

PROGRAMME LAUNCH EVENT

Venue: Centro de Congressos da Alfândega do Porto

Rua Nova da Alfândega, Porto - Portugal

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DRAFT AGENDA

09:00 - 09:30 Registration

09:30 - 10:00 **Official Launch of INTERREG Atlantic Area Programme**

Welcome session

Emidio Gomes, President of CCDR Norte and chair of the Managing Authority

João Aguiar Machado, DG MARE Director, European Commission

Video message from **Corina Crețu**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission

Jimmy Mc Clean, Irish Presidency of the Atlantic Area Programme 2016

10:00 - 11:00 **Atlantic Area 2020: New Challenges and New Beginnings for an Improved Cooperation Driven by Results**

A round table with political representatives of the five 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: **Jimmy Mc Clean**, Irish Presidency of the Atlantic Area Programme 2016 (to be confirmed)

Marcella Smyth, Maritime Affairs Attaché from the Irish Permanent Representation to the EU

Spain representative

French representative

Portuguese representative

United Kingdom representative

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: **Emidio Gomes**, President of CCDR Norte and chair of the Managing Authority

Joanna Kiryllo, European Commission officer for the Atlantic Area Programme

Armindo Carvalho, Managing Authority executive manager, *Territorial Cooperation in the European Atlantic Area: Trends and Challenges*

Morgane Lesage, Director of Joint Secretariat

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*

Resource efficiency: Terry Waugh, Actions Renewable Limited, United Kingdom

Territorial risks: Patricia Pérez, Project Technical Coordinator, Centro Tecnológico del Mar (CETMAR), España

Biodiversity, natural and cultural assets: Neil Sheridan, Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo, Ireland

Innovation: Joana Moreira da Silva, Interdisciplinary Centre of Marine and Environmental Research (CIMAR), Portugal

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

Emidio Gomes, President of CCDR Norte and chair of the Managing Authority

Representative of the Portuguese Government: to be confirmed

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.