



PROGRAMME

Web-session: **Promoting regional space uses in EU projects: IMPRESSIVE platform to tackle challenges in the EU harbours, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 14:00 CET**  
(Online event, 45 min. – 1h)

**Target group:** **NEREUS-members** with port authorities or interested in the use of space data in maritime to track marine pollution events, associate members (companies, associations) with a focus on maritime.

**Objectives:**

- Updating members about the development of the IMPRESSIVE platform and the benefits of using it;
- Sharing experiences and expertise with other regions and stakeholders in the area of maritime;
- Networking and mobilizing interregional collaborations;

**Background**

NEREUS is a partner of [IMPRESSIVE](#), an EU funded project under the Horizon 2020 programme, the biggest EU research and innovation initiative. This project aims to develop a universal relocatable platform to track, in real time, marine pollution events in the wider area of EU harbours. A consortium of 12 partners from the business, research and institutional sectors will work towards the development of a platform which will be composed of remotely operated, sophisticated tools integrated with very high resolution models and Earth Observation (EO) products for pollution control in harbours and coastal areas. It is a graduated system of alert that will help to tackle pollution incidents as quickly as possible.

NEREUS has the role to support all dissemination activities and organise the final conference in Brussels to present this novel product to EU representatives and interested stakeholders and mobilise the discussions at a political level as to how Copernicus data and integrated applications such as the IMPRESSIVE platform benefit local and regional authorities and EU citizens and impact their daily lives. Through this project, NEREUS helps its members to exchange experience and expertise with co-partners in key topics such as maritime in relation to the use of space

**Programme:**

- **Brief impulse presentation “What is IMPRESSIVE about, why NEREUS decided to become a partner and dissemination actions”** by Margarita Chrysaki, Communication/Project officer (6 min)
- **Introduction of the IMPRESSIVE platform and how NEREUS members can benefit**, by Daniela Iasillo (Planetek Italia) (15 min)
- **Questions/Comments by participants (moderated discussion by Roya Ayazi, NEREUS Secretary General)** (10 min)



- **Short impulse statements by Jose Luiz Moutinho, Air Centre Representative (The Azores region) (10 min);**
  
- **Short impulse statements by Paolo Menegazzo from the Venice port authority (Veneto region) regarding the challenges for pollution control in their ports and Ignacio de la Calle from Quasar Science Resources (Madrid region) on the demand of such tools in the market (10 min);**
  
- **Questions/Comments by participants (moderated discussion by Roya Ayazi, NEREUS Secretary General) (10 min);**
  
- Closing.