



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Brussels,

Subject: Invitation to speak at the European Maritime Day Conference on 21 May 2013, Valletta, Malta

Dear Dr Borg,

I would like to invite you as a speaker for the 2013 edition of the European Maritime Day Conference *"Coastal development and sustainable maritime tourism: an investment for blue growth"* on Tuesday, 21 May 2013 in Valletta, Malta.

European Maritime Day is a high profile event held annually to celebrate an integrated approach to maritime affairs. In 2013, the European Maritime Day Conference will focus on sustainable coastal and maritime tourism in the wider context of Blue Growth. It will be an occasion to reflect, at high level, on how to make Blue Growth happen through sustainable tourism, connectivity and coastal management. A special focus will be made on the Mediterranean Region and its maritime relation with neighbouring countries.

The Conference is being organised in partnership with the Maltese Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications; the Maltese Ministry for Tourism, Culture and Environment and the European Commission.

I would be very honoured to have you as a speaker during the plenary session 2: *"Connectivity for Blue Growth in Europe"* on Tuesday, 21 May (14.00-15.30).

The second plenary will focus on good maritime connectivity in Europe. It is a prerequisite to making Blue Growth happen in islands, coastal regions and the main markets in the hinterland. Smart solutions are often the result of clever combinations - ships having the right combination of cargo and passenger services to reduce operating costs, adapted ports and shipyards, offshore energy with good linkage to the mainland. Integrated Maritime Policy and its Blue Growth concept are about synergies like these.

The other panellists to be confirmed are Ms Ana Aguado Cornago, Chief Executive Officer, Friends of the Supergrid, Mainstream; Mr Jan Hanses, Executive Vice President of Viking Line and Mr Markku Mylly, Executive Director of EMSA, European Maritime Safety Agency.

Mr Fotis Karamitsos, Acting Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission will be the moderator and will contact you in the near future as regards the details of the session.

Dr Joe Borg
Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies - MEDAC,
Former Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries in European Commission

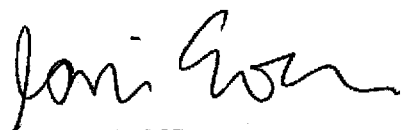
Please confirm your availability as soon as possible and at the latest by 20 February 2013 to Ms Hana Zahradkova-(Hana.ZAHRADKOVA@ec.europa.eu , tel. +32 2 2972479). In addition, you are kindly invited to send your *Curriculum Vitae* and a photo (as a separate jpeg. file) both to be uploaded on the Conference website.

Please do not forget to register for the conference on our website http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday/conference/index_en.htm . Registration is compulsory for everyone, including speakers, for security reasons.

You will receive more information on the composition of the session closer to the date. For ease of reference, I am attaching a copy of the draft programme of the Conference.

Looking forward to a positive response,

Yours sincerely,



Lowri EVANS

Enclosure: Summary programme
 Guidelines on coverage of speakers' travel and accommodation
 costs+ form to be sent back

From: Joe Borg <joe.r.borg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday 15 February 2013 18:05
To: MARE EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY
Subject: RE: European Maritime Day 2013- Invitation to speak- Dr Borg

The Maritime Day Team,
Thank you for the official invitation from Mr Lowri Evans. Since I have already been contacted by Mr Rafael Deroo and I have already confirmed my participation and provided you with my CV and my photo I take it I need not confirm my availability to Ms Hana Zahradkova.
Kind regards,
Joe Borg.

From: MARE-European-Maritime-Day@ec.europa.eu [<mailto:MARE-European-Maritime-Day@ec.europa.eu>]
Sent: Il-Gimgha, 15 ta' Frar 2013 15:50
To: joe.r.borg@gmail.com
Cc: Matthew.King@ec.europa.eu; Rafael.DEROO@ec.europa.eu; Elaine.MILLER@ec.europa.eu; Marie.COLOMBIER@ec.europa.eu; Linda.De-Hertogh@ec.europa.eu
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Dear Professor Borg,

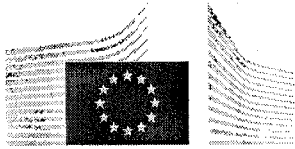
On behalf of Lowri Evans, Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission, we are happy to invite to speak during the 2013 edition of European Maritime Day. It will take place at the Mediterranean Conference Center in Valletta on 21 and 22 May 2013.

