



Working Group Marine and Water Affairs

Tuesday 14 April, European Parliament Brussels

Room: ASP 5E-3

8:45 - Registration at the European Parliament - Rue Wiertz (please find map attached)

Programme **Key challenges for European seas and oceans**

Working Group meeting (09h – 11h)

09h00 – 09h15. Opening address

- *The Commissions vision on the Integrated Maritime Policy.*

Mr. Haitze Siemers, Head of Unit Maritime Policy Baltic and North Sea, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

09h15 – 10h00. Key challenges for European seas and oceans:

- *Marine pollution: the case of nitrogen*

Dr. Markus Salomon, German Advisory Council on the Environment

- *Protecting the Mediterranean Sea*

Dr. Puri Canals, Chair person Network of marine protected area managers in the Mediterranean (MedPAN)

- *Marine protected areas and nature conservation at the center of the Integrated Maritime Policy: the perspective of NGOs*

Nicolas Fournier, senior policy advisor at Oceana

10h00 – 11h00. Debate

Speakers of today include



Dr. Markus Salomon:

PhD in biology (focus hydrobiology and fishery science) by the University of Hamburg. Mr. Salomon has worked at different marine research institutes such as the “Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research” and the “Station Zoologique in Villefranche sur mer”. Since 2002 he is working for the German Advisory Council on the Environment (SRU) with a special expertise in water and marine environment protection as well as air pollution control.



Dr. Puri Canals:

PhD in Biochemistry and Physiology by the University of Barcelona. Ms. Canals is Chair of the Network of Marine Protected Area Managers in the Mediterranean (MedPAN) since 2009.

Since 2004 she is member of the Scientific Council of the French Government “Conservatoire de l’Espace Littoral et des Rivages Lacustres” and since 2006 member of the advisor public panel of the Chemical Business Association of Tarragona (AEQT). She has held several positions of responsibility in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), as Vice-Chair from 2000 to 2008, Chair of Preparatory Committee of the 4th World Conservation Congress that was held in Barcelona in 2008, and the Vice-Chair of the IUCN Spanish Committee (1996-2000).



Mr. Nicolas Fournier:

Holds a Master’s Degree in Economics from the University of Paris-Dauphine and a Master’s Degree in Environmental Policies and Sustainable Development from the Catholic Institute of Paris. In 2009 he joined IUCN Regional Office for Europe to work on EU biodiversity policies, and supported the Belgian Presidency of the European Council on the preparation to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP10 with respect the multilateral marine dossiers. Since 2010 he is a policy advisor at Oceana and coordinates European advocacy work on marine campaigns (marine protected areas, biodiversity, maritime affairs) which include among other representing Oceana at the OSPAR Convention