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The 'Sea at 360 degrees' will be the undisputed protagonist of Seafuture. Analyse all aspects of the 'Maritime domain' to provide a business model that combines industry, science, technology and attention to the environment: this is the goal of Seafuture 2018.

Organized by Italian Blue Growth (IBG)<sup>1</sup> promoting company together with Italian Industries Federation for Aerospace, Defence and Security (AIAD)<sup>2</sup>, the Region of Liguria and Blue Hub<sup>3</sup> in cooperation with the Italian Navy, the Seafuture will take place from 19 to 23 June in the La Spezia Navy Base, Italy. The Seafuture is the essential event for those who live and work in contact with the 'Sea', aggregating all the Blue Economy's international actors. It is the only event dedicated to the naval vessels' upgrading and life-cycle management using the most sophisticated technologies available.

The event is taking place inside the 9,000 square meters of the historical sheds of the Italian Navy's 'Arsenal' base of La Spezia. Seafuture will be an opportunity of meeting and comparison for companies from all over the world, from Peru to India, as well as for international defence and security giants such as Fincantieri, Leonardo, MBDA, Naval Group and Thales. But the extraordinary success will be guaranteed by the presence of international delegations coming from 40 worldwide countries, who will have bilateral meetings with all the exhibitors.

The congress session will develop during the four days of the event, with wide-ranging conferences on the most varied aspects of the sea economy associated with seminars and workshops of high scientific profile, that will address the technical issues of maritime and naval domains and dual interest. All the protagonists will be united under the aegis of Seafuture to promote 'Blue Growth', the support strategy for sustainable growth indicated by the European Community.

Cristiana Pagni, President of IBG, and Rear Admiral Gianfranco Annunziata, Deputy Head of the Third Department of Italian Navy's Staff and event project officer will present the Seafuture 2018 edition during the press

<sup>1</sup> IBG: Italian Blue Growth, a company formed by Ligurian Cluster of Marine Technologies (DLTM, Distretto Ligure delle Tecnologie Marine), Tecnomar's Ligurian Consortium of small-medium enterprises (Consorzio Tecnomar Liguria) and the European Institute for EurAsian Dialogue (EIEAD).

<sup>2</sup> AIAD: Italian Industries Federation for Aerospace, Defence and Security (Federazione Aziende Italiane per l'Aerospazio, la Difesa e la Sicurezza).

<sup>3</sup> Blue Hub: Special Agency of the Chamber of Commerce of 'Riviera di Liguria' (including Imperia, Savona and La Spezia's territories).

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conference scheduled for 6 June at 11.30 am at the Navy Officers' Club of La Spezia. Rear Admiral Giorgio Lazio, Commander of Italian Navy's Northern Maritime Command, will welcome all participants together with representatives of local and national institutions, and main supporting sponsors.

### Note to the Editor

Journalists, photographers and TV crews wishing to participate can be accredited by sending an e-mail to [press@seafuture.it](mailto:press@seafuture.it) by 6 pm on Monday 4 June (Press Office 010-583684). The accreditation request must contain following data: name and surname, media's name, telephone number, press card number, number and type of the identification document. Accredited journalists will be expected from 11.00 am on Wednesday 6 June, at the Officer Club, Viale Italia 2 - 19121 La Spezia (SP)

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