



## COLUMBUS European Parliament Event 2018

# “Accelerating Blue Growth through Marine and Maritime Knowledge Transfer”

Hosted by

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“Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”

**Thursday 22 February 2018**

**13:00 – 16:00**

**Room A3H1, European Parliament**

### AGENDA

The [COLUMBUS project](#), funded by Horizon2020, demonstrates how it is possible to capitalise on the European Commission’s significant investment in marine and maritime research by ensuring accessibility and uptake of research Knowledge Outputs by end-users such as policy, industry, science and wider society. The project began in March 2015 and will come to an end in February 2018 by organising its final event in the Parliament.

The objective is to reflect on the lessons learned in the H2020 COLUMBUS project in relation to stepping up Knowledge Transfer from European funded research and innovation projects in the marine and maritime sphere. This will be achieved by demonstrating, through a number of showcases, all the steps required for successful Knowledge Transfer. Moreover, examples of bodies implementing successful Knowledge Transfer systems will be provided. In addition, the event will underline the advantages of a more proactive approach for Knowledge Transfer, supported by the appropriate resources throughout the process from funding and proposal evaluation to the research implementation and industry involvement.

The event will gather involved partners such as the European Commission, Member States, industry, the scientific community, NGOs, and civil society to share their views and further discuss with policy-makers the results and guidelines moving forward.



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13:00 – 13:20 *Sandwich Lunch*

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### **Welcome and Introduction**

*A high-level overview on exploitation of results and on the COLUMBUS project activities and outcomes to date.*

**13:20 Welcome and opening**

*MEP Ricardo Serrão Santos, Member of the PECH Committee, Vice-Chair of the EP Intergroup on CCBSD*

**13:30 Dissemination and Exploitation of Results in Horizon 2020**

*Sigi Gruber, Head of Marine Resources Unit, European Commission DG RTD, Belgium*

**13:40 Introduction to COLUMBUS and Overview of COLUMBUS' Knowledge Transfer Activities**

*David Murphy; COLUMBUS Strategic and Operational Leader, Manager, AquaTT, Ireland*

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### **Session 1: COLUMBUS Project Achievements**

*Flash presentations of a number of COLUMBUS Knowledge Transfer success stories, and relevance of facilitating access to information on project results.*

#### **Chaired by MEP Gesine Meissner**

*Member of the TRAN Committee and Substitute of the ITRE Committee, Chair of the Intergroup SEARICA*

**13:50 DEVOTES – Innovative Tools to Support Quality Environmental Impacts Assessments in Marine Environments**

*Ángel Borja, DEVOTES project Coordinator, AZTI-Technalia, Spain and Winner of the COLUMBUS Blue Society Award for Impactful knowledge Transfer*

*Rosa Fernandez, COLUMBUS Knowledge Analysis WP Leader and Representative of the Marine Governance & Management Node, CETMAR, Spain*

**14:00 SEABIOPLAS – Exploring the Use of Seaweed-Derived Biopolymers in Biomedical Technology**

*Julie Maguire, SEABIOPLAS project Coordinator, Bantry Marine Research Station, Ireland*

*Cliona Ni Cheallacháin, COLUMBUS Operational Leader, AquaTT, Ireland*

**14:10 LEANWIND – Reference Turbine Overcomes Bottleneck in Offshore Wind Development**

*Jennifer Fox, COLUMBUS Marine Physical Resources Node Fellow, Aquatera, Scotland*

**14:20 Making Publicly Funded Research Results Widely Accessible**

*Ned Dwyer, COLUMBUS Knowledge Collection WP Leader, Executive-Director, EurOcean, Portugal*

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**Session 2: COLUMBUS Project – Lessons Learned and Possible Ways Forward**

*A number of COLUMBUS' insights and lessons learned regarding Knowledge Transfer to achieving impact in the research system will be presented. Perspectives of a Funding Agency and a Research Institution underlining the advantages of a more proactive approach will be presented to support discussions on possible way forward.*

**Chaired by MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

*Member of the ITRE Committee, Vice-Chair of the EP Intergroup CCBSD*

**14:30 COLUMBUS Knowledge Transfer Experience and Insights**

*David Murphy; COLUMBUS Strategic and Operational Leader, Manager, AquaTT, Ireland*

**14:40 The BONUS Case**

*Kaisa Kononen; Executive-Director, BONUS Baltic Organisations Network for Funding Science EEIG, Finland*

**14:50 Knowledge Transfer: Towards Excellence**

*Simon Gerrard, Industry Liaison Manager, Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute, University of Southampton; United Kingdom*

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**Session 3: Towards an Action Plan for Embedding Knowledge Transfer - Round Table Discussion**

*COLUMBUS is one of many strategic actions supported by the European Commission to help achieve impact from its research investments. Reflecting on the day and their own experiences, the high-level Panel will discuss what potential actions should be carried out going forward.*

**15.00 Panel: What strategic actions are needed to further optimise the research system?**

*Facilitator - Tina Mertens, Assistant Director, VLIZ*

*Jacky Wood, Acting Executive Director, JPI Oceans*

*Damien Périssé; Director for Maritime Affairs, CPMR Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, Belgium*

*Patrizio Mariani; Steering Committee Chair, Euromarine Network*

*Sheila Heymans, Executive Director, European Marine Board*

*Niels Rytter, Associated Professor at Department of Materials and Manufacturing Aalborg University Copenhagen; Director of LinerGame*

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**15:45 Commitments and Closing Remarks**

*An opportunity for participants to voice their commitment to taking action towards adopting Knowledge Transfer in their own activities.*

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**16:00 Close of Meeting**

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*This event will be web streamed live from EurOcean's Facebook page! You can also follow the main event points via the COLUMBUS Twitter!*

**Live Web Stream:** <https://www.facebook.com/EurOcean/>

**COLUMBUS Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/COLUMBUS\\_EU](https://twitter.com/COLUMBUS_EU)

**Event hashtags:** [@COLUMBUS\\_EU](#) and [#Knowledge Transfer](#) and [#bluegrowth](#)



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