 2014-2020 programming period*

Rogério Martins, Certifying Authority representative, *The certification and payment systems for the 2014-2020 programming period*

13:00 - 13:30 Debate

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch at the venue

15:00 - 16:30 **Thematic parallel sessions** *dedicated to the Programme priorities on innovation, renewable energy, eco-innovation and resources efficiency, risks management and biodiversity and natural and cultural assets*

Innovation: Joana Moreira-Silva, Interdisciplinary Centre of Marine and Environmental Research (CIIMAR), Portugal - with the support of the Joint Secretariat project manager, Carlos Garea Lodero

Resource efficiency: Terry Waugh, Action Renewables, United Kingdom - with the support of the Joint Secretariat project manager, Ismael Moran-García

Territorial risks: Patricia Pérez, Centro Tecnológico del Mar (CETMAR), España - with the support of the Joint Secretariat project manager, Tania Afonso

Biodiversity, natural and cultural assets: Ana Suárez, Centro Europeo de Empresas e Innovación (CEEI), España - with the support of the Joint Secretariat project manager, Isabel Moreira da Silva

16:30 - 17:00 Closure: conclusions and winding-up session

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish, with the exception of the *Thematic parallel sessions* that will be held only in English language.