

Interreg Atlantic Area 2021 - 2027

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What is Atlantic Area Programme?

- European funding programme that promotes transnational cooperation - Interregional (Interreg)
- Programme area mainly composed of regions linked to the Atlantic with many similarities in economic sectors, culture and biodiversity common challenges
- Strong link to the Atlantic Strategy
- 2014 2020 budget of € 185M, (€140M ERDF)
- 2021 2027, expected budget of €151M (€113M ERDF)





Large territory characterized by the prominence of the Atlantic Ocean

→ Blue in our DNA: common element of the cooperation area – geography, economy and culture

Marine & maritime activities as connection points *e.g.* fishing, aquaculture, agro-industry, renewable energy production, the naval sector, ports etc.

• Sustainable tourism & natural and cultural heritage



- Climate change and natural risks, particularly coastal and waterways-related risks
- The impact of COVID 19: labour market, inequality, structural change. Need for a cross-cutting approach



Intervention logic · Summary of rationale

The territorial analysis tackles

the challenges related to

energy efficiency and resource

efficiency to foster resilience.

Efficiency is also linked to

renewable energies and

development models based on

circular economy.

SOs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.6

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Blue economy

The challenges linked to economic and environmental development are crucial. The Programme's efforts must be coordinated with other initiatives and tackle joint challenges for the economic development like the blue economy activities. Marine and maritime development are core issues while other cooperation programmes may address specific inlanddevelopment challenges.

Resilience becomes a global vector of development that brings together innovation and sustainable economic development, the efficient use of resources, environmental preservation and improvement, and adaptation to the effects of climate change on the territory, people and economic activities. SO 2.4

Innovation & Digitisation

Innovation is geared towards economic development. Along with innovation, skilling and upskilling of enterprises/workers and the digitisation of economic sectors have emerged among the challenges. OS 1.1 (innovation) and objective 1.2 (digitation) are selected. The latter has been reinforced by the improvement of professional competences (OS 1.4.)

highlights tourism as an important sector and a lever for economic development. Its value chain is very broad and allows for cross-cutting treatment (SOs in PO1 and PO2), as well as specific actions (SO 4.5).

The territorial analysis

Tourism

The territory has a wide biodiversity ecosystems and maritime areas in Natura2000 that need to be protected and enhanced. Solutions to maritime pollution near the coasts and plastics in the ocean are one of the main challenges for a healthier ocean. SO 2.7

> **Biodiversity &** Healthier ocean

Better dovernance

Governance has great importance to coordinate actions and maximisethe results of projects in the cooperation area. AA requires better coordination with national, regional and local policies and European initiatives like the Maritime Atlantic Strategy to develop coordinated approaches. Governance has a horizontal approach for all SOs and may be implemented through the ISO1

Resilience



Priority areas for intervention - marine and maritime areas, and coastal areas (non-coastal areas exploiting direct links with the coast, in the form of synergy and added value of joint work)









Some general remarks

Strengthening the link between coastal and inland areas : i.e. energy, biodiversity, agri-food, transport, training			
		\longleftrightarrow	Need for transversality of several thematic areas: innovation, sustainability, resilience, biodiversity, circular economy; and blue growth/blue economy.
0	ISO1 , better governance: proposals to improve articulation with other programmes and non-EU regions.		
		Ø	Coordination with the Maritime Atlantic Strategy , even complementing issues not addressed in the AAP 2.0 such as tourism, culture and heritage, nautical activities.
R	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.		





Total Budget: €1.85m

The aim of ProtoAtlantic is to develop and validate a model for the prototyping and exploitation of innovative ideas in the maritime sector in the Atlantic Area.

www.protoatlantic.eu/











Total Budget: €4.58m

The EuroVelo 1, a unique cycling-tourism destination for a green growth.

The project seeks to develop a 700km cycling route between Mayo and Donegal, including new services for cyclists and development of pilot interventions





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- Expected Programme Size €113M ERDF
- Geography Changes Brexit / Andalusia / Limousin
- Expected completion and delivery to Commission Q1 2022
- First Call Q2/3 2022

75%

- Use of Simplified Cost Options
- Programme offers a maximum co-financing rate of



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Thank you for Listening

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