

ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME 2021-2027

Results of the public consultation

held from 15 -29 March 2021

The participants

187

Contributions

Portugal	17.65%
France	36.90%
Spain	33.69%
Ireland	10.16%
UK	1.07%
Poland	0.53%

40%

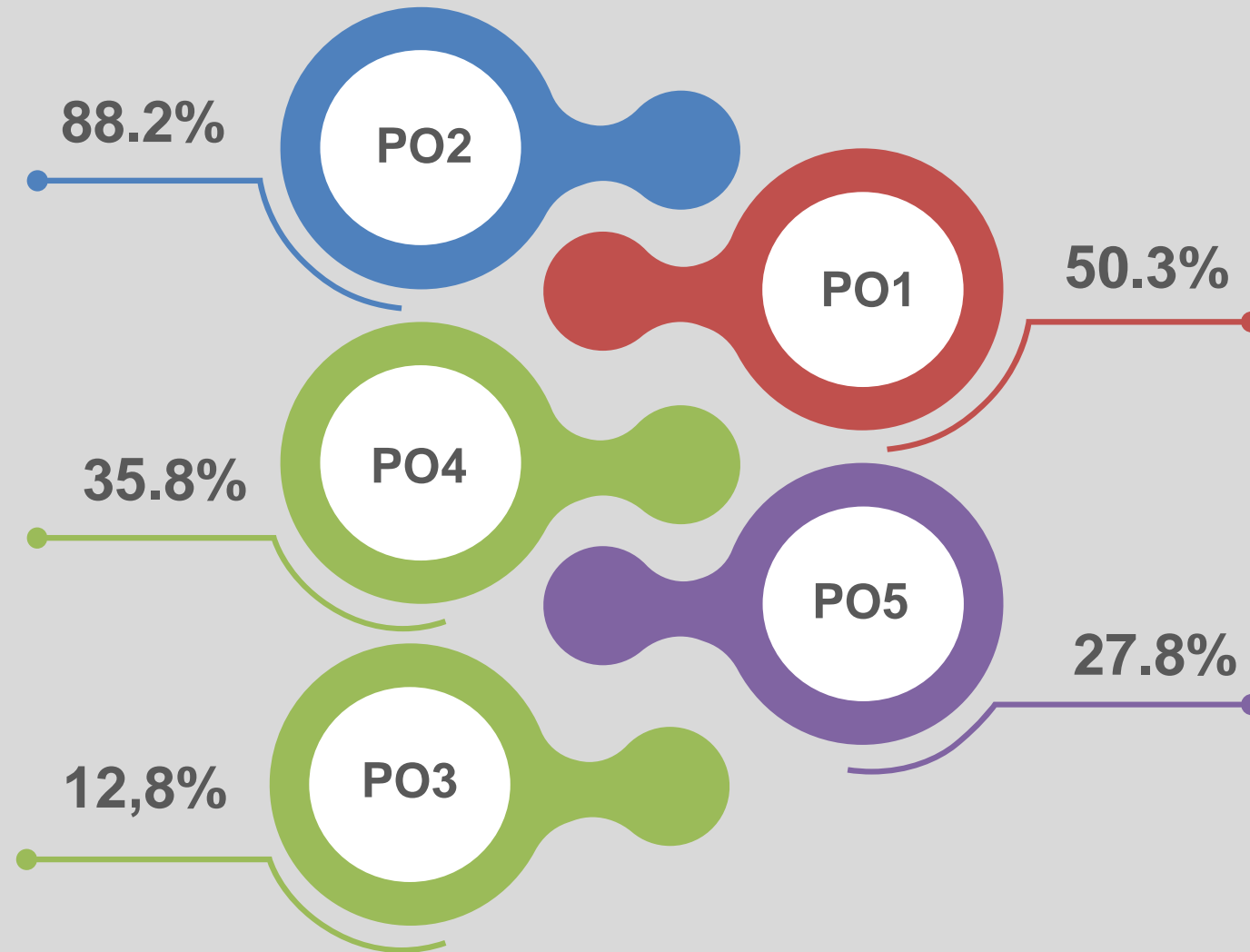
