

## 2<sup>nd</sup> REMORA International Symposium

### *Beyond the edge: the Outermost Regions in Horizon Europe*

Madeira, ARDITI, 12–14 May 2026

Programme (v3)

#### Welcome Day - Monday, 11 May 2026

- Participant arrivals throughout the day.
- Late afternoon/evening: Informal/optional welcome gathering.

#### Day 1 – Tuesday, 12 May 2026

08:30 | Bus transfer to ARDITI (meeting point tbc)

#### 09:00 – 11:05 | Opening Session

Location: Madeira Tecnopolo / ARDITI, floor -1, room Ursa Menor 2

Session title: *Mobilising the Outermost Regions' assets*

This session aims to highlight how Europe's Outermost Regions (ORs) can serve as strategic assets for advancing Ocean research and innovation, contributing to EU priorities such as the European Research Area, Mission Ocean, and international Marine cooperation.

- Welcome by **ARDITI's President – Rui Caldeira** (10min)
- **REMORA: *Turning OR into champions, Why and what we did so far*** - **Evelyne Tarnus** (RUIZIA, 10min)
- Talk of invited speakers from *champion institutions*, related to the session theme, *Mobilising the Outermost Regions' assets*:
  - **Patrizio Mariani** (DTU - presential, 10min)
  - **Alexander Phillips** (NOC - online, 10min)
  - **Matthew Alford** (UC San Diego - online, 10min)
  - **Mark Costello** (Nord University - Norway – *The importance of the Macaronesia islands for marine biodiversity* – online, 10min)
  - official from EC OCEAN Mission / RTD (online - tbc)
- **Elsa Fernandes** - Regional Secretary for Education, Science and Technology

Targets (open it to a broad online audience): Researchers from OKEANOS in the Azores; from La Réunion; early-career researchers from Euromarine; from DTU Aqua, etc. AB members and external stakeholders (EU champions and their early-career researchers)

**11:05 – 11:25 | Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 13:40 | Plenary Session 1**

Session title: ***Outermost Regions as active HEU actors***

High-level plenary session where speakers will share their experience/success stories in H2020 & HEU.

Speakers:

- [Philippe Holstein](#) (RUIZIA): *OR in HEU, past present, future* (10min)
- [Jean Turquet](#) (CITEB) (10min)
- [Gui Menezes or Filipe Porteiro](#): *OKEANOS scientific activity and dynamics in the recent years (2018-2025)* (10min)
- [José Câmara](#): *The University of Madeira as a Research Ecosystem: Regional Synergies for Global Impact* (10min)
- [João Canning-Clode](#): *Doing More with Less: MARE-Madeira's Blueprint for Impactful Ocean Research* (10min)
- [Carlos Andrade](#): *A Senior Researcher's Perspective: The Landscape of Marine Aquaculture in Madeira – Introductory remarks* (10min)
- Advisory Board members and Associated Partners – EU strategic perspective
  - [Ingrid Puillat](#): *Research infra policies* (online, 10min)
  - [Natalia Ospina-Alvarez](#) (AIR Centre, REMORA Associated Partner): *Funding under the 'Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership' calls* (online, 10min)
  - [Erini Apazoglou](#) (director of Euromarine): *Blue skills and youth engagement in the EU landscape* (online, 10min)
  - [Ian Borda](#): *the WiderAdvance Facility project* (10min)

Objective:

- Provide tangible examples and inspiring stories to develop a successful application and overcome frequent obstacles.
- Empower ARDITI/OOM; CITEB and OKEANOS staff members and reinforce the institution's success rate.

**13:45** | Bus transfer and **Lunch (14:00)** in Funchal centre (A *Gruta* restaurant).

**15:30 – 18:30 | OOM Researchers pitch & Site visit 1 (strategic research asset)**

Location: OOM's Operational Centre (COOM), inside Funchal's marina

**15:30 – 16:45 | Oceanic Observatory of Madeira (OOM) researchers' snapshots:** focusing on their research topics & current projects, including potential future projects & cooperations (**5min** each)

Short presentation of OOM by [Gonçalo Barros & Carlos Lucas](#) (coordinator of OOM's Operational Centre – COOM, 10min)

- [Carlos Lucas](#) - Platform management and construction
- [Gonçalo Barros](#)- Platform technologies and documentation
- [Aracelis Rajnauth](#) - Work that has been developed in Madeira in the context of streams and land-coastal interaction
- [Caroline Ferreira](#) - Sediment transport
- [Cátia Azevedo](#) - Thermodynamic forcing of air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes
- [Jesus Reis](#) - Internal waves and ocean currents
- [José Alves](#) - Madeira tip-jets dynamics and associated impact on upper ocean thermodynamics
- [Liliana Freitas](#) – the MCIS Project
- [Rita Ferreira](#) - Soundscape in Madeira Island
- [Rui Vieira](#) - Modelling and supercomputing
- [Afonso Loureiro](#) – DAS (Distributed Acoustic Sensing) / integration with other technologies (online)

