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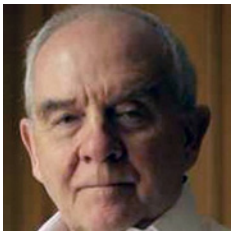
Athena Mourmouris

Dr. Athena Mourmouris is the moderator and chair of the conference and is an Honorary Director General for the Environment of the Greek Environment Ministry. Her background is in environmental engineering and spatial planning. Until the end of 2014, Ms. Mourmouris was the Director General for the Environment at the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change in Greece, and previously Director General of Urban and Spatial planning at the same Ministry. Ms. Mourmouris was in the past Counselor for the Environment at the Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU and she has also worked at the European Commission (DG ENV). She has represented Greece for more than 20 years and the European Commission for six years to the Mediterranean Action Plan / Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MAP). Ms. Mourmouris has negotiated on behalf of Greece the Mediterranean Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management and was involved in the negotiations of the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive. She was also member of the core team that carried out the project "Paving the road to Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean", which was commissioned by PAP/RAC (UNEP/MAP 2014-2015).

09.00-09.30 1. OPENING SESSION

Karmenu Vella, *European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*

Commissioner Vella lives in Brussels, Belgium and was born in Malta. From 2013 to 2014 he was the Maltese Minister for Tourism and Aviation and the Chairman of the Orange Travel Group from 2010 to 2013.He has been an elected Member of Parliament since 1976. He was minister for Public Works from 1981 to 1984, Minister of Industry from 9184 to 1987 and finally Minister of Tourism, both from 1996 to 1998 and again from 2013 to 2014. Karmenu Vella is married with two children.



Charles Ehler, *President Ocean Visions*

Charles Norman Ehler lives and works in Paris, France, as a consultant to international organizations, national governments, and non-governmental organizations on marine spatial management and integrated coastal management. Before moving to Paris in 2005, he worked for 27 years for the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and for five years for the US Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC. He was the Marine Vice-Chair of IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas from 2000-2005. He previously taught regional planning and natural resources management at the University of Michigan, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and the State University of New York at Stony Brook. In 2007 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recognized the contribution of his early work on coastal adaptation to the award of the Nobel Prize to the IPCC. He is the author of over 100 publications on integrated coastal management and marine spatial planning, including UNESCO guides to marine spatial planning (2009) and evaluating marine spatial plans (2014). He has lectured extensively throughout the world on marine spatial planning.

09.30-10.45 2. LINKING THE MARINE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE AND THE MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING DIRECTIVE

Linda Rosborough, *Director Marine Scotland*

Linda Rosborough has been Director of Marine Scotland since June 2012. Prior to this appointment, Linda was Head of Marine Planning and Policy. Linda has previously worked on farm payments and social inclusion in the Scottish Government. She has also held a number of posts in the Northern Ireland Office. Before becoming a civil servant she worked as an advisor to the Environment Committee of the House of Commons and as a researcher and academic on environmental and planning issues.

Ann Dom, *Deputy Director Seas at Risk*

Ann Dom is Deputy Director of Seas At Risk, the European association of environmental NGOs working to protect the marine environment of the European seas. Seas At Risk has currently 30 member organisations in 16 countries. Ann has a long standing expertise on EU environmental policy and its integration into sector policies. At Seas At Risk, her work focuses on the EU's Marine Strategy, the Integrated Maritime Policy and Blue Growth strategy, with a special focus on maritime spatial planning, aquaculture and deep sea mining. Before joining Seas At Risk in 2012 Ann was employed at the European Environment Agency and the Environment Directorate General of the European Commission. She also worked as a consultant and researcher and taught at the Free University of Brussels. Ann holds Master's degrees in Physics and in Environmental Assessment.

Jan-Bart Calewaert, *Head of Secretariat EMODNET*

Jan-Bart Calewaert is head of the EMODnet Secretariat. He trained as a bio-engineer and holds a Masters in Marine Environment Management. Through his career, Jan-Bart has been involved in a wide range of multidisciplinary research projects and science policy advisory bodies in support of marine research, sustainable management of marine and coastal environments and related policy frameworks. He has mostly worked at the interface between science and policy, combining his broad expertise in marine sciences with knowledge of the marine and maritime policy landscape in Belgium and Europe.

11.15-12.30 3. MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING AND MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Jochen Lamp, *Head of Baltic Sea Office WWF Germany*

Born near Kiel, Germany in 1955, Jochen has a Diploma from the Technical University of Berlin on Landscape Planning. He has been in WWF since 1983, working in the marine department of WWF Germany. Jochen was first based in Bremen, where he provided expertise to the Nature Conservation in the Wadden Sea area (fostering high quality national parks). In 1991 Jochen started the WWF work on the Eastern German Baltic Sea and provided support to the management of National Parks and national Marine Protected Areas. From here he contributed to the work of the WWF Baltic Sea programme on marine nature conservation, eutrophication and coastal development within the Baltic Sea Region. He was also a member in HELCOM Working groups (e.g. HABITAT). Jochen has in depth expertise on Maritime Spatial Planning programmes, coordinating WWF's EU and global programme's work on MSP. Since 2004, he has been involved in several initiatives and projects in the Baltic: in the BALANCE project concerning the work package on MSP, in BALTSEA Plan project leading the work on MSP-fisheries, MSP tools, stakeholder participation. He is also an active member of the working groups for HELCOM-VASAB MSP and on MSP in the German Academy for spatial planning. Besides this he is author of the brochure:" How to become a maritime spatialist within 10 minutes".

