

## Convention at the ITECHMER 2017 fishing industry trade fair Question European decision-makers.

The 12th edition of ITECHMER, the international trade fair for the fishing industry, will take place from 18th to 20th October at the Lorient South Brittany exhibition centre and promises to be a major event for European decision-makers. Many will converge towards Lorient, the first French fishing port in value, resolutely turned towards the world and where the sustainable future of the sector is emerging. In addition to the presence of numerous companies who will showcase their know-how, the conference program will give rise to discussions on the major issues of the sector, with the participation of personalities from all over Europe. All those concerned with the future of fisheries are invited to question them now.

### A convention and three themed days

The program will focus on three thematic days: Ships and men; Europe of fisheries; The fishing ports of the future. It will include new generation ships, the importance of the resource ... human resource! There will be a focus evolution of the market place and the port organization and during the European Day, the implementation of the EMFF and an unmissable roundtable concerning Brexit issue will be on the agenda.

### European speakers

*"Personalities and European policy makers as well as major names in the industry have already confirmed their participation in this decidedly European program and we strive to reserve them the best home in Lorient,"* enthuses Maurice Benoish, the President of the fishing port of Lorient-Keroman and the President of ITECHMER. Professionals and industrialists from all the French maritime territories but also from Norway, Spain and even Morocco will come to share their expertise and testimony. Among them, the Norwegian shipyard Selfa Arctic, the Spanish ship owners' association ARVI, the British producer organization SWFPO, the union of Reunion Island freezer longliners ship owners and the port of Safi ...

### European supports

The event is supported by the Brittany Regional Council and should also soon receive the sponsorship of the European Commission. The Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique, France Agrimer, the French Maritime Cluster and Blue Fish Europe are also associated with this event. MEPs Alain Cadec, President of the Fisheries Commission of the European Parliament and Mrs Isabelle Thomas, Mr Pierre Karleskind, Vice-President of the Brittany Region in charge of sea and ports and representatives of DG Mare, European organizations, from France, the Netherlands, Spain, the United Kingdom ... will take part in the discussions.

### Your questions about Brexit

On the topic of the future of the French and European fisheries in the context of Brexit we will ask several industry leaders and we invite all those concerned to formulate their questions and send them to us so that the different speakers will be able to provide feedback at ITECHMER.

A question? [Send it to us by e-mail](#)

### Exhibitors at the appointment

At just under six months of the event, the organizers have already announced double registrations compared to the same period in the previous edition and record nearly a quarter of new exhibitors French and European. An additional sign of the good health of the sector.

### About ITECHMER 2017

The biennial ITECHMER exhibition is the only B to B event in France dedicated to commercial fishing from production to market. It welcomed 160 exhibitors and over 6,000 visitors from 30 countries during the previous edition in 2015. The 12th edition venue will be held from 18 to 20 October 2017 at the Lorient South Brittany Exhibition Centre in Lanester.

The ITECHMER exhibition is an event of SEGEPEX, the company managing the exhibition centre of Lorient Agglomeration and the Congress hall of Lorient, grouped under the label "Lorient Bretagne Sud Expo-Congrès". It is organized by SAFYM and the program of conferences is entrusted to SEA TO SEA.



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