Atlantic Stakeholders Conference

Porto, 20th January 2015

BACKGROUND

The Atlantic Action Plan sets out 4 priorities for research and investment to drive the 'blue economy' forward in the Atlantic area. Among them, Priority 2 (*Protect, secure and develop the potential of the Atlantic marine and coastal environment*) includes as specific objective "improving maritime safety and security". To this regard, the Action Plan invites Atlantic stakeholders to design projects that include risk assessments, coordinated response mechanisms and investments in state-of-the-art equipment that contribute appropriately to enhancing coordinated preparedness and responses to spills of oil and hazardous material.

With the aim of facilitating the implementation of the Atlantic Action Plan, the European Commission is organising the first annual Atlantic Stakeholder Platform conference. This event will bring together a wide range of stakeholders, and is to host sixteen stakeholder-led workshops on topics reflecting the priorities agreed under the Atlantic Action Plan. The main objective of this event is to enable project partners to identify suitable opportunities for developing project ideas and securing funding. This should further lead to the development of joint projects across the Atlantic Ocean area to implement the Atlantic Action Plan.

Find further information on this Conference:

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/sea_basins/atlantic_ocean/atlanticforum/events-2015/porto/index_en.htm

ARCOPOL WORKSHOP

Title: Towards coordinated preparedness and response to spills of oil and hazardous materials in the Atlantic regions

Short description: Building upon successful results from ARCOPOL projects, new ideas to achieve the Atlantic Action Plan's objective on improving maritime safety and security will be discussed by public entities and SME.

Abstract: In line with one of the objectives of Atlantic Action Plan's priority 2, ARCOPOL projects are a successful example of regional collaboration to improve capabilities to cope with maritime incidents in the Atlantic area. To capitalize this work, the "Atlantic Technological Platform for oil and HNS spill preparedness, response and mitigation" aims to become a sustainable public-private collaborative structure to promote stakeholders' interactions, exchange of knowledge, and the development of innovative initiatives to address key challenges. The aim of this

workshop is to present new ideas to bring together existing initiatives in a sustainable way for the Atlantic sea basin.

Workshop Programme

OPENING	
11:00 – 11:03	**Welcome and objectives of the workshop** – Marisa Fernández (CETMAR)
CONTEXTUALISATION	
11:03 – 11:13	**Atlantic regions' challenges regarding maritime safety and security** - Damien Périssé (CPMR)
11:13 – 11:23	**ARCOPOL platform: a collaborative framework to reinforce preparedness and response to spill of oil and hazardous materials in the Atlantic regions** - Patricia Pérez (CETMAR)
IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE	
11:23 – 11:33	**Hidromod** – José Chambel
11:33 – 11:43	**SkyTec - Ireland** - Mike Griew
11:43 – 11:53	**Public Health England** - Andrew Kibble
11:53 – 12:07	**Questions & Answers**
12:07 – 12:10	**Conclusions** – Marisa Fernández (CETMAR)