

Blue skills – Thematic network meeting



16-17 November 2016

Blue skills – Knowledge of the Seas Network Meeting
Pentahotel Rostock, Schwaansche Straße 6
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Outlines

This event will look at the theme of Blue skills from four different perspectives. On the one hand, the first two sessions offer the opportunity to learn more about the topic of Blue skills from both the European and macro-regional (strategy) perspective as well as the thematic stakeholders' and experts' perspective. On the other hand, the event offers the opportunity for (Interreg) programmes to promote how they support Blue skills as programme and through their projects (programme and project perspectives).

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

Objectives

Originally being a network of only maritime Interreg CBC programmes, the network has been opened up in 2015 for involvement from beyond maritime Interreg CBC programmes depending on the concrete theme on the agenda. The activities of this 'Knowledge of the Seas' network consist of two main components: to jointly RECEIVE knowledge of the seas: sharing knowledge and exchange of experiences, organise seminars, workshops, thematic trainings, and to jointly PRODUCE AND PROMOTE knowledge of the seas: organise seminars, workshop etc., participate in public events as e.g. the joint stand at the European Maritime Day 2016 in Turku, Finland.



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Timetable (updated 17 October)

- Day 1 (16 Nov) Networking within and beyond the network
- During the day *(Individually) Participation in the South Baltic Annual Conference*
<https://southbaltic.eu/-/south-baltic-annual-eve-1>
- 19.00 'Knowledge of the Seas' networking activity and dinner
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- Day 2 (17 Nov) Blue skills – receive and promote knowledge
- 09.00 – 09.30 Welcome, introduction and framework
Philipp Schwartz, Interact
- Short introduction and expectations of the participants
 - The Knowledge of the Seas network stand at the EMD 2016 in Turku/Finland – Impressions and evaluation/lessons learnt
- 09.30 – 10.15 Blue skills – The European and the macro-regional perspective
- Blue skills – Policy and available funding
Alessa Clocchiatti, European Commission, DG MARE
 - Blue skills – the macro-regional perspective
Martin French, University of Rostock, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, Chair of Business, Economics and Entrepreneurship Education
- 10.15 – 10.45 Coffee break
- 10.45 – 12.00 Blue skills – The stakeholders' and experts' perspective
- Closing the gap in blue careers
Jaap Gebraad, STC Group (Rotterdam, Netherlands)
 - MarineTraining.EU – Navigating the Marine training and education landscape in Europe
Thibaud Mascart, University of Gent (Belgium)
 - Data availability on Blue skills' activities and cooperation in Europe – EMODnet and KEEP
Alessandro Pititto, COGEA, and Janne Kiilunen, Interact
 - Baltic Area Legal Studies
Saara Ilvessalo, BALEX (Turku, Finland)



