

COLUMBUS Blue Society Knowledge Transfer Conference 2018

“Making Marine and Maritime Research Count”

AGENDA

Wednesday 24 January 2018

Venue: Crowne Plaza – Le Palace,
Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Bruxelles

Time: 10:00 – 17:00

An opportunity to discover COLUMBUS' Knowledge Transfer activities and outputs, and stimulate discussions on the barriers, challenges and potential solutions to optimise the research system and achieve measurable impact. This event is targeted towards knowledge generators and research institutes; users of marine and maritime research (industry, policy, science and society); and, funding agencies.

09:30 Coffee and Registration

10:00 Welcome Address

Session 1: COLUMBUS Pathways to Impact

A high-level overview of the COLUMBUS project activities and achievements to date. This will be followed by a panel discussion with COLUMBUS partners involved in the Knowledge Transfer process.

10:15 Introduction to COLUMBUS and Overview of COLUMBUS' Knowledge Transfer Activities
AquaTT

10.45 Panel: The COLUMBUS Journey

An interactive interview style format to exchange experiences and insights, and reflect on the COLUMBUS journey.

Session 2: Experiences in Value Creation

Knowledge Transfer practitioners will explore synergies, commonalities and differences in approaches to achieving value creation from research investments.

11:45 Panel: Experiences, Commonalities and Good Practice

Efthalia Arvaniti	Submariner Network
Gareth Davies	Aquatera
Jan-Bart Calewaert	European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet)
Paul Wickes	Cornwall Marine Network
Sveinn Margeisson	Matís

12:55 An Introduction to the Blue Society Concept

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****Presentation of the COLUMBUS Blue Society Award for Impactful Knowledge Transfer****

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

Session 3: Barriers and Challenges to Impact in Marine and Maritime Science

A number of barriers and challenges to achieving impact in the research system will be considered. The results of a flash survey of the COLUMBUS network will be presented outlining perspectives on the key challenges and barriers at three key stages of the research lifecycle: pre-project, project implementation and post-project.

14:15 Interactive Forum

Attendees will be provided with the opportunity to vote on and discuss the importance and significance of these barriers and challenges.

Session 4: How can we better optimise the research system to ensure impact resulting in value creation?

COLUMBUS is one of many strategic actions supported by the European Commission to help achieve impact from its research investments. Reflecting on the day and their own experiences, the final panel will discuss what potential actions should be carried out going forward.

15:30 Panel: What strategic actions are needed to further optimise the research system?

*Dominique Darmendrail, Water JPI
Ricardo Serrão Santos, MEP
Kathrine Angell Hansen, Strategic director JPI Oceans*

16:45 Closing remarks

17:00 Close of Meeting

Coffee and tea will be provided throughout the day, and participants are encouraged to bring promotional material with them as a space for dissemination will be provided.

