



DRAFT AGENDA

## 2019 Seminar on Fisheries Science

Brussels, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Moderator:** Spyros Kouvelis

<b>08.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration of participants and welcome coffee</b>
<b>09.00 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
(15 min)	Mr Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
<b>09.20 a.m.</b>	<b>Presentations of innovative EU-supported research projects/studies</b>
(3 x 15 min)	<p><i>The presentations will showcase the outcomes, lessons learnt and recommendations of fisheries research projects and scientific advice studies funded under the Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF).</i></p> <p><i>The presentations will be made by scientists actively involved in the projects.</i></p> <p><b>1) Presentation of CERES (Horizon 2020 research project)</b></p> <p><i>CERES advances a cause-and-effect understanding of how climate change will influence Europe's most important fish and shellfish resources and the economic activities depending on them. It will provide tools and develop adaptive strategies allowing fisheries and aquaculture sectors and their governance to prepare for adverse changes or future benefits of climate change.</i></p> <p><b>2) Presentation of ATLAS (Horizon 2020 research project)</b></p> <p><i>The ATLAS project is striving to improve our understanding of complex deep-sea ecosystems and their associated species, including those that are new to science. Researchers are looking to predict future changes to these ecosystems and species together with their vulnerabilities in the face of climate change. As well as carrying out pioneering research and discovery, ATLAS is developing a scientific knowledge base that can inform the development of international policies to ensure deep-sea Atlantic resources are managed effectively.</i></p>

**3) Presentation on scientific surveying in the MOSAiC expedition (scientific advice study project)**

*On 20 September 2019 - the day of this seminar - the German research icebreaker Polarstern will depart from Tromsø, Norway and spend the next year drifting through the Central Arctic Ocean (CAO) from Siberia to Fram Strait, trapped in the ice for the MOSAiC expedition (MOSAiC = Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate). The project concerns participation in the MOSAiC expedition for collecting year-round ecosystem data in the CAO for use in scientific modelling and assessment.*

**10.10 a.m. Q&A on the presentations**

(30 min)

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**10.40 a.m. Coffee break**

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**11.00 a.m. Presentation of Horizon Europe**

(20 min) *The presentation will outline the state of play on the discussions about Horizon Europe, the ambitious research and innovation programme that will succeed Horizon 2020, and will inform on the next steps.*

*The presentation will be made by a representative from DG Research and Innovation.*

**11.20 a.m. Round table: Looking forward to Horizon Europe – developing a fisheries research agenda for the next decade**

(90 min) *The round table will bring together representatives from research organisations, NGOs and the industry to discuss the prospects for fisheries and marine science and research in the next decade. The discussion will focus on the questions of what should be the most relevant priority topics for research and what can be done to ensure better take-up of research results in policy making. The round table discussion will then be opened up to an exchange with the audience.*

*The round table will be chaired by Bernhard Friess, Director at DG MARE.*

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**12.50 a.m. Conclusions and closing**

(10 min) Mr João Aguiar Machado, Director General, DG MARE

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**13.00 a.m. End of Seminar**

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