Higher education / Research

19% Public Authorities
12% Business support
organisations
12% Private enterpr./
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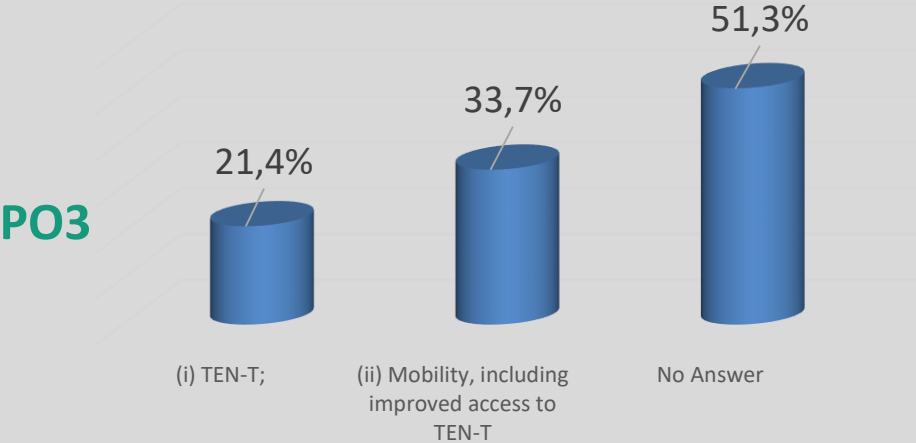
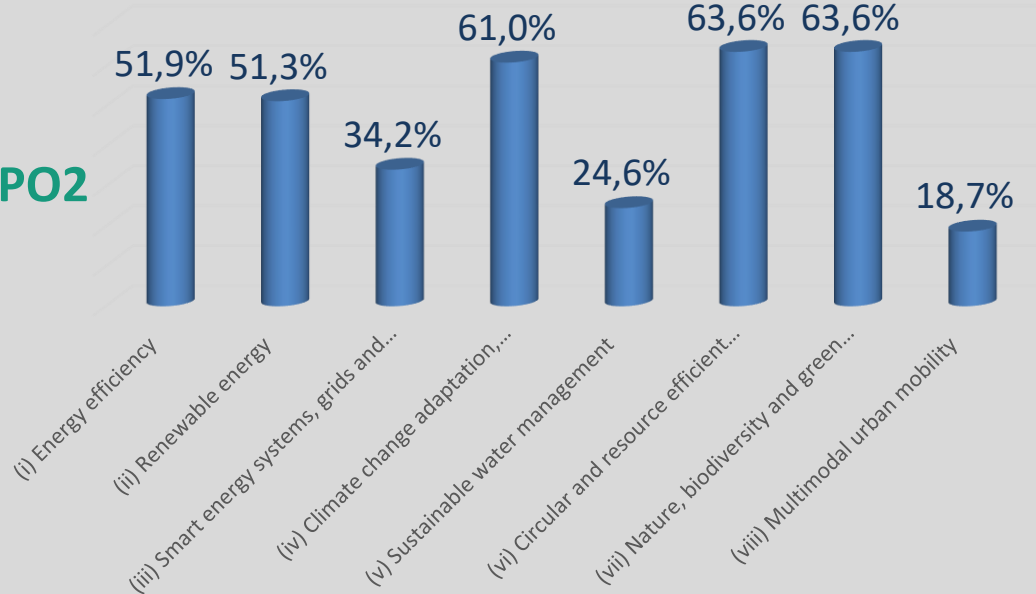
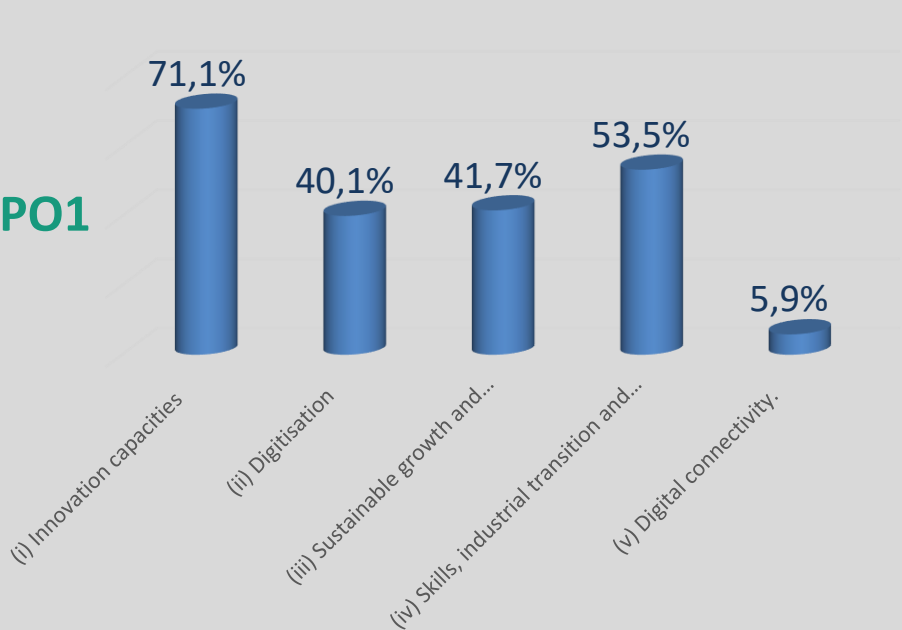
74%

