"Integrated development through land-sea interaction: dimensions and perspectives of blue growth in Europe and in Greece"

**Venue**: Congress Hall of the Piraeus Port Authority (OLP), Akti Miaouli, Piraeus

**10, 11 & 12 November 2014**

**Context of the 2-days transnational event**

This two days transnational event about Blue Growth, in Piraeus, follows the relevant Events on maritime and blue growth issues already held in the framework of the Presidency of Greece to the EU Council. It is being organised by the Greek ECP and co-hosted by the Piraeus Port Authority, to generate thinking on analyzing and presenting all dimensions that Blue Growth has for territorial cohesion in Europe and in our country, especially in times of economic crisis and substantial reforms in spatial and urban planning and coastal zone management. The event, through a series of thematic priorities and documentation by specialists and transnational experts, aims at highlighting the forms of land-sea interaction as basic elements of integrated coastal zone management and sustainable development, also in response to the need for an effective Maritime Spatial Planning. The motto of the Event is:

**Land and Sea have to be understood and planned together!**

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**Programme**

**Monday, 10 November 2014  8:30 am-20:00 pm**

8:30-9:30  Registration of participants

9:30-10:15  Salutations

Welcome Salutations

- by the organisers, **Karl Peter Schön Dr**, Head of German ECP, **Stella Kyvelou**, Head of Greek ECP
- **Stavros Chatzakos**, Director General of the Piraeus Port Authority
- **Argyris Dinopoulos**, Minister of Interior (tbc)
- **Miltiadis Varvitsiotis**, Minister of Shipping and Aegean
- **Olga Kefalogianni**, Minister of Tourism (tbc)
- **Odysseas Konstantinopoulos**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Development and Competitiveness (tbc)
- **Nicolaos Zoidis**, Secretary General of Aegean and Insular Policy, Ministry of Shipping and Aegean
- **Ismini Kriari**, Professor, Vice Rector of Educational Affairs at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
- **Spyros Spyridon**, Secretary General of Decentralized Administration of the Aegean.
- **Petros Kokkalis**, Municipal Counsellor of Piraeus, Responsible of European Programmes


10:15-10:25  **Karl Peter Schön Dr**, BBRSI, Head of German ECP, ESPONontheRoad Project Coordinator

“ESPON 2013 and ESPON on the Road”
10:25-10:35 Amel Feredj, French ECP Coordinator, Member of ESPONontheRoad South Group
"ESPON in France : achievements and future activities, looking towards the Mediterranean”

10:35-10:45 Carolina de Carvalho Cantergiani, Spanish ECP Coordinator, Member of ESPONontheRoad South Group, „ESPON in Spain : achievements and future activities, from crisis to solving scenarios”

10:45-10:55 Stella Kyvelou, Asst professor, Head of ESPON Contact Point, President of SDMed
"Blue growth and territorial cohesion : convergences and divergences in the Mediterranean”

10:55-11:00 Olaf Merk, International Transport Forum at OECD
«Blue Growth, land-sea integration in Port-Cities»

11:00-11:30

Key-note speech I
Georgios Vlachos, ex.Secretary of State, Ministry of Development, President of the Parliamentary Committee of production and commerce
«Blue Growth : for economic growth and jobs, focusing on the SMEs»

11:30-13:00 Plenary Session I : The maritime dimension of European cohesion policy
(languages : EN,GR)

This opening plenary session is dedicated to Blue growth and the EU Maritime Policy. In its Blue Growth Strategy, the European Commission identifies that land and sea interactions could promote a more balanced development based on integrated strategies. Participants will present their own expertise of key aspects, issues and opportunities raised in different governance levels about integration of the maritime dimension of European cohesion policy.

Moderator : Nikitas Chiotinis, Professor, Hellenic ESPON CONTACT POINT
Participants :
- Ioannis Firbas, Head of EYSSAAP, Ministry of Development and Competitiveness
- Spyros Spyridon, Secretary General of the Decentralised Administration of the Aegean
- Panagiotis Kounakis, Vice-Governor in Entrepreneurial Affairs, South Aegean Region
- Athanasios Papadaskalopoulos, Professor, President of the Institute of Regional Development, Panteion University
- Maria Prezioso, Professor, Head of Italian ECP, Coordinator of South ESPONontheRoad Team
- Ilias Beriatis, Professor, University of Thessaly, ex.Secretary General of the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Public Works.
- Eleni Marianou, Secretary General of the CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions)

13:00-14:00 Light buffet– Coffee and Tea- offered by the EGTC “Amphictyony”

