

WHO IS THIS DAY FOR?

The Information Day is for everyone interested in taking part in the call. That means researchers, research institutions, companies, industry, SMEs, National Contact Points.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

You must register to participate!

Please request a registration form by sending an e-mail to:

RTD-OCEAN-CALL@ec.europa.eu
before **8th September 2009**.

Due to the size of the meeting room, registrations will be accepted on a **first come-first served** basis. But please note that we may have to limit the number of representatives from each organisation, if the event is oversubscribed.

FLASH PRESENTATIONS

Participants are invited to give flash presentations during the brokerage event. These should relate to a proposal idea, to their specific competence in relation with the call or to their interest in setting up or joining a consortium.

Please note that presentations should last 3 minutes max and should not exceed 5 slides.

Any presentations MUST be sent, in advance, to:
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by **10th September 2009**.

For any additional information please send an email to:
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Info Day Call
**THE OCEAN OF
TOMORROW**
34 million €


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INFO DAY

THE OCEAN OF TOMORROW INFO DAY - 16th SEPTEMBER, Brussels

Joining research forces to meet challenges in
ocean management

Charlemagne Conference Centre
Rue de la Loi, 170
Room Sicco Mansholt - Level 0
(Metro Station SCHUMAN)



Excellence in marine and maritime research, and in particular improved integration between all the relevant scientific disciplines, are needed to address complex sea-related issues in the framework of the EU maritime policy. This is an essential objective of the Communication **A European Strategy for Marine and Maritime Research** (COM (2008) 534), adopted in September 2008, which suggested, among other actions, to launch joint calls under FP7 in 2009–2010 on major research topics requiring a cross-thematic approach. **The ocean of tomorrow** call, which will be launched on 30th of July 2009, is a first Commission initiative to implement this commitment.

THE OCEAN OF TOMORROW, THE CALL AT A GLANCE

The objective of the call is to build the knowledge base for a sustainable growth of sea-based activities. It will do this in two ways: by improving understanding of marine ecosystems' response to a combination of natural and anthropogenic factors; and by providing a scientific foundation for feasible, sustainable management measures supporting policies and possible related technologies.

The call will be implemented through three topics*:

- Quantification of climate change impacts on economics sectors in the Arctic. (11 million €)**
- Vectors of changes in marine life, impact on economic sectors. (12.5 million €)**
- Sub-seabed carbon storage and the marine environment. (10.5 million €)**

The call will be published on Cordis the 30th July 2009:
www.cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm

WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE INFO DAY?

To provide information on the call launched under the Cooperation Themes: Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology; Energy; Environment; Transport; Socioeconomic sciences and Humanities.

The call will be led by the Directorate 'Biotechnologies, Agriculture, Food' of DG Research.



WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE DAY?

To underline the relevance of the subject and the importance of the joint effort among different FP7 Themes, the event will be opened by two European Commissioners, Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for Science and Research and Joe Borg, Commissioner for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs.

The morning session will continue with a general presentation of the rationale for this call, its modalities for implementation, and the presentation of the three topics.

A panel of Commission representatives will then answer questions from participants on how they can best address the integration and multidisciplinary features of the call.

During the afternoon there will be a brokerage event. Participants are invited to give a "flash" 3-min. presentation (5 slides max). This should be related to a project idea, to their competence in the specific field, or to their interest in starting or joining a consortium.

The event will close with a Q&A session and final remarks from the Commission representatives.

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME

09:30	Registration and coffee CHARLEMAGNE CONFERENCE CENTER Room Sicco Mansholt - Level 0
10:00	Opening Janez Potočnik <i>European Commissioner for Science and Research</i> Joe Borg <i>European Commissioner for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs</i>
10:30	Andras Siegler, <i>Director</i> <i>Transport Directorate, DG Research</i> EU Strategy for marine and maritime research, Implementation roadmap
10:45	Manuela Soares, <i>Director</i> <i>Environment Directorate, DG Research</i> Environmental challenges in the context of the EU Strategy for marine and maritime research
11:00	Maive Rute, <i>Director</i> <i>Biotechnologies, Agriculture, Food Directorate - DG Research</i> Call "The ocean of tomorrow": rationale, context, content
11:15	Tim Hall, <i>Head of Unit</i> <i>Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Aquaculture</i> <i>Biotechnologies, Agriculture, Food Directorate - DG Research</i> Call "The ocean of tomorrow": description of the topics, modalities for implementation
11:45	Floor discussion with all Commission' services concerned
12:30	Lunch Break
14:00	Brokerage session - Flash presentations Moderator: Pierre Mathy, <i>Head of Unit</i> <i>Management of Natural resources</i> <i>Environment Directorate, DG Research</i>
16:00	Questions & Answers session
16:30	Conclusive remarks by the European Commission Waddah Saab, coordinator for the EU Strategy for marine and maritime research

FREE BROKERAGE

* Subject to final adoption by the Commission on the 30th of July 2009

** Indicative budget

