

# 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’Brian, 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**