14:00-15:30 Plenary Session II : Cities and Regions : Integrated forms of planning and governance to unfold blue growth potential (languages : GR, EN)

Co-organisers: Hellenic ESPON Contact Point, EGTC Amphictyony
Moderator : Vassilis Xenos-Gavrielis, Director of EGTC Amphictyony

Key-note policy presentations :
- Petros Iniotakis, Vice Mayor of Herakleion, Apostolos Louloudakis, Vice Mayor of Chersonissos, Athanasios Kyriks, Vice Mayor of Malevizon, Dr Maria Symeonidou-Sideri, Dr Nikos Kampanis, Director of Research, Laboratory of Coastal Malevizon, Dr Georgios Alexandrakis, Researcher, Laboratory of Coastal Research, Dimitris Robogiannakis, Civil Engineer :
  «Blue Growth – Sustainable Development Policies at Local and Intermunicipal level : The case of coastal municipalities od Chersonisos-Herakleion and Malevizon in Crete”
- Antonis Karvounis, Special Advisor of the Deputy Minister of Interior responsible for European Financing and International Cooperation, Ministry of Interior :
«City and Region Diplomacy as a horizontal form of governance for the management of blue growth projects»

Eleftherios Embedoklis, Secretary General of the Municipality of Larnaca (Cyprus) : Sustainable development plan “Larnaca 2020-2040” – Strategies and challenges of the restoration of the seafront”

Michalis Christakis, Political Scientist, International relations, President of the Union of General Secretaries of Local Government : “Blue Growth opportunities and networking of local authorities for revealing best practices”


Manos Efstratios, Moussios Antonis, Nounta Agne, Petritsi Chryssa, Technical Advisors: «Territorial cooperation as driver of Blue Growth implementation»

Maria Poulou, Municipality of Piraeus : «Sustainable Mobility Strategy of Piraeus city: Economic benefits and governance»

Ioannis Karydas : «Master Plan of sustainable development for the Port and the seafront of the Municipality of Messologion”

Interventions by Mayors

Discussants – Presentation of case studies :

- Olaf Merk, International Transport Forum, OECD
- Nektaria Marava, Hellenic ESPON CONTACT POINT, Panteion University
- Nicolas Moraitakis, EUROPE Direct of Crete

Key challenges to be discussed: More integrated forms of planning and governance that have long been a feature of terrestrial planning have begun to emerge for the sea. These perspectives emphasise the importance of governance arrangements that facilitate horizontal and vertical integration, particularly in cross border and transnational contexts, and also across the land-sea divide.

*** The Mayors and Regional Governors to attend the Session will be announced soon.

15:30-16:45 Plenary Session III : Smart and sustainable paradigms of land-sea interaction (GR, EN)

Organiser: Hellenic ESPON Contact Point - Panteion University- Ministry of Development and Competitiveness

Moderator : Christos Ladas, Asst Professor, Dpt of Economics and Regional development, Panteion University

Participants :

- Petros Kokkalis, Municipality of Piraeus, BlueGrowthPiraeus/BCA
- Karl Peter Schön Dr, Head of German ECP
- Rea Orfanou, EYSSAAP, Ministry of Development and Competitiveness
- Thanos Kontargyris, Representative of CREATIVEMED
- Representative of the Cyclades Chamber of Commerce

Discussants- Presentation of Projects and case studies

- Alex Chatzimpiros, Representative of CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions)
- Panayotis G. Zacharioudakis, Senior Researcher NTUA , R&D Consultant, Ocean Finance Ltd : "The Master-plan for the adoption of LNG as Fuel in the Mediterranean Sea"
- Dimitios Grekos, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and the Aegean, Special Service of Coordination and Implementation of Co-financed Actions

Key challenges to be discussed : Purpose of this session will be an in-depth discussion on the 'blue' growth opportunities arising from the seas, coasts, islands and the mainland. The ESPON findings are useful for understanding the dynamics and trends in this field. The "smart blue growth" paradigm based on knowledge and innovation should urgently be examined by the Greek regions and cities: indentifying key innovative sectors, strengthening research, promoting education and lifelong learning to ensure the long term competitiveness of the economy.

16:45-17:45 Special Session I : The inclusive Blue Growth paradigm  (languages : EN, GR)
Organisers: Hellenic ESPON Contact Point – Research Unit of Public Opinion of the University of Crete

To what extent can the Blue Growth create inclusive prosperity in coastal and island areas; How can we measure and monitor effectively this phenomenon?

