



WORKSHOP THEME 3

PORT TECH CLUSTERS: FROM THE CONCEPT TO THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION - STATE OF THE ART AND INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARKING

15th of November

Miragaia Hall | 09h30 – 13h00

One of the objectives of the Portuguese Ports Competitiveness Strategy 2026 is to create technological acceleration platforms and new skills in ports.

To fulfil this ambition, the Port Tech Clusters network will be promoted within the framework of this strategy and set up as platforms of technological acceleration of the new maritime industries, promoting the proximity between science and the business world. Infrastructural conditions will be developed so that research centres can be installed in ports, alongside with industry and the marine operations environment.

The creation of Port Tech Clusters will be carried out based on a bottom-up approach, that is, structured according to the dynamics of the installation of new industries of the sea that are already in progress in the national port network, although to different degrees of maturity and scale. In this sense, the following seven Port Tech Clusters have been identified: Ocean Renewable Energy Cluster; Specialized Vessels Cluster; Green Shipping Cluster; Offshore robotics and engineering Cluster; Digital Ports Cluster; Green Port Cluster & Leisure Nautics Cluster.

Programme

09h30

Moderator: Conceição Santos, DGPM

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Presentations by:

- Port of A Coruña: Cluster analysis and shared value creation in the port of A Coruña
Andrés Guerra, A Coruña Port Authority

- Port of Vigo
Enrique César López Veiga, Vigo Port Authority
- Port of Leixões
Guilhermina Rego, APDL
Amadeu Rocha, APDL

11h00

Coffee break

11h30

Debate and Identification of 2030 Sea Challenges: Port Tech clusters