

The Science of Europe's Underwater Cultural Heritage



INVITATION

To a Lunchtime Briefing

Hosted by

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Europe's vast continental shelf hosts a valuable archive of climatic and environmental changes as well as a remarkable number of submerged archaeological remains that document human response to these changes. This came about when many coastal areas were submerged due to sea-level rise after the last glaciation between 20000 and 6000 years ago. Now the field of Underwater Archaeology is starting to unearth this past in a bid to rediscover Europe's underwater heritage.

The network **Submerged prehistoric archaeology and landscapes of the continental shelf (SPLASHCOS)** is a COST initiative which promotes interdisciplinary research on drowned landscapes in Europe. By bringing together scientists from different sectors, and applying newest technologies, the aim is to provide new insights into European history as well as paleo-climatic and sea-level changes. This knowledge contributes to both a better economic use and protection of this least understood part of Europe.

This event presents some of the newest insights from the field of underwater archaeological and paleo-environmental research. It forms part of preparations for a major international conference on Archaeology and Paleolandscapes to be held from 23-27 September 2013 in Szczecin, Poland.

Programme

Welcoming Remarks	Bogusław Liberadzki MEP
Introduction & Moderation	Geoff Bailey, University of York, UK and Jan Harff, University of Szczecin, Poland
Science Presentations	Nicolas Nowald, MARUM, University of Bremen, Germany <i>New technologies in under water observation</i> Helen Farr, University of Southampton, UK <i>Underwater prehistoric research in the European marginal seas</i> Aaron Micallef, University of Malta <i>Submerged landscapes in the Mediterranean</i>
Discussion	

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