Moderator: Veni Arakelian, Lecturer, Dpt of Economics and Regional Development, Panteion University

Presenters:
Nicos Papadakis, Professor, University of Crete, Stella Kyvelou, Asst Professor, Panteion University: “Poverty, youth unemployment, social vulnerability and the challenge of inclusive prosperity in coastal and island areas: Aspects and policy recommendations”
Irene Leriou, Senior Researcher, Economist, PhD Candidate, Panteion University, Anastasios Tassopoulos, Professor, Dean of School of Sciences of Economics and Public Administration: “Tackling child poverty as a tool of limiting future unemployment”

Discussants:
- Karl Peter Schön Dr, Head of German ESPON CONTACT POINT
- Dimitris Kotrogiannos, Professor of Politicak Science and Political Philosophy, Dpt of Political Science, University of Crete

17:45-18.05 Key-note speech II (FR, EN)
Edith Fagnoni, Professor, University Paris IV, Pantheon-Sorbonne, Interdisciplinary Team of Studies and Researches for Tourism (EIREST) University Paris I, Panthéeon-Sorbonne: “Mer et Culture, nouveau modèle de développement des villes littorales”
“Sea and culture, a new model of development for coastal cities”

18:05-18:15 Break

18:15-19:45 Plenary Session IV: The focus on insularity and integrated development of the islands: The Programme “Sustainable Aegean” (language: GR)

Organiser: Hellenic Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage
Moderator: Yannis Michail, architect planner, Vice President of HSECH and President of the Institutional Framework Council

Participants:
- Kostas Karras, Historian, Founder of HSECH, Vice President of EUROPA NOSTRA.
- Yannis Palaiokrassas, Economist, ex. Minister and European Commissioner, Member of the HSECH board and of the HSECH Institutional Council.
- Anna Nicolaou, Planner, Member of the Μέλος Συμβουλίου Θεαματικού Πλαισίου ΕΛΛΕΤ.
- Georgia Kikou, Environmentalist, Responsible of the “Sustainable Aegean” Project.
- Nikos Fostieris, Mayor of Amorgos
- Nikos Zorzos, Mayor of Thyra

Discussant: Nancy Emmanouilli, Special Advisor of the Secretary General of Aegean and Insular Policy

Key challenge to be discussed: The focus will be put on the carrying capacity of coastal and island areas and to sustainability. To be discussed: Economic dimension- Carrying capacity- Maritime spatial planning- Sensibilisation of public in island societies through creative and innovative ways- Protection και valorisation of coastal space, Coastal tourism- Dimensions and perspectives of blue growth, The example of Amorgos- The example of Thyra - International blue growth perspectives

19:45-20.00 Discussion - Closure of 1st Day
21:00 Dinner in Piraeus for invited speakers
Tuesday 11 November 2014  10:00 a.m-20:00 p.m

* the works of the day will be videorecorded by the .BLOD.GR of Bodossakis Foundation

10:00  Welcome of participants at the Pireaus City Hall, by the Mayor of Pireaus M.Yannis Moralis

12:00  Welcome Cocktail

12:30-13:00 Guided Visit to the Municipal Theatre
13:00  Piraeus Port Authority Conference Centre
Salutations

Leonidas Antonakopoulos, Head of the European Parliament Information Office in Greece
Frantz Lamplmair, European Commission, Adviser for Maritime Policy, DG of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)

13:25-13:40 Mathilde Konstantopoulou, Member of ESPON Monitoring Committee
"Blue Growth : Findings and conclusions from the ESPON Nafplion Seminar during the Greek Presidency”

13:40-14:00
Key-note Speech III :

"Blue Growth investments in research and innovation”

14:00-15:30  Plenary Session V : Maritime spatial Planning and environment : from institutionalization to implementation in crossborder and local contexts (GR, EN)
Organising partners : Panteion University – Green Fund
Moderator : Stella Kyvelou, Panteion University, Hellenic ESPON Contact Point
**Key-note speech IV**: Aggeliki Koulouri, Representative of the European Wind Energy Association

«Maritime spatial planning in the development of offshore renewable energies»

**Participants**:  
- Panayotis Vasileiou, Regionalist MSc, President of the Green Fund  
- Kyrillos Dimanopoulos, Representative of MED-JTC  
- Vassiliki Vassilopoulou, Hellenic Centre of Marine Research: The ADRIPLAN Project, DG MARE  
- Michalis Karydis, Gerasimos Pavlogeorgatos, University of the Aegean: The “ΘΑΛ-ΧΩΡ” Project

