







Implementation of RIS3 Priorities in Blue Growth

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Most countries and regions across Europe now have in place Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3), as a result of the European Union's new results orientated Cohesion Policy. They now face the challenge of moving from strategy making to implementation, through tailored policy mixes and tools, including (but not limited to) the use of European Structural and Investment Funds. To help launch this process, this workshop will bring together national and regional policy makers that identified 'Blue Growth' as a priority in their RIS3. It is organised jointly by the government of the Canary Islands and the S3 Platform.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- 1. Understand how blue growth has been prioritized and framed in RIS3;
- 2. Discuss blue growth solutions proposed by industry, researchers and other stakeholders;
- 3. Examine possible blue growth policy mixes including the use of European funds;
- 4. Explore possibilities for transnational cooperation projects.

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Agenda

Thursday, October 8th



09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 - 11:00	Opening
	Moderated by Marcelino Cabrera, S3 Platform Project Leader, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
	Welcome by the Canary Islands Agency for Research, Innovation and Information Society and by the S3 Platform, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
	Introduction to the Canary Islands and the blue economy: universities, clusters, business and technological centres and facilities.
	Check in: Introduction and expectations of participants
	Opportunities and challenges for RIS3 implementation by Marek Przeor, DG Regional Policy
	Implementing RIS3, by John Edwards, S3 Platform, Joint Research Centre
	Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Background to Blue Growth and Smart Specialisation
	Moderated by John Edwards, S3 Platform
	Pathways for Blue Growth, by Jan-Maarten de Vet, lead author of the European Commission sponsored Blue Growth Study
	The Integrated Maritime Policy, Maritime Clusters and Sea Basin Strategies, by DG MARE, European Commission
	From Policy to Practice: Regional Perspectives on Smart Specialisation and Blue Growth, by Damien Périssé of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions
	Discussion
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:00	Policy mixes for implementing RIS3 Blue Growth Priorities
	Moderated by Mathieu Doussineau, Joint Research Centre
	Synergies between Horizon 2020 and the Cohesion Policy to support Blue Growth, by Mathieu Doussineau, RC
	Research-Industry cooperation in the marine economy, by Jonathon Williams, CEO Marine SE
	Inter-regional cooperation in the maritime economy, by Federico Cardona of the Support Team for the EU Atlantic Action Plan
	Discussion
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break





16:30- 18:00	Special Session on Marine Energy – Smart Specialisation Platform for Energy
	Introduction and moderation by Manuel Palazuelos, Project Leader of the EU's Smart Specialisation Platform for Energy
	Ocean energy in the EU: Current developments and Innovation, by Andreas Uihlein, Institute for Energy and Transport (IET), Joint Research Centre
	Marine Energy in two regions: Andalusia and Scotland
20:00	Joint Dinner

Friday, October 9th



09:00 - 09:30	Checking in
9:30 – 11:00	Story Telling about Blue Growth in National RIS3
	Moderated by the Canary Islands or Nordland County Council
	Portugal, Telmo Carvalho of the Portuguese Research Funding Council
	Ireland, John Evans of the Marine Institute
	The countries will make a presentation of their blue growth priorities and how they will be implemented. Participants will analyse and discuss the opportunities and challenges for these countries.
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Story Telling about Blue Growth in regional RIS3
	Moderated by the Portuguese FCT or the Marine Institute Ireland
	The Canary Islands, Agency for Research, Innovation and Information Society
	Nordland, Terje Stabæk of Nordland County Council
	The regions will make a presentation of their blue growth priorities and how they will be implemented. Participants will analyse and discuss the opportunities and challenges for these regions.
13:00 – 13:30	Conclusions
13:30 – 16:30	Lunch and Study Visit
	Participants will have the opportunity to visit the facilities of the PORT of Las Palmas de GC. and the Oceanic Platform of the Canary Islands.