**17:00 – 18:30 | Visit to OOM Operational Centre platform (COOM).**

The visit will highlight: Scientific and technical capacities; EU added value; Potential integration into Horizon Europe proposals

Technical demonstrations (subject to feasibility): DRIX demonstration; FerryBox connection (group size dependent)

**19:45 | Evening – Networking dinner** (place tbc)

## Day 2 – Wednesday, 13 May 2026

08:45 | Bus transfer to site visit #2, in Calheta village (west of the island)

### 09:30 – 11:00 | Site visit 2 – applied marine regional assets

Visit to the *Mariculture/Aquaculture Centre of Calheta (CMC)*, hosted by Regional Directorate of Fisheries (Direção Regional de Pescas)

### 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch

13:45 - Bus transport back to Funchal / ARDITI

Afternoon session @ARDITI: *Seizing Horizon Europe opportunities*

Location: Madeira Tecnopolo / ARDITI, floor -1, room Ursa Menor 1

### 14:45 – 17:30 | Horizon Europe Incubator

#### 14:45 – 15:15 | Introductory modules:

- **Horizon Dashboard** (Evelyne Tarnus – RUIZIA (15 min))
- **How to build a Concept Note** (Kirsten Thomsen - DTU & Casey Borklund – ERINN (15 min))

#### 15:15 – 17:15 | Core sessions:

- 3 priority calls (**≈40 min each**) – plenary

#### Selected Priority Calls:

1. Digital Twin Ocean - HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN-05 (main contact/researcher at OOM: [Caroline Ferreira](#), [Carlos Lucas](#) & others)
2. Testing Sites - HORIZON-MISS-2026-03-OCEAN-04 (main contact/researcher at OOM: [José Alves](#), [Carlos Lucas](#) & others)
3. Ocean Carbon Sources & Sinks - HORIZON-CL5-2027-01-D1-12 (main contact/researcher at OOM: [Aracelis Rajnauth](#), [Cátia Azevedo](#) & others)

Snacks & Drinks to be available in working place

**Activities (sequential, per call):**

- Read the Call (10 min)
- Attendees to pitch ideas (15 min)
- How to make the ideas Impact-relevant and approach consortia (15 min)
- Additional calls → short “radar” discussion slots

**Operational principles:**

- Participants may rotate between sessions
- Focus on OOM researchers, but open to others
- Require pre-submitted Concept Notes

**17:15 – 17:30 | Conclusions**

Summary of decisions and commitments from the hackathon

**Evening – Social highlight**

**«Arraial Madeirense» @ ARDITI gardens, from ~18:00h**

Participants: consortium members, ARDITI staff and local stakeholders. Informal, low-protocol event.

**Day 3 – Thursday, 14 May 2026**

Session title: *From projects to systems: Policy and Governance*

08:45 | Bus transport to ARDITI

**09:00 – 11:00 | Parallel Sessions A & B (B is optional)**

Location session A: Madeira Tecnopolo / ARDITI, floor -1, room Ursa Menor 1

**Session A : Policy Lab Workshop**

Interactive working session (3rd policy lab workshop).

Theme: How can regional strategies (e.g. S3) and structural funds amplify Horizon Europe support tools (e.g. Application development services; networking instruments) to increase the number of successful applications?

Participants:

- Regional authorities from the three Regions, namely Funding Managing authorities, RIS3 coordinators and Universities R&I directors.
- REMORA partners involved in policy-related activities.
- Presenters from selected regions implementing inspiring policy tools.

Expected output:

- Structured inputs feeding WP4 policy tools

Not all Advisory Board members will attend this session. The format prioritises working exchanges and avoids political speeches overshadowing local actors.

### **Session B: optional bilateral meetings**

Location session B: Madeira Tecnopolo / ARDITI, floor -1, open foyer area

Optional for participants not involved in the Policy Lab -> Bilateral meetings. E.g. with PIs/Directors or other Researchers from the other research units or groups at ARDITI: MARE-Madeira; NeuroRehabLab; Sentinela Atlântica; EELab; Interactive Technologies Institute.

### **11:00 – 11:25 | Coffee Break**

### **11:30 – 12:15 | Steering Committee meeting**

Closed session. Location: Madeira Tecnopolo / ARDITI, floor -1, room Ursa Menor 1

- Project status and KPIs
- Main activities until project end

- Discussion on deliverables and milestones until M36 and post-REMORA continuation

### **12:20 – 12:50 | Final plenary**

Session title: *What do we commit to?*

Consolidation session open to all participants. Location: Madeira Tecnopolo / ARDITI, floor -1, room Ursa Menor 1

Feedback from:

- Horizon Europe Incubator and Hackathon
- Policy Lab
- Site visits

Key messages, follow-up actions and closure.

### **12:55 – 13:25 | Guided visit of ARDITI facilities**

Short guided visit round of ARDITI laboratories and shared facilities.

**13:30 – 14:00 |** Bus transfer to lunch location.

**14:00 | Farewell lunch** (lunch location to be confirmed)