**Discussants**:  
- Nicolaos Triantos, Electrical Engineer, President of the Technical Chamber of Greece, Dpt of Corfu  
- Fani Sakellariadou, Professor, President of the Dpt of Maritime Studies, University of Piraeus  
- Christos Chryssomalis, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Member of SD MED Scientific Council

**Key challenges to be discussed**: The meeting will discuss the development of a methodology / process of Maritime Spatial Planning implementation. It will focus in particular on the development of a methodology that introduces a maritime spatial planning compatible with the peculiarities of the island archipelagos and to the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) which is also a tool of the Integrated Maritime Policy. Specifically for Greece, the debate will be structured around the need to harmonize planning and the recent regulations about seashores with the forthcoming Maritime spatial Planning especially in local and crossborder contexts.

15.30-16.30 Plenary Session VII: Tourism and culture, drivers of Blue Growth in coastal areas: Trends and case studies

**Co-organising partners**: Panteion University- EIREST, University Paris I-PANTHEON-SORBONE  
**Moderator**: Lydia Sapounaki-Dracaki, Professor, Dpt of Economics and Regional Development, Panteion University

**Participants**:  
- Frantz Lamplmair, European Commission, Adviser for Maritime Policy, DG of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)  
- Paris Tsartas, Professor of Tourism Development, University of Aegean  
- George Assonitis, Adviser– Expert on European Affairs, Union of Chambers of Greece, Member of the Technical Committee of INSULEUR  
- Stephanos Karayannis, Ass.Professor, Dpt of Economics abd Regional Development, Panteion University

**Discussants-Project presentations**:  
- Eva Stefanidaki, Maritime Economist, Laboratory of Shipping and Port Enterprises management, University of the Aegean  
- Konstantinos Leventakos, Special Adviser to the Minister of Tourism

**Key challenges to be discussed**: Tourism remains a key economic sector in the context of Blue Growth and for the European coasts, and is a major source of jobs in many regions. Coastal areas and islands in the Mediterranean are particularly strong in maritime tourism.

16:30-17:00 Break for coffee and tea (offered by the Hellenic Institute of Transport)

17:00-18:30 Plenary Session VII: Energy and environmental challenges in ports: the road to Blue Growth

**Organiser**: Hellenic Institute of Transport (H.I.T.) - GREENBERTH-MED Project  
**Moderator**: Maria Boilé, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (CE.R.T.H.) - Hellenic Institute of Transport (H.I.T.)

**Participants**:  
- Sotiris Theofanis, ex. President of OLP S.A "Ports – current evolutions and energy/environmental challenges"  
- Aristotelis Naniopoulos, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, "Functional challenges and environmental certification in the Ports Sector"  
- Dimitris Spyrou, Managing Director, Piraeus Port Authority, "Piraeus port in view of Energy Challenges"
Key challenge to be discussed: The Europe 2020 Strategy has set the target of 20% energy production from renewable resources as a response to climate change and energy security and sustainability. **Renewable energy production is also one of the focus areas of the Blue Growth communication.** European seas and oceans offer great potentials for alternative energy resources, which can contribute to the share of renewable energies. Offshore energy can meet up to 4% of the EU electricity demand by 2020 and 14% by 2030, and there is great potential for tidal and wave energy. Especially areas in the West, which are fully exposed to the Atlantic Ocean, have the greatest potential to develop wave power. Unlike enclosed sea areas, open sea areas in the North Sea and the Mediterranean also have potentials to develop wave power. Due to its geographic position, the North Sea also offers a good example of an area that has great potential to deliver offshore energy capacity and wind power. Tidal power, which is mainly restricted to channels and estuaries, offers greater potentials around the UK's and Northern French seas. Through sustainable resources, secure investments and synergies, blue energy can offer great opportunities. Although marine renewable resources contribute to the environmental objectives for Europe, their development may have an impact on the marine ecosystem. Therefore, a **good balance between renewable energy production and environmental protection is necessary.** The session will focus on the developments of ports and harbors for marine energies in Greece and the key challenges to be possibly discussed are: a. Development of ports to handle LNG in connection with the implementation of the sulfur Directive. b. Port development (expansion of existing space, infrastructure facilities) to accommodate construction activities and maintenance of marine energy. c. Partnership in port field.