Please find attached the official invitation from Ms. Lowri Evans. You will be contacted shortly by the moderator of your session.

Thank you very much.

With kind regards,
The Maritime Day Team

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday/index_en.htm



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Brussels,

Thank you letter for European Maritime Day Conference, 21-22 May 2013, Valetta, Malta

Dear Dr Borg,

I would like to thank you for your excellent intervention during the 2013 edition of the European Maritime Day Conference "*Coastal development and sustainable maritime tourism: an investment for blue growth*" on Tuesday, 21 May 2013 in Valletta, Malta.

Your contribution in the session was highly appreciated. Your intervention was thought provoking and will enrich our work for an even stronger Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union.

The European Maritime Day Conference gathered around 850 participants from EU Member States and third countries and made a real contribution in further developing our work with maritime stakeholders. All the participants are looking forward to the next edition of the European Maritime Day in 2014 in Bremen.

Once again, thank you for your participation and I look forward to continue our fruitful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Lowri EVANS

Dr Joe Borg,
University Lecturer,
Former European Commissioner

From: Joe Borg <joe.r.borg@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday 18 April 2013 10:01
To: SIEMERS Haitze (MARE)
Subject: RE: MSP/information/ ideas

Dear Haitze,

Thank you very much for the points you made on the MSP which will certainly be very useful to me and than you also for the attached documents. I will read them carefully in preparation for my presentation of the 24th.

Hope to see you soon and best regards,

Joe

From: Haitze-J.Siemers@ec.europa.eu [mailto:Haitze-J.Siemers@ec.europa.eu]
Sent: L-Erbgħa, 17 ta' April 2013 15:33
To: joe.r.borg@gmail.com
Subject: MSP/information/ ideas

Dear Commissioner, dear Joe,

I apologise again for coming back to you so late – it has been a completely crazy ten days with no time to spare. I am sure your presentation for 24 April is ready to go, but I did want to get back to you with some of the promised stuff on MSP.

Firstly, you may have seen this on our website, but there is an updated Q&A on MSP which may be handy under any circumstances. I attach it here.

Second, here's a summary of points that I think are very important both in terms of context, and to manage questions from stakeholders:

One, the main objective is growth and employment. You are aware, I am sure, of the Blue growth initiative, and will probably have received some information on this in preparation of your intervention at Maritime Day. MSP supports Blue Growth because it creates stability, predictability and transparency for economic operators who are active or plan to be active at sea. With this legal instrument in place, all Member States have to clearly allocate space to economic activities, map where they are, and this creates a predictable environment. Studies carried out by ourselves (economic benefits study, I enclose the doc here), and by some Member States (e.g. UK) suggest that the economic benefits could be massive.

I also enclose here a link to the study which we did on MSP in the Mediterranean specifically (there are too many documents there to reproduce here), the non-technical summary of which could be relevant.

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/documentation/studies/study_msp_med_en.htm

Two, the rationale is that economic activities at sea, and in an offshore context, are expanding. They increase:

- Competition amongst activities (windfarms vs fishing and shipping, shipping vs. fishing, hydrocarbons vs. shipping and fishing, tourism vs. shipping and renewables, etc.)
- Safety concerns because of higher density (notably shipping, but not only)
- Environment impacts or conflicts between environmental uses (MPAs) and economic activities

It therefore makes sense and is increasingly necessary for Member States to have effective management tools in hand which allow to manage all of this offshore development coherently.

Three, these developments do not, by definition, stop at national borders, nor do marine ecosystems. It is therefore at least as important (and a significant argument for EU added-value) that these types of systems (MSP) are organised in such a way as to allow for cross-border cooperation.

Four, the objective is to provide a framework within which Member States can develop these systems, based on their individual administrative structures and processes, and without any interference on content by the EU. The proposal is designed to work in support of multiple objectives that already exist at EU level, and to ensure that these objectives are equally taken into account by Member States developing MSP – but there are no *new* substance objectives being set out.

Five, specifically for your audience, their interest should be that the management of shipping (in full respect of IMO competences etc. of course) through an integrated process applied throughout Member States, is something that complements their role nicely, as their primary task as I see it should be maintaining maritime safety.

