



Aquamarina working group: how it operates

Plenary

The Aquamarina group shall hold about six plenary meetings over a two-year period (2008-2009). These plenary meetings will be structured around two main items:

- Progress report on EU maritime policy: How current action is developing. Future actions. Preparation for major deadlines.
- Focus on one specific issue deemed a priority for the Regions: Reminder of planned actions, presentations by institutions and/or experts, regional sea based approaches, actions to be undertaken.

The timetable will be drawn up on the basis of the priorities fixed by the Regions, the state of progress and the forthcoming issues to be addressed.

Meetings or Thematic Commissions

The limited number of plenary meetings means that it will not be possible to address all issues and actions planned in the Blue Paper. Therefore, some issues could be the focus of thematic meetings led by the group or give rise to a thematic commission (if the subject needs regular follow-up).

These meetings or thematic commissions will be organised by the Region making the proposal, possibly at the level of the sea basin.

An attached document will serve as a basis for identifying topics to be addressed in the plenary meetings and those to be dealt with in thematic meetings.

Technical Committee

It is proposed to set up a technical committee for the Aquamarina Group. This technical committee, made up of voluntary Regions, will be tasked with organising a policy watch on the progress of EU maritime policy and preparing the plenary meetings from a technical point of view. It will also facilitate the links between the plenary meetings and thematic meetings.

Regions interested in taking part in the technical committee are invited to contact Brittany Region for more details (email: mimer@region-bretagne.fr / contact: Christophe Marques, Mission Mer, Conseil régional de Bretagne).