Previously involved in INTERREG projects

In your opinion which are the most important Policy Objectives for the Atlantic Area?

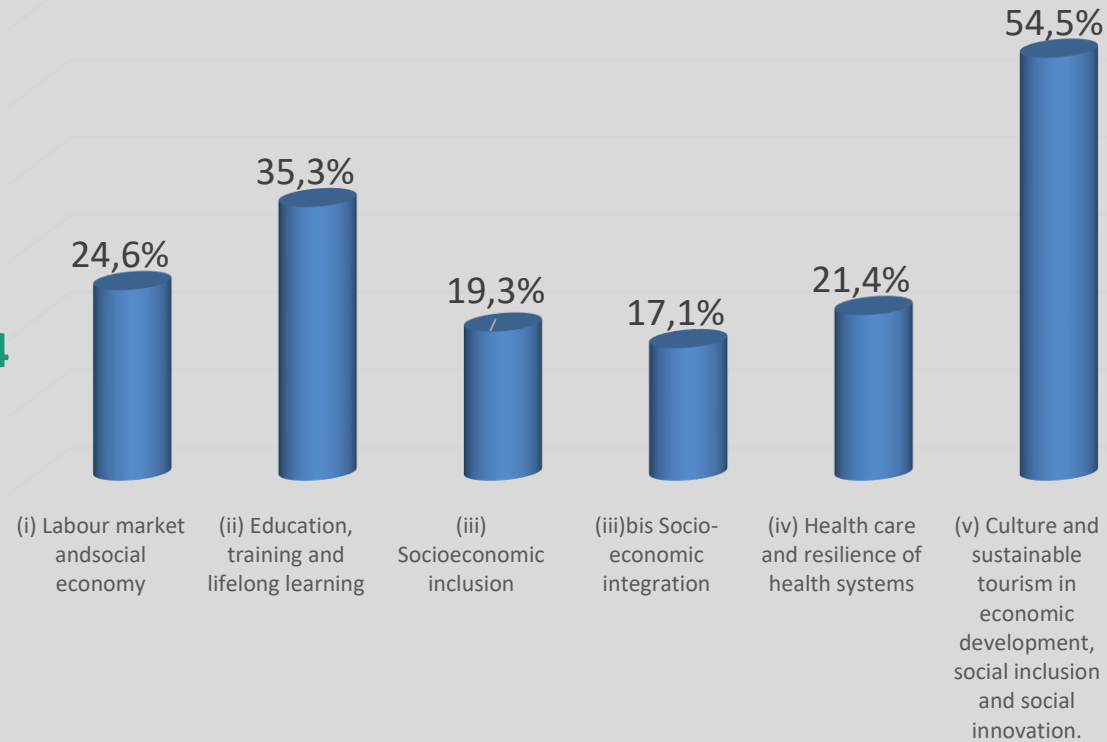


In your opinion which are the most important Specific Objectives for the Atlantic Area?

