

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

**63**  
MILLION €



**15**  
PROJECTS

**40**  
MILLION €



**9**  
PROJECTS

**20**  
MILLION €



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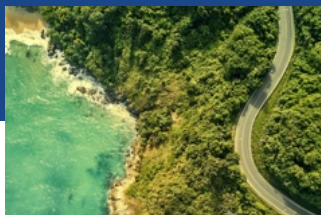
**53**  
MILLION €

Atlantic Area  
Elegible area



## IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES IN 2022

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.



### STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 21-27

In January the Managing Authority launched a public consultation for the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the future programme, to gather comments and views of the Atlantic stakeholders on the environmental assessment report, before its submission to the European Commission



### APPROVAL OF 23 PROJECTS UNDER CALL 3

8.35 million euros were granted to these projects, to set up additional work to the activities, objectives and results already achieved. This will be implemented by June 2023. 19 projects remained on the reserve list, out of a total of 52 applications.



### PUBLICATION WITH THE PROJECTS RESULTS

The publication "Delivering results for the Atlantic regions" presents the main results and activities of the 71 Atlantic Area projects achieved from 2017 to date, through the investment of around 140 million euros of European funds.



### PARTNERS AT THE EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES

The Atlantic Area online workshop "Clean energy and the sea: what future for Atlantic regions?" was held on the 12th October. Projects PORTOS and BLUEGIFT presented innovative strategies, solutions and good practices for the use of renewable energies, mainly through solutions based on the sea.

## GOOD PRACTICES

### HYLANTIC AWARDED AT THE ATLANTIC PROJECT AWARDS 2022



Hylantic - Atlantic Network for Renewable Generation and Supply of Hydrogen to promote High Energy Efficiency - was awarded by the Atlantic Project Award, in December, for the best project in the Marine Renewable Energy category.

This award recognises the alignment of this project with the action plan of the European Commission's Atlantic Strategy, its innovative character, sustainability and capacity to be scalable in other countries.

Hylantic aims to create a transnational network in the Atlantic area for the efficient use of hydrogen applied to the maritime sector. It is coordinated by the University of Cantabria, has 11 partners from 5 countries and a support of 2.5 million euros for 3,5 years.

### CABFISHMAN DELIVERS INNOVATIVE TOOLS FOR SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES CO-MANAGEMENT

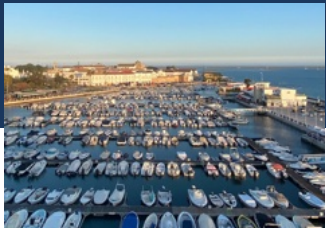


Small-scale fisheries represent an important sector of many Northeast Atlantic fleets and it's important to improve and secure their sustainable development.

CABFISHMAN aims to protect the marine environment and resources by establishing an ecosystem-sensitive approach to the management of small-scale fisheries.

Under the coordination of Fundación AZTI and with a budget of 2.48 million euros, partners worked alongside fishermen, researchers, and policy makers to identify and address knowledge gaps, and provide practical tools that are specifically designed to support the sustainable, collaborative management of small-scale and inshore fisheries.

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## MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Monitoring Committee met two times under the Portuguese Presidency. One meeting in June, in Faro, and the second one in December, Porto. More than 30 delegates met to discuss the current programme implementation and the launch of the future programme.



## VISIT TO PROJECTS AT UNIVERSIDADE DO ALGARVE

Partner in several Atlantic projects, the UA received the Monitoring Committee delegation in Faro, to present the work carried out by projects Jonas, Bluehuman and Access2Sea. These projects contribute to the Atlantic marine environment and to the European blue growth.



## APPROVAL OF INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA 2021-2027

The Atlantic Area 2021-2027 was formally approved by the European Commission on the 8th of September. The Managing Authority and the National Authorities renew their commitment with the Atlantic regions in the support of innovative initiatives for a smarter, greener and more social Europe.



## INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA ANNUAL EVENT

The event "Looking at cooperation results, seeing the impact on the Atlantic regions" was held on the 28th of September, in Viana do Castelo, Portugal. With the attendance of 180 participants online and around 60 in-person, this was a moment to present the main results of the programme and the achievements of some Atlantic flagship projects



## INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA 21-27 LAUNCH EVENT

The kick-off of the next Atlantic Area 21-27 was held on the 29th of September in Viana do Castelo, Portugal, with the presence of the Secretary of State for the Regional Development and the Secretary of State for the Sea. The Managing Authority presented the new programme strategy, guidelines, priorities and budget and geography.



## LAUNCH OF THE FIRST CALL FOR PROJECTS

The First Call for the 21-27 period opened on the 14th of October. 45.4 million euros are available to invest in innovative cooperation projects in the topics of blue innovation and competitiveness blue and green environment and blue sustainable tourism and culture.



## WEBINARS TO SUPPORT APPLICANTS AND BENEFICIARIES

Three webinars were organised by the Secretariat to support applicants interested in the First Call, explaining the content of the Programme Manual and how to complete the form. Also the beneficiaries had online support on projects financial reporting.



## ONLINE PRESENCE

The website provides all the information on the main programme activities. LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, and Youtube channels 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](http://www.atlanticarea.eu)

