

ICES Annual Science Conference 2022

Project Outline:

BIM, in conjunction with the ICES secretariat team, DAFM, and the Marine Institute will organise and host the ICES Annual Science Conference (ASC) which is the key scientific meeting organised annually by ICES. These annual meetings have taken place almost every year since 1902 and are an opportunity to bring the leading fisheries, aquaculture and marine ecosystem scientists globally together in Ireland.

The 2022 Dublin ASC will be a hybrid meeting held at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin from the 19th – 22nd September with more than 500 participants expected along with a strong online level of participation and engagement. There are 17 themed sessions and six networking sessions over the duration of the conference, that includes a total of 291 oral presentations and 103 poster presentations.

Project Objectives:

To allow industry and BIM to actively participate, to engage with and influence the international marine scientific community.

Expected Benefits:

This is the third occasion that the ICES ASC will be hosted by Ireland. It is an opportunity to bring the leading fisheries, aquaculture and marine ecosystem scientists globally together in Ireland.

The ICES mission is "to advance and share scientific understanding of marine ecosystems and the services they provide and to use this knowledge to generate state-of-the-art advice for meeting conservation, management, and sustainability goals." The content of the ICES ASC is thus highly relevant to the work of BIM under the EMFAF programme and having the conference in Ireland will be an excellent opportunity for Irish marine scientists, gear technologists, aquaculture experts, planners and managers to participate in and lead the discussions on fisheries, aquaculture, sustainability and innovation.

In addition, hosting the conference will raise the profile of the marine sector in Ireland and inform relevant stakeholders on how science-based decision making can improve sustainability, will foster a sustainable blue economy and contribute to strengthening international ocean governance.

Projected Cost: €200,000