

# The maritime aspects of climate change



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Knowledge of the seas network meeting  
Piraeus Theoxenia Hotel  
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### Outlines

The activities of the 'Knowledge of the Seas' network consist of two main components: to jointly RECEIVE knowledge of the seas through sharing knowledge and exchange of experiences at thematic seminars. And to jointly PRODUCE AND PROMOTE knowledge of the seas, e.g. at public events like the European Maritime Days 2016 in Turku/Finland, 2017 in Poole/UK, 2018 in Burgas/Bulgaria and this year in Lisbon/Portugal.

This event now is the meanwhile sixth thematic meeting of the 'Knowledge of the seas' network. After focusing among others on maritime safety and security (2017) and transport (2018), this year's thematic network meeting will look at the maritime aspects of climate change.

### Objectives

The first day provides an opportunity to learn from and exchange with policy and strategic actors, thematic experts, EU funding programmes and cooperation projects how to tackle climate change. Moreover, to discuss how to best join forces in tackling climate change. The second day is then devoted to the Knowledge of the seas network itself, its ongoing and future activities – naturally reflecting on and taking into account the discussions from the first day.

The target group of this event are on the one hand Interreg Programmes with a maritime character or component, and especially Joint Secretariat staff members dealing with maritime project generation, assessment, monitoring and support. At the same time, the meeting will provide a broader approach also inviting thematic experts and stakeholders as well as project representatives to ensure a holistic view to the topic of the maritime aspects of climate change.

*For more information:*

*Short promotional video presenting the Knowledge of the seas network: [click here](#)*

*'Knowledge of the seas' network's library section at the Interact website: [click here](#)*



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Day one

Tuesday, 26 November 2019 (THEMATIC FOCUS)

09.00 – 09.15

Welcome and Introduction  
*Philipp Schwartz, Interact*

09.15 – 10.30

Where do we stand – Maritime aspects of climate change (1<sup>st</sup> part)

- Climate change impacts on the Maritime Sector  
*Prof. Olof Lindén, World Maritime University*
- The EU perspective  
*Iain Shephard, European Commission, DG MARE*

Objectives of the session: To get an overview and understanding of the maritime aspects of climate change and how this issue is perceived and tackled from the different levels (EU, national, regional).

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee and video break  
'The added value of maritime cooperation supported by Interreg'

11.00 – 12.00

Where do we stand – Maritime aspects of climate change (2<sup>nd</sup> part)

- The national perspective (Finland, Finnish EU Presidency)  
*Dr. Anita Mäkinen, Finnish Transport and Communications Agency Traficom*
- The regional perspective: PASSAGE project  
*Lucy Breeze, Kent County Council, UK, Interreg Europe PASSAGE project*

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch break

13.00 – 14.00

What do we do – Answers and solutions provided by maritime actors and by cooperation across maritime borders

- Land-Sea interactions and maritime spatial planning  
*Sue Kidd, University of Liverpool (ESPON MSP-LSI project)*
- ENSuring DUne RESilience against Climate Change  
*Sarah Burston, Norfolk County Council, UK (Interreg 2 Seas ENDURE project)*
- NEORION – Promotion of green maritime technologies and new materials to enhance sustainable shipbuilding in Adriatic Ionian Region  
*Prof. Nikitas Nikitakos, University of the Aegean, Department of Shipping Trade and Transport (Interreg ADRION project)*

Objectives of the session: To present food for thought, ideas and solutions how to tackle the challenges described in the first part.

14.00 – 14.30

Coffee break



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- 14.30 – 16.30      Joining forces – The cross-project and cross-programme approach
- Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme's contribution to tackling climate change & Project Platform CSHIPP (Baltic Sea Region)  
*Attila Darabos, Joint Secretariat, Interreg Baltic Sea Region*  
*Riitta Pöntynen, CSHIPP platform/University of Turku*
  - LIFE Programme (Environment/Climate action sub-programmes)  
*Dimitris Niavis, LIFE Committee Member and National Contact Point (Greece), Greek LIFE Task Force, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Greece*
  - Interact's network on climate change – Maritime messages for the UN COP25 Conference  
*Manuel Gonzalez (Interact)*

Objectives of the session: To go beyond Interreg borders, to learn more about other funding sources tackling climate change and to look for possible synergies. The latter not only regarding other funding programmes, but also between Interreg and other projects.