Six, by the same token, it is necessary to ensure coherent management of coastal areas and to make sure that this management is linked to what is done in terms of spatial planning at sea. Integrated Coastal Management as we now call it is not about planning, but about developing strategies to coordinate management policies in the coastal zone; the reason why this is included in this legislative proposal in particular is because the 2002 Recommendation on ICZM did not achieve more than modest results, and by its very nature will not lead to any further progress on the issue, on the one hand. On the other hand, there are obligations for Mediterranean Member States stemming from the ICZM Protocol to the Barcelona Convention which was ratified by the EU, and is therefore binding on Mediterranean EU Member States, and this leads to an unbalanced situation in the EU.

I sincerely hope that this helps, if there is anything else that I can do to help, please do not hesitate to ask, I'd be more than happy to set up a telephone call or other direct communication whenever possible.

With my very best regards and again, apologies for coming back so late,

Haitze

From: Joe Borg <joe.r.borg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday 15 March 2013 17:57
To: SIEMERS Haitze (MARE)
Subject: RE: Maritime Spatial Planning

Dear Haitze,

It was a very pleasant surprise to receive this email from you and thank you for the copy of the proposal for a Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning and ICZM. This proposal is undoubtedly a great step forward in the process that started way back in 2005. I am really glad for you and for all the Maritime Policy team in DG Mare. I also look forward to meeting you in Malta in May on the occasion of Maritime Day and I hope we will have some time to speak together on matters of common interest. I have just started to reflect on the subject of my presentation at the Plenary session 2 of the Conference. I wonder whether you have any material which you can forward to me that is relevant to the subject – “The geographic aspects of connectivity and the insularity of some of Europe’s territory”. It goes without saying that you should feel free to pass on to me any ideas that you may have on the subject ☺. All the best,
Joe Borg.

From: Haitze-J.Siemers@ec.europa.eu [<mailto:Haitze-J.Siemers@ec.europa.eu>]
Sent: Il-Gimgha, 15 ta' Marzu 2013 17:03
To: joe.r.borg@gmail.com
Subject: Maritime Spatial Planning

Dear Commissioner Borg,

I am certain that you will already have heard the news, but I found it important to inform you myself of the adoption by the Commission of a proposal for a Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning and ICZM.

Who would have imagined this step when we started working in the Task Force back in 2005 and had to imagine a maritime policy from scratch!

Please find attached a copy in English and Maltese for your information (although given the electronic world we live in, this is more a symbolic than a real gesture ☺).

I look forward to seeing you again in Malta at the occasion of Maritime Day,

Sincerely,

Haitze Siemers

From: Joe Borg <joe.r.borg@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday 16 March 2013 10:31
To: SIEMERS Haitze (MARE)
Subject: RE: Maritime Spatial Planning

Dear Haitze,

After receiving your email yesterday and replying to it, I have, by a big coincidence, received an invitation from the Secretary General of the European Maritime Pilots Association (Italielei 74, B-2000 Antwerp, Belgium) to take part as a speaker at a conference being held in Malta on the 24-25 April 2013 commemorating their 50th anniversary. The theme of the conference will be "European Pilots Towards a Sustainable Maritime Future".

I have decided to accept the invitation and I was thinking of speaking on the impact of the implementation by EU Member States of maritime spatial plans and integrated coastal management strategies on maritime activities with particular reference to maritime traffic and ports (in the light of the proposal for a directive establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management of the 12.03.2013) and its eventual adoption and subsequent implementation by Member States).

Do you think it would make an interesting subject to speak on and to debate? I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide me with any material that could be of assistance and you own ideas on how I should tackle the subject.

I apologize for abusing of your time but your views and ideas would be of invaluable assistance to me.

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Your assistance would be very welcome. Since I will be speaking at the conference on the 24th April I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide me with something in writing whenever you can but preferably before the end of this month, if possible, so that I can then prepare my intervention and discuss it with you when you are in Malta sometime during the 10th April, if you could be available for an hour or so.

Thanks again and best regards,
Joe.

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Sent: Il-Ħamis, 21 ta' Marzu 2013 16:42
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Subject: RE: Maritime Spatial Planning

Dear Dr. Borg, dear Joe,

I will be happy to assist; when and how be the most suitable way to organise this: we could speak over the 'phone – and, as I just realise, I should be in Malta on 9 (late) and 10 April which might make it possible to meet face-to-face...

Otherwise, I can of course provide something in writing at short notice,

All the best,

Haitze

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