



Údarás Réigiúnach an Oir-Dheiscirt
South-East Regional Authority

EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY 2010

Sustainable Estuarial Regions: Development of the Waterford Estuary

Conference

Ramada Viking Hotel, Cork Road, Waterford City, Ireland

Thursday
20th May 2010

As part of the European Union's European Maritime Day 2010 the South-East Regional Authority is hosting this one-day conference focusing on marine spatial planning.

The conference will examine the challenges and pressures facing estuarial environments with a specific focus on the Waterford Estuary and will promote the development of a strategic methodology and framework for the sustainable coordinated development and management of the Estuary.



PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.30 am

Registration & Tea/Coffee

9.30 – 9.45 am

Welcome & Opening of Proceedings

*Cllr. John Halligan, Mayor of Waterford City
Cllr. Thomas Kinsella, Cathaoirleach,
South-East Regional Authority*

Session 1

Chair – Mr. Liam Conneally, Director,
Mid-West Regional Authority

9.45– 10.15 am

**Estuaries and their role in Sustainable
Regional Development: The EU
perspective on Integrated Governance
of the Maritime/Estuary Space**

*Mr. Micheál O'Briain, Policy Co-ordinator,
Unit Natura 2000, Directorate General
Environment, European Commission*

10.15– 10.35 am

**Port of Waterford Company:
Driving Regional Prosperity and
City Regeneration**

*Mr. Stan McIlvenny, Chief Executive,
Port of Waterford Company*

10.35 – 11.00 am

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 am

Tea/Coffee

Session 2

Chair – Mr. Ciaran Lynch, Director of Rural
Development, Tipperary Institute

11.30 – 11.50 am

Waterford Estuary: A Regional Resource

*Mr. Thomas Byrne, Director,
South-East Regional Authority*

11.50 – 12.20 pm

**Experiences with Estuary Management in
the Tamar Estuaries, United Kingdom**

*Ms. Kaja Curry,
Coastal Planning Co-ordinator,
Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum*

12.20 – 12.40 pm

**The Estuary & its Role in the
Waterford Gateway**

Mr. Michael Walsh, Waterford City Manager

12.40 – 1.00 pm

Discussion

1.00 – 2.15 pm

Lunch

Session 3

Chair – Mr. Michael Maddock, CEO,
South-East Business Innovation Centre

2.15 – 2.35 pm

**Estuarial Regions: Environmental and
Sustainability Considerations**

*Dr. Shane O'Boyle,
Environmental Protection Agency*

2.35 – 2.55 pm

**Tourism Opportunities
in Estuarial Regions**

*Mr. Steve Conlon, Business Development
Director, Irish Marine Federation*

2.55 – 3.15 pm

**SmartBay: Facilitating the development
of Innovative ICT-enabled solutions
for the Sustainable Management of
Estuarine and Coastal Waters**

*Dr. Barbara Fogarty, National Co-ordinator
Advanced Marine Technology Programme,
SeaChange Management Unit, Marine
Institute*

3.15 – 3.30 pm

Discussion

3.30 – 4.30 pm

**Facilitated Session on developing an
approach and framework for the
sustainable coordinated development
and management of the Waterford
Estuary**

4.30 pm

Close of Proceedings