Marie Romani, *Executive Secretary MEDPAN Network of Managers of MPAs in the Mediterranean*

Born and resident in Marseille, France, Marie Romani has a diploma of marine engineer from the School of Engineering Sea-Tech (ex-ISITV) in France and a specialized master degree from ENGREF (France). She has worked for WWF France on projects related to freshwater and wetlands conservation in France and in the Niger River basin. She was until 2009 the coordinator of the coastal lagoons network in Languedoc-Roussillon (France) for the regional Natural Areas organisation (CEN-LR). Since 2009, she is the Executive Secretary of MedPAN, the network of Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas.

Pim Visser, *Chief Executive VisNed*

Willem Visser studied at the Nijenrode Business School BBA (1978) and the Rotterdam School of Management MBA (1981). Mr. Visser started his career in the IT Consultancy from 1981 to

1982. From 1982 to 2010 he worked at Projects and Sales in Shipbuilding for the Dutch and International Fishing Industry and was president of EAFPA (European Ports and Auctions 2004-2010). Now Mr. Visser combines several positions:

- Manager Fish Auctions Northern Holland (2002-now);
- Chief Executive VisNed, association of Dutch Producer Organisations (2010-now);
- Member North Sea AC Ex Com (2004-now);
- President of EAPO (European Fish Producer Organisations 2014-now)

14.00-15.15 4. THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH IN PRACTICE

Manfred Vollmer, *Managing Director Wadden Sea Forum*

Mr. Vollmer is besides the managing director, also the head of the Wadden Sea Forum secretariat since 2008. From the year 2000 until 2007, he was a scientist and project coordinator at the Common Wadden Sea secretariat (CWSS). In 1984 Mr. Vollmer received his diploma in geology and paleontology at the University of Bonn, after which he started his carrier as a scientist in marine geology for several research institutions, among which the Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht and the University of Hamburg.

Carla Kuhmann, *Scientific Officer German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation*

Ms. Kuhman studied Water and Coastal Management & Environmental and Infrastructure Planning at the University of Oldenburg in Germany and the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. She currently works as a scientific officer at the Marine and Coastal Nature Conservation Unit of the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation in Germany, focusing mainly on maritime spatial planning.

Jan Schmidtbauer Crona, *HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group and Senior Analyst Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management*

Jan Schmidtbauer Crona is a biologist/environmental scientist specialized in Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in planning and Environmental Impact Assessment. He has a background as a researcher and consultant in infrastructure and municipal planning and is since 2012 working at the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management. Jan is responsible for the application of the Ecosystem Approach and SEA in the forthcoming Swedish national Marine Spatial Planning. He is Swedish Head of Delegation for the OSPAR-committee on Environmental Impacts of Human Activities (EIHA) and has contributed in the development of an agreed HELCOM/VASAB document on the application of the Ecosystem Approach in MSP. Jan is involved in Swedish development regarding marine green infrastructure and a cumulative assessment approach in MSP. He is also taking active part in the EU -project Baltic SCOPE «Towards coherence and cross border solutions in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans" led by Sweden.

Pierpaolo Campostrini, *Managing Director CORILA*

Dr. Pierpaolo Campostrini was born in Venice in 1960. Educated in classic studies, took Electrical Engineering degree from Padua University in 1984 and Diploma in Plasma Physics in 1985. In the first part of his professional life, in the field of Fusion research, he was CNR tenure researcher, visiting researcher in the University of Madison (WI, USA), contract professor in the Universities of Udine and Padua. Since 2000, he is Managing Director of CORILA, an association of Universities and public research bodies, supervised by the Ministry of Education, University and Research. CORILA manages Italy's funds for interdisciplinary research projects on Venice. He acted as PI in several EU Projects and he's the coordinator of the EC-DG MARE pilot project on MSP in the Mediterranean, ADRIPLAN. He is author of several scientific publications, editor of books and journals, member of scientific panels. He is member of the Executive Committee of the MB of JPI "Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans" and of the Italian delegation in the Program Committee of H2020 - SC 2 «Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy». He is also Associate Researcher of the Institute of Marine Science of the National Research Council of Italy (ISMAR-CNR) and since 2015 Procuratore di S. Marco, i.e. member of the Board in charge for the maintenance of St.Mark's Basilica in Venice.

