



# General Assembly of the Atlantic Arc Commission

Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May 2009 - Santander (Cantabria, Spain)

## Meeting Venue:

Palacio de la Magdalena  
Real Sitio de la Magdalena - Santander (Cantabria)

## DRAFT AGENDA

(on 7 May 2009)

### Thursday 14 May 2009 - 14.00/17.00

#### **Creativity and Innovation: resources of Atlantic stakeholders and territories**



#### **Introduction and Session Chair:** Laurent Beauvais,

President of Basse-Normandie Region and President of the Atlantic Arc Commission

#### **I- The objectives of the European year of Creativity and Innovation:** European Commission

#### **II- The Atlantic Regions' innovation and creativity initiatives:**

1. **Cantabria's innovation strategy in the framework of Regional Policy 2007-2013: Regional plan and main actions** by José Luis Sánchez, Director General for Innovation and Enterprises Development - SODERCAN - Government of Cantabria
2. **Adapt innovation approaches to the territories: Presentation on innovation in a rural environment** by Marie-Françoise Dujarier, Director - Space Nové@ (Basse-Normandie)
3. **Creativity and innovation as a factor of social inclusion** by Paula Cunha, Vice-President of the CCDR Lisbon and Tagus Valley

Coffee break: 15 min

#### **III- Atlantic Arc and the European Research Area: synergies in the marine and maritime research sector:**

1. **Structuring projects to fund research in the Atlantic Arc:** example of an ERA-NET network within the Atlantic Area by a representative of the CETMAR Foundation (Technological Centre of the Sea - Galicia)
2. **The territorial impact of the Framework Programme on the Atlantic Regions** by Damien Périssé, Director at CPMR in charge of Research and Innovation
3. **Research Infrastructures:** what synergies between ESFRI infrastructures with regard to the Sea and the Regions' strategies relating to the marine and maritime sector by Agnès Robin, DG Research - European Commission

#### **Conclusions**

by Laurent Beauvais and/or by a representative of the CPMR Secretariat General

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**Thursday 14 May 2009 - 17.30/19.00**  
**Atlantic Arc Commission Political Bureau Meeting**

**Thursday 14 May 2009**

**Official Dinner**

**Friday 15 May 2009: Atlantic Arc Commission General Assembly**

**8.30-9.00 Reception of participants**

**9.00-9.15 Opening session**

- Welcome address the Vice-President of the Cantabrian Government, Dolores Gorostiaga Saiz
- Speech by Laurent Beauvais, President of Basse-Normandie Region and President of the Atlantic Arc Commission

**9.15-9.30 Session 1: Atlantic Arc Commission Activity Report**

- Report on the activities led since the Deauville General Assembly in June 2008: delivery of the presidency's programme

**9.30-10.45 Session 2: From transnational cooperation to the development of an integrated area: which strategy for the Atlantic Arc?**

- Presentation of the Baltic Sea Strategy by Adrian Solitander, DG Regio - European Commission
- What approach for the Atlantic Arc? Guidelines  
Debate
- CPMR considerations on the future of cohesion policy by Xavier Gizard, Secretary General
- Maritime spatial planning in the Atlantic Area: State of play and presentation of a planned study on this topic

*10.45-11.15: Coffee Break*

**11.15-12.15 Session 3: Transport, a big issue for cohesion and competitiveness in the Atlantic Area**

- Report of activities of the Atlantic Arc Commission "Transport" Working group by a representative of the Basque Country
- Presentation of the Atlantic contribution on TEN-T by Tamara Guirao-Espiñeira, Officer for the Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities, and by a representative of the Basque Country and
- The Santander-Zeebrugge Short Sea Shipping Project by Christian Manrique, President of the Santander Port Authority

**12.15-13.00 Review of the common fisheries policy**

- The challenges of the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy and presentation of the work plan of the Atlantic Arc Commission "Fisheries" working group by Fernando Fernández Domonte, Xunta de Galicia
- Presentation of the Green Paper on the reform of CFP by Jan Lindemann, Administrator DG Mare - European Commission  
Debate

- Presentation of a SWW RAC project on the implementation of a long term management plan for fishing grounds by Benoît Guérin, Director of the SWW RAC

**13.00-13.30 A.O.B.**

- Rules of Procedure of the Atlantic Arc Commission
- News from the CPMR
- Financial report and call for proposals to host the 2010 General Assembly
- Summing up of the debates and final declaration
- Conclusion

**13.30 End of the meeting**

**14.00 Lunch**

**16.00 Cultural visit** (to be confirmed after 25 April according to the number of participants)