

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 71 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



27
PROJECTS

62
MILLION €



15
PROJECTS

42
MILLION €



9
PROJECTS

20
MILLION €



20
PROJECTS

52
MILLION €

Atlantic Area
Elegible area



IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES IN 2021

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.



INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA 2021-2027 WILL MANAGE 115 MILLION EUROS

The Task Force met several times to draft the new programme and define a strategy for the management of a 115 million euros budget. Cooperation projects from 26 regions of 4 Member States, will be funded at 75% of the European Regional Development Fund.



CCDR-NORTE RENEWS ITS ROLE AS MANAGING AUTHORITY

For the third consecutive programming period, CCDR-Norte will assume the management of the Interreg Atlantic Area Programme, to be implemented until 2030. This is the only European transnational cooperation programme managed in Portugal.



EXTENSION CALL 3 2021

This extension and capitalisation call was restricted to the 71 Atlantic projects. We received 52 applications from projects setting out additional work to their activities, goals and results achieved. The call was open from the 4th of October to the 30th of November 2021, with an initial ERDF available of 8 million euros.



INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA ANNUAL EVENT

This hybrid event "Together for green and blue Atlantic regions" was held on the 20th of October. It was an opportunity to gather our Atlantic partners, showcase good cooperation projects and address the future Atlantic Area programming period. It had 193 online and 23 presential attendees.

GOOD PRACTICES

PORTOS AWARDED AT THE 4TH EDITION OF PT GLOBAL WATER AWARDS 2020-2021



PORTOS project (Smart Atlantic Seafood Clusters) was awarded at the 4th edition of the PT Global Water Awards 2020-21, in the category 'Research, Development and Innovation'.

The PT Global Water Awards aims to distinguish companies or entities that are part of the Portuguese water cluster and that in the last two years achieved an important success in the growing internationalization of this important sector for the Portuguese economy.

PORTOS is led by Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto and aims to support and promote the energy transition, energy sufficiency and carbon neutrality of Atlantic Area ports.

CLEANATLANTIC AWARDED AT THE ATLANTIC PROJECT AWARDS 2021



CLEANATLANTIC project (Tackling marine litter in the Atlantic Area) was the winner of the category "Healthy Oceans and Resilient Coasts" at the 5th edition of the Atlantic Project Awards 2021.

The online ceremony took place during the 8th Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference held in October 2021 and was designed to honour outstanding success stories achieved by projects in the geographical area covered by the Atlantic Strategy.

CLEANATLANTIC is coordinated by Centro Tecnológico del Mar (CETMAR) and aims to improve knowledge about and the capacity to monitor, prevent and reduce marine litter, and to increase awareness of its impact.

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES IN 2021



ATLANTIC STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE

The Atlantic Area organised the workshop "Making the most of natural and marine resources for the benefit of the Atlantic regions". Projects SEAFUEL, BLUEHUMAN, SAFER, EBB presented innovative strategies to make the most of the marine resources.



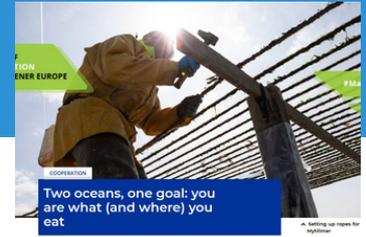
MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Monitoring Committee met online two times, in March and in July, this year under the Irish Presidency. More than 30 delegates met to discuss the state of play of the Programme and make relevant decisions towards the future.



PROJECTS RESULTS SECTION

The «Projects Results» area of our website contains up-to-date information about projects' outputs and results. This section aims to share the wealth of knowledge, experience and good practices of the Atlantic Area projects.



JOINT INTERREG INITIATIVE

Several articles were written in collaboration with other Interreg programmes to address projects that are contributing to the EU Green Deal objectives through cooperation: flood risk management (AAFLOODS), energy transition (SEAFUEL), and seafood sector (SAFER). This initiative was coordinated by Interact.



LAUNCH OF PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Two public consultations were launched during 2021. One to collect views about the strategy for the next programming period and a second one to evaluate the communication performance of the programme, to better know the level of awareness of our audiences, and to support us in the preparation of the future strategy.



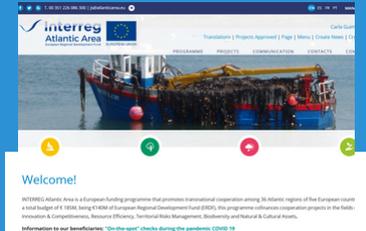
HOST OF INTERREG VOLUNTEER YOUTH

Daniela Branco from Portugal, joined the Atlantic Area team in Porto, under the Interreg Volunteer Youth initiative. She worked closely with the Secretariat to learn how to better communicate an European cooperation programme.



PRESENCE ON THE MEDIA

Several Atlantic projects were mentioned in digital and print media, highlighting achievements with an impact on territories and communities. There is a section on our website that gathers all those references.



ONLINE PRESENCE

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



More information:
www.atlanticarea.eu

