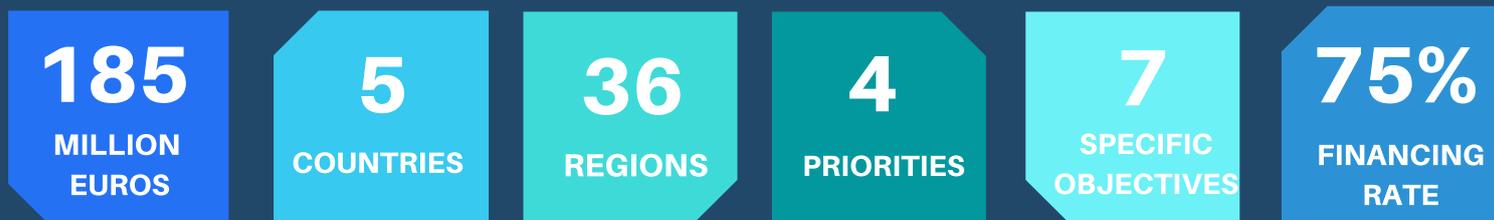


Interreg Atlantic Area Programme is a financing instrument of European Territorial Cooperation which aims to provide a framework for the implementation of joint actions, good practices and policy exchange between actors of five Atlantic countries: Portugal, Spain, France, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

With the support of the European Union the programme has a total budget of EUR 185 million, out of which EUR 140 million come from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The 72 funded projects reflect the objective of sustainable social and economic growth in the Atlantic Area, articulated in four main priority areas.

PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS



PROJECTS IN NUMBERS



FUNDS ALLOCATED PER PRIORITY



Atlantic Area
Eligible area



IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES IN 2019

These initiatives enhance the added value of Interreg in the Atlantic regions. We aim to raise awareness of the importance of European Territorial Cooperation towards a stronger Europe, while building valuable relationships between the Atlantic key actors.



CEREMONY FOR THE SIGNATURE OF APPROVED PROJECTS

27 projects approved under the 2nd call hosted by the Spanish Presidency of the Monitoring Committee. March, Gran Canaria, Spain



VISIT TO PROJECT ATLAS.WH

The JS supported ATLAS.WH, a project led by Câmara Municipal do Porto, to host a visit of an European Parliament's delegation and an interaction with colleagues from North West Europe programme, that came to Porto on a team building exercise. February & May, Porto



EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

The Atlantic Area participated once again in the exhibition stand "Knowledge of the Seas", coordinated by Interact. It hosted several Interreg programmes to showcase cooperation projects with a maritime dimension. May, Lisbon



PRESENTATION OF THE UPDATED IT PLATFORM

The Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat organised an informative session about the update of the IT Platform addressed to project beneficiaries, controllers and National Authorities. September, in Porto



INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA AT PANORAMA MAGAZINE

On a joint initiative of Interreg transnational programmes, we contributed to an article at Panorama, a magazine dedicated to the Regional Policy. Project AYCH was identified as a good practice in the entrepreneurship field.

IF YOU START ME UP, I'LL NEVER STOP

In the Atlantic Youth Creative Hubs project, partners have created a transnational platform to empower young creatives. In 'creative jam sessions' they help people aged between 16 and 30 to implement their business ideas from scratch. One example is João, who says that he 'found inspiration, training and coaching for entrepreneurship and learned a lot about brand management'. Today, he is a successful young fashion designer in Portugal. Soon after the jam session he joined the fashion business and the Santo Tirso factory design incubator in Porto and went on to win the Portuguese New Creators Fashion Contest, making his debut at Portugal's most important national fashion event.

Helping start-uppers to start

João is proof that an entrepreneurial spirit is important but not enough. Starting a company requires skills and knowledge that young entrepreneurs often lack. (...)

In Panorama Magazine, "Interreg in Action", p. 16. European Commission, Summer 2019

GOOD PRACTICE



AYCH supports young people by encouraging creativity and innovation and offering support for the creation of startups, training and helping them implement their business ideas. Led by Devon County, it aims to lower youth unemployment rates, raise awareness of social enterprise and improve youth services.

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES IN 2019



EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES

Several programmes organised the workshop "The future of transnational cooperation: what impact in a changing Europe?". Project AYCH was invited to share experiences and discuss how to better meet local realities and bring results closer to citizens. October, Brussels



ATLANTIC STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE

Organisation of the workshop "Environmental actions on Atlantic Coastal Waters". JONAS, CLEANATLANTIC and MONITOOL shared experiences in dealing with marine litter, noise pollution and monitoring of coastal waters. November, Porto



ATLANTIC AREA ANNUAL EVENT

"Building a sustainable and cohesive Atlantic: why do Interreg Atlantic projects matter?" focused on the added value of cooperation to the Atlantic region. IFADO, GEOATLANTIC, SEAFUEL and ATLASWH presented their work in the fields of marine innovation, energy transition, green Atlantic and cultural identity. November, Porto



EXHIBITION STAND AT BUSINESS2SEA

The Atlantic Area funded projects were presented at this 3-days event addressed to maritime actors from all over Europe. November, Porto



MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Under the Spanish Presidency in 2019, two Monitoring Committee meetings were held to discuss the state of play of the Programme and make relevant decisions towards the future. March, Las Palmas November, Santiago de Compostela



INTERREG VOLUNTEER YOUTH

We hosted 2 volunteers in 2019 Laura Gagliardi and Davide Grison, both from Italy. They had the opportunity to work closely with the Secretariat and the Managing Authority learning about the management and communication of a European cooperation programme.



EVENTS OF EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

Representatives of the Programme Member States also organised and contributed to several events and meetings at national, regional or local level about the European Territorial Cooperation.



ATLANTIC AREA ONLINE PRESENCE

The website provides all the information of the main programme activities. Facebook and Twitter accounts promote the programme and project events and communicate specific topics. Our audience are key actors in territorial and maritime cooperation and European citizens.



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