



INVITATION

Transatlantic Research Cooperation to Treasure and Protect the Atlantic Ocean

Date: 6 June 2018, 10am-2:30pm

Location: Woodrow Wilson Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004

On 6th June 2018, a celebratory event entitled “*Transatlantic Research Cooperation to Treasure and Protect the Atlantic Ocean*” will be held in the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Celebrating 20 years of the EU-US Science and Technology Agreement and 5 years of EU-US marine research cooperation, this event brings together European and US representatives of industry, science and policy to identify the best ways for science to help us treasure and protect the Atlantic Ocean, to keep it healthy and productive and to understand and tackle the issue of plastics in the ocean.

Under the Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement, the EU and the US support cooperation in many key areas of science and technology.

Marine and Arctic research are among the priority fields of this transatlantic cooperation. To this end, the European Union, the United States and Canada signed the **Galway Statement on Atlantic Ocean Cooperation** in 2013 with the aim of aligning the transatlantic ocean science and observation efforts of the three partners. The goals are to better understand the Atlantic Ocean and to promote the sustainable management of its resources. Specific elements of Horizon 2020, the EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation have been designed to advance the Galway Statement implementation. To date, the EU has invested €140 million of Horizon 2020 funding towards the implementation of the Galway Statement.

This event will include a visit of the [Ocean Plastics Lab](#) which will be in Washington DC from June 4-17 thanks to a joint effort of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the European Commission, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the German Marine Research Consortium in collaboration with the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation and other partners. The Lab is a travelling exhibition showcasing the contribution of science to understanding and combating the problem of plastics in the ocean. This exhibition is just one of the many successful examples of how, by joining forces and working together in partnership, we can illustrate that plastics in the ocean are a huge challenge, and science and society together can provide solutions.

Our mission now is to build on 20 years of EU-US science and technology cooperation to use and protect the Atlantic Ocean – our shared resource for the well-being of future generations.

Join us in this discussion and become a partner with us in The Atlantic Journey!

Participation in this event is free, but registration is essential: [REGISTER HERE](#)

	<p><i>Transatlantic Research Cooperation to Treasure and Protect the Atlantic Ocean</i></p> <p><i>Event moderation: Mary Kavanagh, Minister-Counselor, Research and Innovation, at the Delegation of the European Union to the United States</i></p>
09:15 am	<p>Registration and Coffee</p>
10:00 am	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <p>Mike Sfraga, Director of the Polar Initiative at the Wilson Center</p>
10:10 am	<p>Blue Planet II – Film Clip and Keynote Statement</p> <p>Mark Brownlow, Series Producer, Blue Planet II</p>
10:30 am	<p><i>The Galway Statement: Vision and Achievements</i></p> <p>Judith Garber, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State</p> <p>H.E. David O'Sullivan, Ambassador of European Union to the United States of America</p> <p>Volker Rieke, Director General for International Affairs, German Federal Ministry of Education and Research</p> <p>Craig McLean, Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research and Acting Chief Scientist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</p>
11:15 am	<p>Keynote Address and Q&A Session</p> <p>Professor Nancy Knowlton, Sant Chair for Marine Science, Smithsonian Institution <i>#OceanOptimism: Success stories for cleaner oceans – making the most of informed action</i></p>
11:35 am	<p>Break</p>
11:45 am	<p>Panel – Where should our Atlantic Ocean cooperation go from here?</p> <p>Moderators: Sigi Gruber (European Commission) and Craig McLean (NOAA) <i>Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance – Short Film Premier</i></p> <p>Peter Heffernan, CEO, Marine Institute Ireland</p> <p>Lisa Levin, Distinguished Professor, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Co-lead of the Deep Ocean Stewardship Initiative and of the Deep Ocean Observing Strategy</p> <p>Wojciech Wawrzynski, Head of Science Support Department, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea</p> <p>Minh-Hà Pham, Science Counsellor, Embassy of France</p> <p>Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission</p> <p>Jon White, President and CEO, Consortium Ocean Leadership</p>
1:00 pm	<p>Summing Up</p> <p>Jan-Stefan Fritz, Head European Office, German Marine Research Consortium</p>
1:10 pm	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Ocean Plastics Lab: <i>from Brussels to Washington</i> – Short Film Premier Activity: t-shirt (<i>EU-US 20 years celebration</i>) give-away</p>
2:30 pm	<p>Visit of the Ocean Plastic Lab exhibition</p>