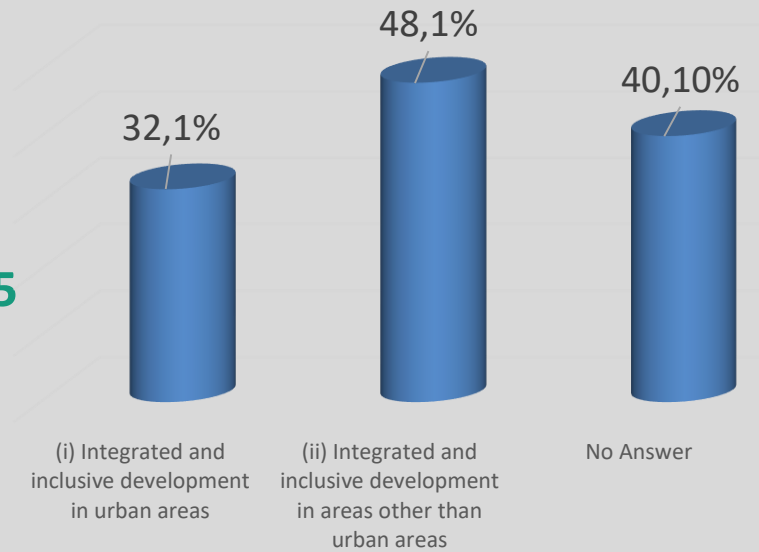


In your opinion which are the most important Specific Objectives for the Atlantic Area?

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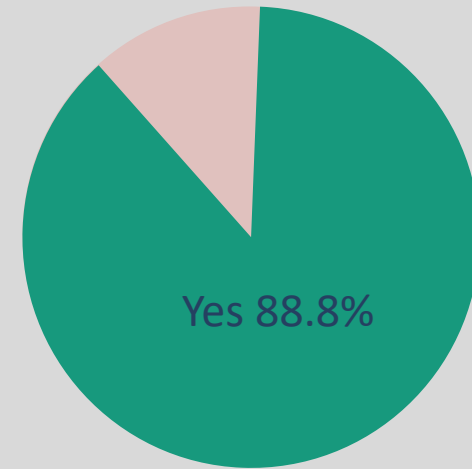


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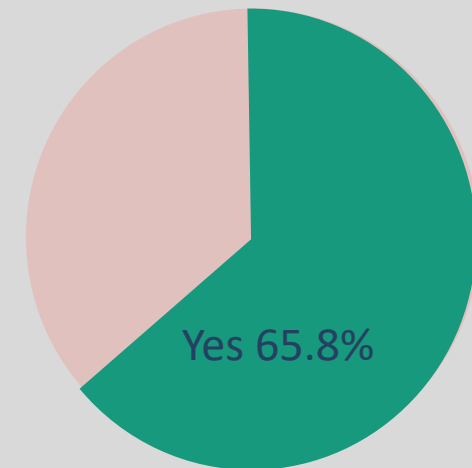


Interreg Specific Objectives

Do you consider that the Interreg Specific Objectives (ISO) are relevant for the Interreg Atlantic Area programme 2021-2027?: ISO1



Do you consider that the Interreg Specific Objectives (ISO) are relevant for the Interreg Atlantic Area programme 2021-2027?: ISO2

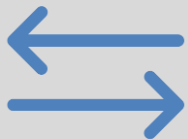


Qualitative results - most frequently received comments

General remarks



Strengthening the **link between coastal and inland areas**: i.e. energy, biodiversity, agri-food, transport, training



Need for **transversality** of several thematic areas: innovation, sustainability, resilience, biodiversity, circular economy; and blue growth/blue economy.

Qualitative results - most frequently received comments

Governance and capitalisation



ISO1, better governance: proposals to improve articulation with other programmes and non-EU regions.



Coordination with the **Maritime Atlantic Strategy**, even complementing issues not addressed in the AAP 2.0 such as tourism, culture and heritage, nautical activities.



Capitalisation to 1) maintain, strengthen and create networks of strategic actors and alliances in the cooperation space; 2) learn from previous projects.

Qualitative results - most frequently received comments

Thematic remarks



Tourism as a critical element in Atlantic maritime regions and as a transversal element (value chain).



Importance of **ports** as articulating elements of the territory and the economic activity: main fields: digitalisation, circular economy, connectivity between ports.



Potential of the **blue energy** sector to absorb workers from other sectors of the blue economy most impacted by Covid-19, through training and skills.