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a MED cIUster on
Maritime Suirveillance**

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PROTeuS project participated in the Maritime Safety and Security & Post 2020, held in Oporto, Portugal, that focused on the Mediterranean Sea basin, cooperation in maritime activities, protection of the marine environment & maritime heritage, and the improvement of safety & security at sea and to promote blue growth & job creation ■

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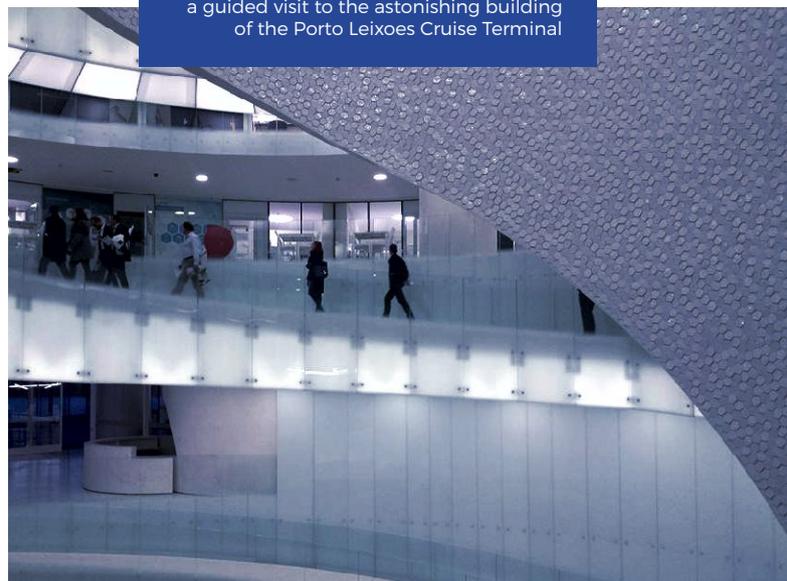
PROTeuS participated in the event Maritime Safety and Security & Post 2020, Thematic meeting of the Knowledge of the Seas Network, promoted by INTERACT, which was held in Oporto, Portugal, 21-22 November 2017.

This was organized by the 'Knowledge of the seas' network, being its fourth thematic meeting during 2015-2016.

This event focused on Maritime Safety and Security, on Day 1, approaching the topic from four different perspectives: EU Programmes representatives, EU projects representatives ("partners"), stakeholders and expert's perspectives. On day 2, the multi-perspective (heterogeneous) group of participants discussed the future of maritime cooperation.

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designed by Architect Luís Pedro Silva, was officially opened on the 23 July 2015 and since then it has already received several awards. The building also hosts a Sea hub of the University of Oporto. PROTeuS project was represented in the event through the partner University of Algarve.

In the thematic event “Maritime and Safety and Security & Post 2020”, the participants discussed the **added value of maritime cooperation**, in the present and in the future - post 2020. The starting point for the discussions were the following questions:

Why maritime cooperation? Do we need maritime cooperation (programmes) post 2020? What can be achieved only by combining (the framework of) Interreg with maritime cooperation - what would be missing? Would many problems be unsolved, many opportunities be lost? What are the main threats and opportunities for maritime cooperation respectively cooperation across maritime borders? What are the maritime topics, priorities and actors after 2020?

The main ideas were collected in an input paper about the 'added value for maritime cooperation'. One main aspect, that was mentioned, is that maritime cooperation is not a question of cooperation between borders, because there are issues that concern several territories, but that the 'property/responsibility' is diffuse. Subjects

like pollution, traffic, and people that navigate without 'using a passport'.

Regarding the **Mediterranean Sea basin**, cooperation is essential to manage maritime activities, protect the marine environment & maritime heritage, prevent & combat pollution, improve safety & security at sea and to promote blue growth & job creation. In the Mediterranean region, the integrated maritime policy is designed to improve cooperation and governance while also encouraging sustainable growth.

The **Knowledge of the seas network** brings together maritime Interreg programmes, thematic experts and stakeholders, EU and macro-regional actors, and projects co-financed by Interreg or other funding sources. The aim of the network is to both gain knowledge of the seas by thematic learning events as well as to promote what can be achieved through maritime (Interreg) cooperation.

Past learning events focused on blue skills, coastal and maritime tourism while the network actively promoted maritime Interreg cooperation at the European Maritime Day.

The next stop for our European Maritime Day cruise is on 31st of May and 1st of June 2018 in sunny Burgas at the Black Sea ■



PROteuS partners discuss the basis for the creation of a Marine Surveillance cluster in the Mediterranean

Mediterranean Maritime Surveillance Cluster discussed in Milan

The basis for the creation of a Marine Surveillance cluster in the Mediterranean were discussed in Milan at an international meeting of the PROTeuS project.

