



The maritime dimension of 2021-2027 programming

24 November 2020

Online

- Step 1** **Before the meeting – Programmes' plans for 2021-2027**
In preparation of the meeting, participants are asked to fill in an online table indicating which maritime priorities, themes, activities they are (tentatively) planning for their 2021-2027 programme. The link to the table will be sent directly to the participants.
- Step 2** **The meeting – Tuesday, 24 November 2020**
The times indicated are CET.
- 09.45 – 10.00** Virtual meeting room open (technical check)
- 10.00 – 10.10** Welcome and introduction
Philipp Schwartz and Tsveta Aleksandrova, Interact
- 10.10 – 10.50** 'Maritime dimension' – The new approach to a sustainable Blue Economy and where to find 'maritime' in the different 2021-2017 policy objectives
Isabelle Viallon, European Commission, DG MARE
Pascal Boijmans, European Commission, DG REGIO
- Objectives of the session: To present how the maritime dimension could be approached in 2021-2027 and what is the 'maritime content' of the different 2021-2027 Policy Objectives.
- 10.50 – 11.00** Introduction to the three key questions for the group work
Philipp Schwartz, Interact
- Objective of the session: To present the three key questions regarding the maritime dimension of programming identified during an informal online exchange within the Knowledge of the seas network on 25 August 2020:
1. Strategy: How and when to come to a joint understanding and joint decision on the maritime dimension of the programme?
 2. Content: How to design the programme's maritime dimension, portfolio and content? Who and what can help?
 3. Implementation: How to implement the maritime dimension? Which programme management arrangements to consider?



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- 11.00 – 11.45 Finding answers – Group work (parallel groups)
Participants will be divided into three breakout rooms to discuss the three key questions. Similar to group work around tables at physical Interact events, it is up to the participants in the respective breakout room to discuss among each other and to assign a rapporteur for the closing session.
- 11.45 – 12.20 Reporting back from the group work
One person per group
- 12.20 – 12.30 Summary and next steps
Philipp Schwartz, Interact

Step 3

After the meeting

The discussion, findings, and key messages on the maritime dimension of 2021-2027 programming will be summarised and shared both within the Knowledge of the seas network and beyond.