15.30-17.00 5. THE ROLE OF REGIONAL SEAS CONVENTIONS IN MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING

Monika Stankiewicz, *Executive Secretary HELCOM*

Ms. Stankiewicz is the Executive Secretary of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM) and the head of the international HELCOM Secretariat (since February 2012). HELCOM is the inter-governmental organization of the nine Baltic Sea countries and the EU working to protect the Baltic Sea from all sources of pollution (from land, sea and airborne), to reach a goal of the sea in a good environmental status by 2021. Ms. Stankiewicz was also the former Professional Secretary of HELCOM for maritime affairs, dealing with environmental impact of shipping and safety of navigation (2006-2011). In 1998- 2006 she worked in the environmental sector of the Polish public administration. Ms. Stankiewicz graduated in Chemistry at the University of Gdansk, Poland.

John Mouat, *Deputy Secretary OSPAR Commission*

John Mouat is a Deputy Secretary at the OSPAR Commission, the legal instrument that protects and conserves the North-East Atlantic and its resources, on behalf of the 15 Contracting Parties and European Union. He is responsible for the Committee on the Environmental Impacts of Human Activities (EIHA), which covers integrated management, including Marine Spatial Planning.

Gaetano Leone, *Coordinator Barcelona Convention*

A national of Italy, Gaetano Leone graduated in Political Sciences and specialized in International Relations. After 3 years as a manager in the Italian private sector, he joined the United Nations in 1988. Since then, he has covered assignments in several African and European countries and in the USA, developing a diverse experience of political and inter-organizational affairs, inter-governmental processes, leadership and management, and partnerships, especially in the field of sustainable development. He has worked for several UN agencies and programmes (UNDP, Unicef, UN-Habitat and currently UNEP), at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and at the World Bank. Since June 2014, Gaetano Leone is the Coordinator of the Barcelona Convention Secretariat/Mediterranean Action Plan of UNEP, based in Athens, Greece.

Leo de Vrees, *Senior Advisor Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment*

Leo de Vrees (1956) presently works as a senior advisor at Rijkswaterstaat, the agency of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment. He is core-member of the team who developed a revised policy for the North Sea (Policy document on the North Sea 2016 – 2021) in which marine spatial planning is a large component and especially dealing with the cooperation with neighbouring countries. In the period March 2010 – February 2014 he worked for the marine unit of DG Environment of the European Commission. At DG ENV he worked on the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and especially the descriptors on hydrographic changes, marine litter and underwater noise. In addition, he was Chef de File on all marine litter issues at the EC. He acted as delegate on behalf of the EC to the OSPAR Convention. He has a long history in marine matters. He worked as a special advisor on North Sea matters for the Netherlands Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management on subjects such as: Integrated management plan for the North Sea, Marine spatial planning, Strategic Environmental Assessment, licensing for wind farms, coastal defence through beach nourishment, implementation of N2000 in coastal seas. At the end of the previous decade and at the beginning of this century he worked for UNEP's programme on the protection of the marine environment from land based sources. In the nineties he worked world-wide on several integrated coastal zone management projects. In the eighties he lived in Africa, where he worked on drinking water projects.

Eugene Nixon, *Sector Manager Marine Spatial Planning at the Marine Institute*

Eugene Nixon is an environmental scientist and spatial planner with the Marine Institute, Ireland and has over 35 years' experience in a wide range marine related issues. He has worked in developing and implementing marine environmental and food quality monitoring programmes as well as advising on the licensing and regulation of various marine activities. At an international level he has experience working with the Regional Seas Commission OSPAR, the marine science organisation ICES and with the European Commission. Mr. Nixon is currently involved in developing Marine Spatial Planning and implementing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the Offshore Renewable Energy Plan in Ireland.

17.00-17.15 CLOSING SESSION

Bernhard Friess, *European Commission, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Director Atlantic, Outermost Regions and Arctic*

Bernhard Friess has been the director of Directorate C: Atlantic, Outermost Regions and Arctic since 2011. Besides this function, Friess is also acting director of Directorate E: Baltic Sea, North Sea and Landlocked Member States. Mr. Friess studied Law at the University of Munich and in 2002 he was appointed Head of the Financial Services Unit in the Directorate General for Competition. In 2006 he became Head of the Policy and Coordination Unit of the Commission's Internal Market Directorate-General. In 2009 Mr. Friess was appointed Director of Planning, Personnel and Communication within the Internal Market Directorate General.

Marianne Wenning, *European Commission, DG Environment Director Quality of Life, Water and Air*

Marianne Wenning is currently Director for 'Quality of Life, Water & Air' in DG Environment of the European Commission. In this capacity she oversees the implementation and enforcement of an extensive body of environmental legislation with regard to air quality, industrial emissions, water & marine issues and industrial accidents, and she works towards the further integration of environmental and sustainability aspects into other Union policies. Ms. Wenning has been working for the European Commission, DG Environment, since 1992. Her experience in developing and implementing environmental policies, also cutting across transport, agriculture, regional, industrial, research and development policy areas includes the economic aspects of environmental policy, programme management in Asia as well as negotiations at European and international/ UNECE level, in particular with regard to the Kyoto, the Montreal and the Gothenburg Protocols.

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