19.30                      Network dinner at Restaurant Istioploikos

Day two                      Wednesday, 27 November 2019 (NETWORK FOCUS)

- 09.00 – 12.00      Meeting of the Knowledge of the seas network  
*Philipp Schwartz, Interact (moderation)*
- Joining forces (follow-up of yesterday's session)
  - The future of maritime cooperation (programmes) post 2020 – the maritime dimension in the programming process
  - Network activities in 2020 (Overview)
  - European Maritime Day 2020 (Cork, Ireland) – Brainstorming for concept etc.

Objectives of the session: To reflect among network members about Day 1 and especially the session on joining forces. To discuss among network members the future of maritime cooperation supported by Interreg and joint networking activities in 2020, especially the meanwhile traditional participation at the European Maritime Day.

*Coffee break included*

12.00 – 13.00      Farewell lunch



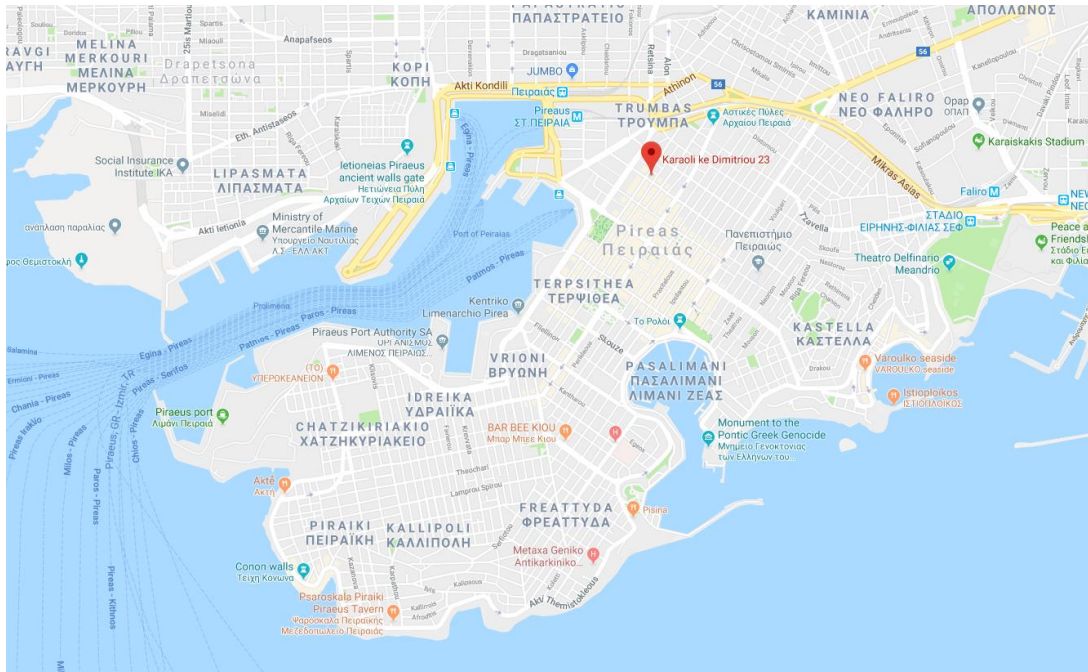
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### Practicalities

#### Venue

The meeting is going to take place in the [Piraeus Theoxenia Hotel](#) in Piraeus, Greece (23 Karaoli & Dimitriou Str.).



#### Travel

The nearest airport is Athens International Airport. There is a direct bus line (96X) between Athens airport and Piraeus. The bus leaves every 30-40 minutes, takes about 60 minutes and costs 6 EUR (one way). For more information [click here](#).

#### Accommodation

Every participant has to take care of his/her booking. However, a block reservation of 20 single rooms for the nights from Monday to Thursday, 25 to 28 November, has been made in the [Piraeus Theoxenia Hotel](#) (meeting venue). If you want to make use of this block reservation (80 EUR per night incl. breakfast, plus city tax), please send an e-mail to [piraeus@theoxeniapalace.com](mailto:piraeus@theoxeniapalace.com) referring to the event.

#### Registration

Please register your participation in the event through our online registration portal ([please click here](#)). The registration deadline is **Friday, 8 November 2019**.