

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **The MARSAFENET Action**

Maritime safety and security have become matter of concern for many States and for the international community as a whole. The existing international legal framework, including the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 (UNCLOS), does not answer to all contemporary needs for ensuring safety and security within cross-sectorial and ecosystem-based approach to maritime governance. The MARSAFENET COST Action brings together experts in international law of the sea from 16 countries in order to increase the knowledge on maritime security and safety and to develop a common conceptual and methodological framework to help filling the legal gaps and to turn scientific results into feasible solutions.

### **International Conference “Safety and Security Issues with Respect to Resources Exploitation in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction”**

**Date: 2 April 2014**

**Venue: Royal Flemish Academy for Sciences and Arts, Brussels, Belgium**

**Local Organiser: Vrije Universiteit Brussel**

**Scientific Coordinators: Prof. Erik Franckx (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)**

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The wealth of areas beyond national jurisdiction has drawn the attention of States and commercial actors and has formed the basis for the development of principles and rules included in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Following the adoption of the UNCLOS, exploitation of resources followed diverging paths. While living resources of the high seas formed the object of ever increasing commercial activity, exploitation of mineral resources of the International Seabed Area was slow to develop and commercial activities are just about to start.

The Brussels International Conference, by focusing on the safety and security aspect of exploitation, will look closely at an often neglected aspect in the exploitation of resources in areas beyond national jurisdiction. Taking the move from the legal regime and institutional framework incorporated in the UNCLOS, the conference aims at investigating the adequacy of this regime to address safety and security issues and the potential of the institutional machinery to further develop and complete the existing regulatory framework.

The program of the Conference will be posted on [www.marsafenet.org](http://www.marsafenet.org).

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The purpose of the conference is to share cutting-edge research focusing on areas beyond national jurisdiction and to stimulate debate among scholars and practitioners. Papers presented in the conference may focus on any aspect of safety and security (including human security and environmental security), as long as they are connected with the overarching conference theme.

Applicants are invited to submit an abstract (max. 400 words) and a brief CV and list of principal publications (max 2 pages), by **28 February 2014**, to [efranckx@vub.ac.be](mailto:efranckx@vub.ac.be) and [irini.papanicolopulu@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:irini.papanicolopulu@glasgow.ac.uk). Participants to the call will be informed of the outcome by **7 March 2014** and selected speakers will be invited to submit a draft of the full paper (up to 5000 words) by **23 March 2014**. Accepted papers will be published in a collective volume.

Reasonable expenses for the participation of the selected experts will be reimbursed, according to Cost rules.

According to the COST rules, English is the language of the Conference