



IRISH SEA MARITIME FORUM
Third Annual Conference - "BLUE GROWTH"
The Liner Hotel, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool
Wednesday 2nd July, 2014

Blue Growth is the focus of the third annual conference of the Irish Sea Maritime Forum and we are very pleased to link the event to the International Festival of Business that is being held in Liverpool in the summer of 2014.

The conference aims to showcase the Blue Growth potential in the Irish Sea region and to feed into an ISMF report on this subject – the key Forum output for 2014.

The first session will set the scene by introducing the EU's ambitions for Blue Growth and how different parts of the Irish Sea region are taking this agenda forward, including the host city Liverpool.

In the second session ideas to create a vibrant Irish Sea Rim economic, research and innovation zone will be introduced. Delegates can then participate in 2 thematic workshops related to key Blue Growth areas: *Commercial Shipping; Blue Energy; Fisheries and Aquaculture; Blue Biotechnology; Marine and Coastal Recreation and Tourism; Environmental and Coastal Protection and Monitoring and Surveillance.*

The final session will provide an update on ISMF activities in 2013/14 and plans for 2014/2015.

Throughout day there will be an opportunity to view an exhibition illustrating how companies and other organisations around the Irish Sea are contributing to Blue Growth in the region.

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Programme

Session 1: Setting the Scene

- 9.15** Coffee on Arrival
- 10.00** Welcome to Liverpool, *Cllr Erica Kemp, Lord Mayor of Liverpool*
- 10.10** Welcome Address *Flo Clucas OBE, ISMF Chair*
- 10.20** The EU's Blue Growth Agenda *Matthew King, European Commission, DG MARE*
- 10.40** Dublin Bay – Governance and Value *Walter Foley, Dublin Regional Authority*
- 11.00** Break
- 11.30** Commercial dispute resolution in the context of a new UK – Ireland relationship
David Casement QC, British-Irish Commercial Bar Association
- 11.50** Panel Discussion
- 12.15** Stanley Dock Village Redevelopment, *Vicki Redhead, Titanic Hotel, Liverpool*
- 12.25** Lunch

Session 2: Blue Growth Workshops

- 13.25** Introduction to Workshops and the Irish Sea Rim Proposal *Phil Leigh, University of Central Lancashire*

Delegates attend two of the following workshops, involving an introductory presentation and stakeholder discussion on Blue Growth potential in the Irish Sea Region:

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| A. Commercial Shipping | E. Marine and Coastal Recreation and Tourism |
| B. Blue Energy | F. Coastal Protection and Adaptation |
| C. Fisheries and Aquaculture | G. Monitoring and Surveillance |
| D. Blue Biotechnology | |

- 13.45** Workshop 1
- 14.35** Workshop 2
- 15.20** Break
- 15.40** Feedback from workshop groups

Session 3: ISMF Update and Next Steps

- 16.00** Update on ISMF Activities in 2013/14 *Sue Kidd, University of Liverpool/ISMF Secretariat*
- 16.10** Plans for ISMF Activities in 2014/15 *Cllr Stuart Anderson, Conwy Borough Council and Vice Chair, ISMF*
- 16.20** Concluding Remarks *Flo Clucas OBE, ISMF Chair*
- 16.30** Close of Conference

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