

Economic Seminar

A Blue Connection

Portugal & The Netherlands

Amsterdam - The Netherlands

PROGRAMME

Amsterdam, December 10th, 2024

Hotel Pestana Amsterdam Riverside, Amsteldijk 67

- 12:30 – 13:30** **Welcome and registration of the guests**
- 13:55 – 14:00** **Welcome remarks from the moderator**
Rens de Jong
- 14:00 – 14:05** **Welcome speech from the Portuguese Minister of Economy**
Pedro Reis
- 14:05 – 14:10** **Welcome speech from Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development**
Reinette Klever
- 14:10 – 14:17** **Official inauguration from the President of the Portuguese Republic**
- 14:20 – 14:25** **Introduction of the session by the moderator**
- 14:25 – 15:08** **PANEL 1: A Shared Blue Future for a Safe, Secure, Sustainable, and Profitable Blue Economy**
Ingrid Thijssen - President of VNO-NCW / **Mark Heine** - Chairman of IRO / **René Berkvens** - Chairman of Sea Europe / **Marisa Lameiras da Silva** - General-Director of the Directorate-General for Maritime Policy / **Ruben Eiras** - Secretary-General of Fórum Oceano / **Miguel Marques** - CEO of Inovamar
- 15:12 – 15:55** **PANEL 2: Innovation in Ocean Energy and Technology**
(Subtopics: Blue Renewable Energy & Blue Tech and Ocean Observation)
Benjamin Lehner - CEO of DMEC / **Bas Buchner** - President of MARIN / **Don Hoogendoorn** - CTO & Founder of Solar Duck / **Marco Alves** - CEO & President of the Board of WavEC / **José Pinheiro** - Country Manager to Southern Europe of OceanWinds / **Guilherme Vaz** - CEO of blueOASIS
- 15:55 – 16:15** **Coffee Break**
- 16:15 – 17:00** **PANEL 3: The Future of (Naval) Shipping, Ports and Shipbuilding**
(Subtopics: Shipping and Ports & Shipbuilding and Refit)
Annet Koster - Director of KVRN / **Jan-Wim Dekker** - CCO of DAMEN / **Dorine Bosman** - CIO of Port of Amsterdam / **Eduardo Feio** - President of Port of Aveiro and Figueira da Foz and Member of the Board of Portos de Portugal / **Nuno Santos** - CEO of Lisnave / **Albrecht Gundermann** - CEO of EUROMAR and representative of the European International Shipowners' Association of Portugal
- 17:00 – 17:05** **Closing Remarks and Perspectives for Future Collaboration from Chairman & CEO of AICEP – Portugal Trade & Invest**
Ricardo Arroja
- 17:05 – 18:00** **Networking cocktail**

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Complementary Programme for the Economic Delegation

Visit to Dutch entities and “Return Hospitality Portuguese Party”

December 11th, 2024

- 08:45 – 09:00** **Arrival of the participants for the visits at Hotel Pestana Amsterdam Riverside**
Amsteldijk 67, Amsterdam
- 09:00** **Departure by bus to the Port of Rotterdam**
Wilhelminakade 909, 3072 AP, Rotterdam
- 11:00 – 14:00** **Visit to the Port of Rotterdam**
The visit will feature presentations about flagship projects and initiatives with connections to Portugal, highlighting the shared challenges and opportunities in the maritime and logistics sectors.
This visit also includes a boat tour through the Port of Rotterdam and will end with a networking session
- 15:15** **Departure from the Port of Rotterdam to Deltares**
Boussinesqweg 1, 2629 HV, Delft
- 16:15 – 16:20** **Arrival to Deltares**
- 16:30** **Arrival of the President of the Portuguese Republic to Deltares**
- 16:45 – 17:30** **Visit to Deltares Campus**
The visit will begin with a brief presentation of Deltares and their mission, followed by a tour around the Deltares Campus, where will be discussed some of their flagship projects, innovative solutions, and key areas of expertise in water and environmental management, coastal management, energy transition, climate change and flood risk management
- 17:40 – 19:30** **Departure from Deltares directly to the “Return Hospitality Portuguese Party”
at Royal Tropical Institute**
Mauriskade 64, Amsterdam
- 19:30 – 22:00** **“Return Hospitality Portuguese Party”**
Departure from the “Return Hospitality Portuguese Party” to the hotel by own means

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