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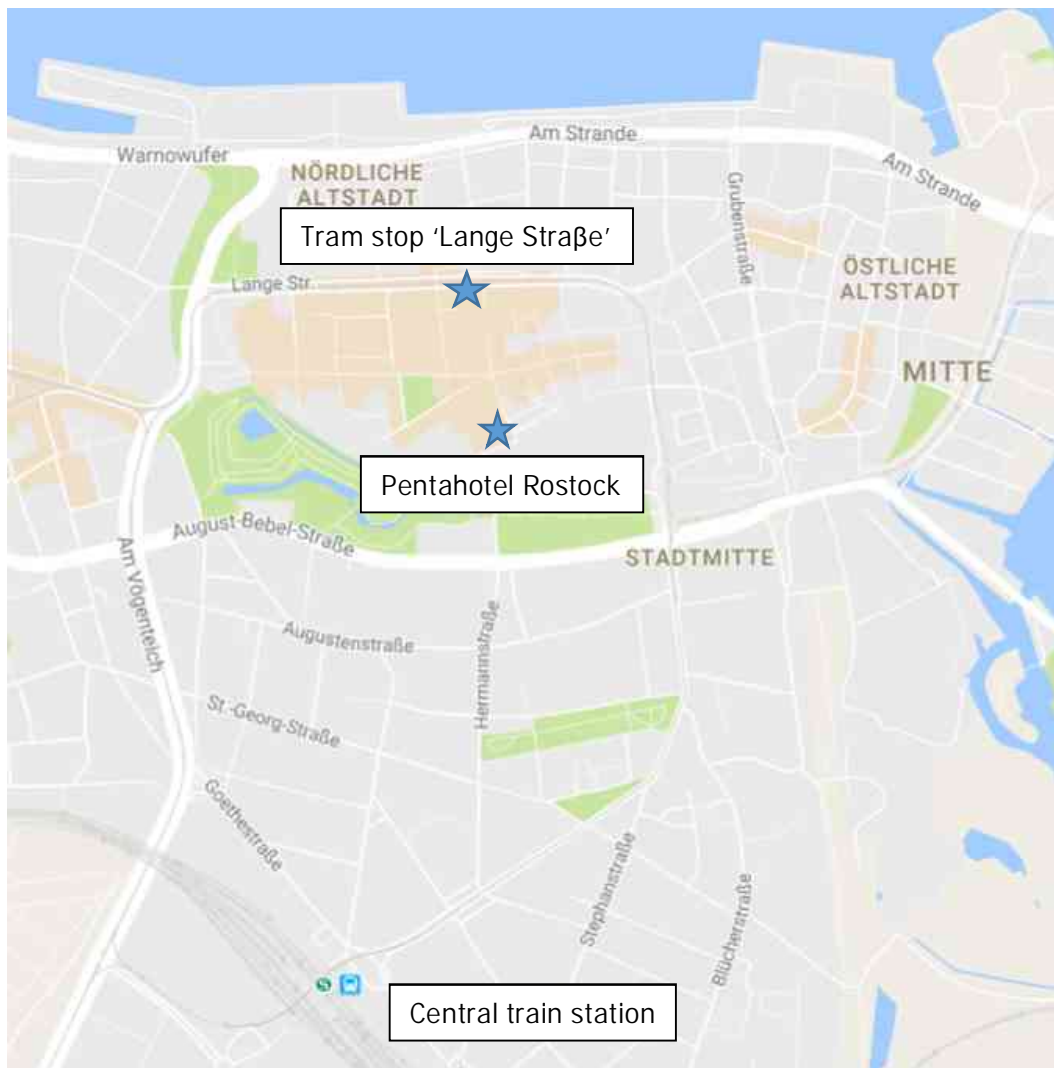
- 12.00 – 13.00 Lunch break
- 13.00 – 14.00 Blue skills – The programme perspective
- Interreg V A Italy – Croatia Programme
Ivan Curzolo, Head of Joint Secretariat
 - South Baltic Programme
Malgorzata Skolmowska, Project Officer, Joint Secretariat
 - Project clustering – an approach also for blue skills?
Eeva Rantamaa, Team Leader Project Unit, Baltic Sea Region Programme
- 14.00 – 14.30 Coffee break
- 14.30 – 15.30 Blue skills – The project perspective
- Generation Balt (South Baltic Programme 2007-2013) (Video)
 - Training and Maritime Education to support Blue Growth (Vasco Da Gamma Programme)
Damien Périssé, Director for Maritime Affairs, CPMR
- 15.30 – 16.00 Next meeting and network activities – Closure of the meeting
Based on Interact's work plan for 2017, the network will discuss next steps and activities (both learning and promotion) for 2017.



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Venue

The meeting is going to take place in Rostock, Germany, at the Pentahotel Rostock, Schwaansche Straße 6 (www.pentahotels.com/en/hotels/rosph-rostock/hotel-information/).



You can travel to Rostock by flying either to Hamburg or Berlin and then to continue by train. For train connections please go to www.bahn.de/p_en/view/index.shtml. From the Rostock Central train station take tram no. 5 or 6 and exit at 'Lange Straße'.



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Important Information

The date and venue of the 'Knowledge of the Seas' network meeting have been chosen with the intention to link it up and create synergies with the annual event of the South Baltic Programme on 15-16 November – one of the members of the Knowledge of the Seas network. As the South Baltic Programme has a strong focus on Blue and Green Growth, participation in its annual event might provide additional benefit also for the participants of the Knowledge of the Seas network meeting. Further information can be found on the South Baltic website at <https://southbaltic.eu/-/south-baltic-annual-eve-1>.

Every participant is responsible for his/her travel arrangements to and accommodation in Rostock. However, Interact has made a block reservation at the meeting hotel (20 rooms for the night 16 to 17 November and 5 rooms for the night 17 to 18 November). If you want to make use of this block reservation (single room: 99 EUR/night incl. breakfast), please make your booking directly with the hotel by 18 October 2016 either by e-mail to reservations.rostock@pentahotels.com or by phone (+49 69 256699300 (please check the country specific telephone fees). When making your booking, please use the reference **"Interact Programme"**.

The event will be held in English.