The meeting focused on the creation of a Mediterranean maritime surveillance cluster to increase innovation and research and development capabilities, transfer of knowledge and technology and international cooperation among the actors involved, with a focus on security and

surveillance mechanisms in the Mediterranean. The cluster intends to foster business opportunities and exploit the market potential of the Maritime Surveillance industry by monitoring, for example, passenger and cargo traffic, border control, fisheries control, and the minimization of environmental risks.

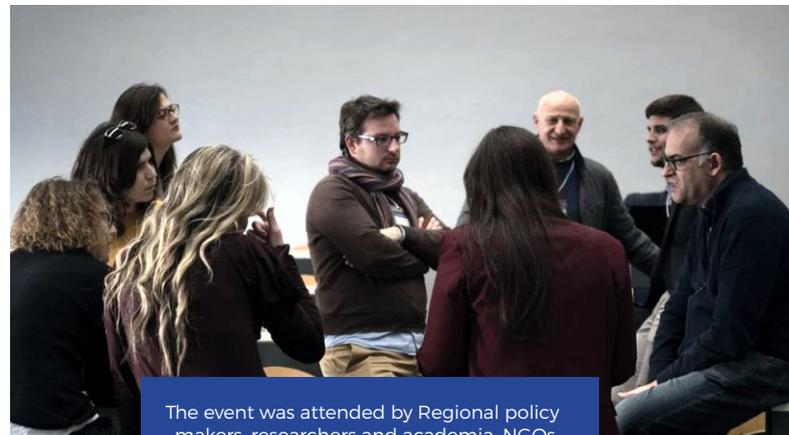
The cluster will consist of six "national nodes" involving 6 countries: Cyprus, Spain, France, Greece, Italy and Portugal ■

Increased investments and pre-impact assessment studies key for a sustainable development of marine renewable energies in the Mediterranean basin

The Blue Growth Community, driven by the InnoBlueGrowth project (Interreg MED), celebrated its second transnational event on Blue Energies in Naples last November 27-28, 2017.

Organized by the IMC-CPMR and with the support of all InnoBlueGrowth partners, the "Innovation for the development of blue energies in the Mediterranean" event gathered stakeholders ranging from regional policy makers to researchers and academia, NGOs, and the private sector.

The event ensured the follow-up of issues highlighted by the MAESTRALE and PELAGOS



The event was attended by Regional policy makers, researchers and academia, NGOs, and private sector representatives

projects during the Community Launch event of April 2017.

Among the highlighted issues were the potential for funding marine renewable energies in the Mediterranean, with a focus on the strategies of the EU in this sense and a relevant parallel with the actual knowledge on potentialities for developing marine renewable energy infrastructures in the basin.

This was conjugated with awareness-raising exchanges regarding the need for a thorough integrated coastal zone management and maritime spatial planning, allowing the enhancement of the Blue Growth sustainable component by identifying synergies between sectors, pushing for multi-level and multi-sector cooperation, minimizing conflicts of uses, and preserving the sea/ocean space and marine resources.

The debates then moved to the environmental impacts that marine renewable energy infrastructures - in particular, wave systems - can

potentially exert on the marine environment and ecosystems.

Lastly, the focus was brought on the training and educational part of the sector, highlighting the different expectations of the sector in terms of skills and the gaps that still need to be tackled for job creations and a better match between both skills offer and demand.

During a field visit, the participants sailed to observe a wave energy pilot plant. The idea of this pilot is to evaluate the cost/benefit of such a plant to generate energy for the port itself, and taking advantage of existing constructions (breakwater in this example) to lower its overall building cost.

A more technical and policy report will be published soon following this event, and on the road to the Interreg Med and InnoBlueGrowth mid-term events, to occur next April 18-19, 2018 in Rome (Italy), and in November 2018 in Barcelona (Spain)■

Source: InnoBlueGrowth project

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Interreg MED mid-term event to take place, in Rome, on April 18th and 19th, 2018



The main purpose of this event is to demonstrate, through the concrete results of Modular, Horizontal and Governance projects, how the Interreg MED Programme architecture has become a “living” integrated process with tangible results, where thematic communities speak in one voice.

event will take place on April 18th and 19th 2018 at the Auditorium del Massimo, Via Massimiliano Massimo, 1 - 00144 Rome, Italy.

More information on the event, and a formal agenda, is soon to be released by the Interreg MED Joint Secretariat ■



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