18:30–19:30 Plenary Session VIII: Maritime Transport, Transeuropean Networks, Challenges for Blue Growth

Organising partners: Hellenic ESPON CONTACT POINT
Moderator: Vasilis Kefis, Ass.Professor, Dpt of Public Administration, School of Economic and Public Administration Sciences, Panteion University

Participants:
- Ioannis Chatziantoniou, President of International Maritime Union -tbc
- Maria Lekakou, Ass.Professor, Dpt of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- Olga Papadaki, Ass.Professor, Dpt of Economics and Regional Development, Panteion University
- Dimitrios Skouteris, Political Scientist, ex.Director of the Network of Small Islands
- Theodore Tsekeris, Senior Researcher, Centre of Planning and Economic Research

Discussant: Anacreon Mataragkas, General Manager, Neptune Shipping Agencies S.A.

Key challenges to be discussed: The session will mainly focus on maritime transport related key challenges issues in Greece and the Mediterranean. Maritime transport plays an important role in global trade. In Europe the main hubs are concentrated in the North Sea. Development potentials of ports in the Mediterranean are often hampered by inadequate transport infrastructure on land to link the ports to Europe's main road and rail networks.
- Maritime Transportation: Shipping and Port Industries.
- How to establish a vision for the future of maritime transport?
- Identifying the innovative technologies, business models and policies that will drive change; overcoming barriers to innovation; establishing governance structures at the global and national levels to foster the innovations needed for a more sustainable and better performing future transport system that will mostly contribute to blue growth.
- Insularity, small islands
- The road equivalent tariff, past experience, constraints of institutionalization

19:30-19:45
Key-note Speech IV

Helen Thanopoulou, Professor, President of Dpt of Shipping, Trade and Transport Dpt of the University of the Aegean

19:30-20:00
Concluding Key-note Speech

Grigoris Tsaltas, Professor, Rector of Panteion University, ex. Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate change

20:00  Closure of 2nd Day

21:00  Dinner for invited speakers

Antonis Politakis: Collection “Waves”
Wednesday 12 November 2014, 9:00 am-20:00 p.m

Synergy of: SD MED - ESPON CONTACT POINT - Blue Growth Piraeus - BCA

"Blue Growth for boosting youth entrepreneurship: Employment Opportunities, Innovative ideas & the contribution of Start Ups"

Venue: Congress Hall of the Piraeus Port Authority (OLP), Akti Miaouli, Piraeus

Context of the Day

Following the Transnational 2-days ESPONontheRoad Meeting "Integrated development through land-sea interaction: dimensions and perspectives of blue growth in Europe and in Greece" the Greek ESPON Contact Point in synergy with SDMed Observation, Planning and Eco-innovation (www.sd-med.org) organises on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, a national event that focuses on the smart paradigm of blue growth highlighting youth entrepreneurship and innovation as political tools to exit from unemployment plaguing today, especially young people. The event through a series of thematic priorities and documentation by specialists, will deal with smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, with emphasis on policies coming from all governance levels promoting youth entrepreneurship developed around blue growth opportunities and aiming at unfolding the territorial potential (territorial capital) for the benefit of employment and job creation, in times of economic and financial crisis,

The motto of the Day is: Blue Growth needs youth!

Programme

Wednesday, 12 November 2014 9:00 a.m – 20:00 p.m

9:00 - 9:30 Confirmation of Registration

9:30-10:30 Salutations

Moderator: Stella Kyvelou, ESPON Contact Point, President of SD Med Observation, Planning & Eco-innovation

- Welcome salutation by the organisers, Karl Peter Schöhn, Head of German ECP, Stella Kyvelou, Head of Greek ECP
- Anastasios Tassopoulos, Professor, Dean, School of Sciences of Economics and Public Administration, Panteion University
- Spyros Spyridon, Secretary General of the Decentralised Administration of Aegean
- Yannis Chrissoulakis, President of the National Centre of Public Administration
- Giannis Kefaloyannis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament (tbc)
- Georgios Patoulis, Mayor of Amaroussion, President of Central Union of Greek Municipalities

10:30-12.00 Plenary Session IX: Social Entrepreneurship, innovation & Start-Up: Policies and best practices by young entrepreneurs

Coordinator: Errika Andrianopoulou, Responsible of Public and International relations of SD MED

Participants
- Jan Versteeg, Ambassador of the Netherlands in Greece
- Michalis Stangos, Co-founder of Industry Disruptors - Game Changers (ID-GC)
- Orestis Matsoukas, Coordinator of “Starting UP” project, Founder of the ORAMA-Group
- Michalis Synodinos, Founder of “PoSEAdon” start-up entreprise

12:00-13:30 Plenary Session X: Innovation and Entrepreneurship through blue growth opportunities

Coordinator: Theodora Avgoulidou, Member of Hellenic ESPON Contact Point
Ioannis Spilanis, ass.professor, ex. Secretary General of Aegean and Insular Policy
“Strategic development of European Islands”

Ilias Eythimiopoulos, ex.Minister, Network of Sustainable Islands “Daphne”
“Smart grids and sustainable development in the islands”

Stella Kyvelou, Asst Professor, Panteion University, Director ESPON Contact Point, Karl Peter-Scoen, Dr., BBSRI, Head of German ECP :
“Smart, sustainable and inclusive paradigms of blue growth: the ESPON findings”

Petros Kokkalis, Municipal Councillor of Piraeus, Aephoria, BlueGrowthPiraeus
“Innovation for Blue Growth: from theory to practice”

Georgios Alexakis. Regional Councilor and Responsible of European and International Relations of the Region of Crete, Vice-President of the CPMR
“Initiatives of CPMR and Actions of the Region of Crete towards Blue Growth”

Discussant : Sotiris Tsiakirogolu, ex. President of the Federation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants of Xanthi (Thrace), Member of Board, Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants

13:30-14:30 Light Buffet, Coffee and Tea

14.30-16.00 Plenary Session XI : Social Entrepreunership, employment and integrated sustainability: Policy recommendations and Start-Ups
Coordinator : Errika Andrianopoulou, Responsible of Public and International relations of SD MED
Participants :
- Ilias Spyrtounias, Director General, Hellenic-american Chamber of Commerce
  “Start-Ups and their importance for economic development and the employment”
- Margarita Karavassili, ex.Secretary Special of the ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, President of Citizens’ Inspectorate for Sustainable Development
  “Biodiversity and Entrepreneurship for small islands: innovative practices of blue and green development in South Aegean”
- Georgios N.Pratikakis, Director General, Naval Architecture Progress, Member of the Hellenic Institute of Marine Technology Board, BOD Member of European Council for Maritime Applied R&D, RINA Class, Hellenic Technical Committee

16:00-16:30 Coffee and sweets Break

16.30-17.30 Project’s corner
Coordinator : Theodora Avgoulidou, Member of Hellenic ESPON Contact Point

16:30 – 17:30 Projects’ Corner- Workshop

- George Anastopoulo, Development Consultant, Group analysis
  From concept to practice, from desire to action

Divided into thematic groups, the participants collaborate in order to develop ideas for future projects startups.

- Thematic Priority I : Shipping- Sustainable Maritime Tourism and Culture
- Thematic Priority II : Maritime Transport–Energy-Maritime safety
- Thematic Priority III : Fisheries, Aquaculture and Cosmetology

Please note that a pre-registration is necessary, at the Greek ECP Desk at the conference Hall.
17:30-18:00 Reporting of the day-Conclusions and Outcomes (GR)

George Papatriantafyllou, Communication Specialist,
Dimitris Skoutras, Political Scientist, ex.Director of the Network of Small Islands

18:00-19:30 Concluding Special Session XII: Geopolitics of Blue Growth, Energy and maritime safety issues focusing on the Mediterranean basin

Organising Partner: Panteion University, Hellenic ESPON Contact Point
Moderator: Nicolaos Tatsos, Professor, ex.Ambassador of Greece to the OECD.

Participants:
- Melina Travlos, CEO, Neptune Lines Shipping & Management Enterprises S.A (tbc)
- Grigoris Tsaltas, Professor, Rector of Panteion University, ex. Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate change
- Konstantinos Filis, Research Director of the Institute of International Relations of Panteion University
- Solon Kassinis, CEO, Kassinis International Consulting Limited, Adviser to the Prime-Minister of Greece on Energy affairs
- George Vernicos, Secretary General of the Association of Greek Tourism Enterprises, ex. Secretary of State at the Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean

Rapporteur: Nikitas Chiotinis, Professor, Member of the Hellenic ESPON Contact Point

Key challenge to be discussed: The challenge of the geopolitical dimensions of Blue Growth at European and global level is a major one: what strategy should we collectively put in place in order to protect our strategic interests, given that the related issues are both economic, energy, environmental and security related? The European strategy for maritime security is currently being defined and will have to set common objectives and articulate our means to protect maritime space.

19:30-20:00 Discussion

20:00 Closure of European 3-days ESPON-on-the-Road Meetings

21:00 Blue Economy innovation Awards’ Ceremony organised by BlueGrowthPiraeus (tbc)

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