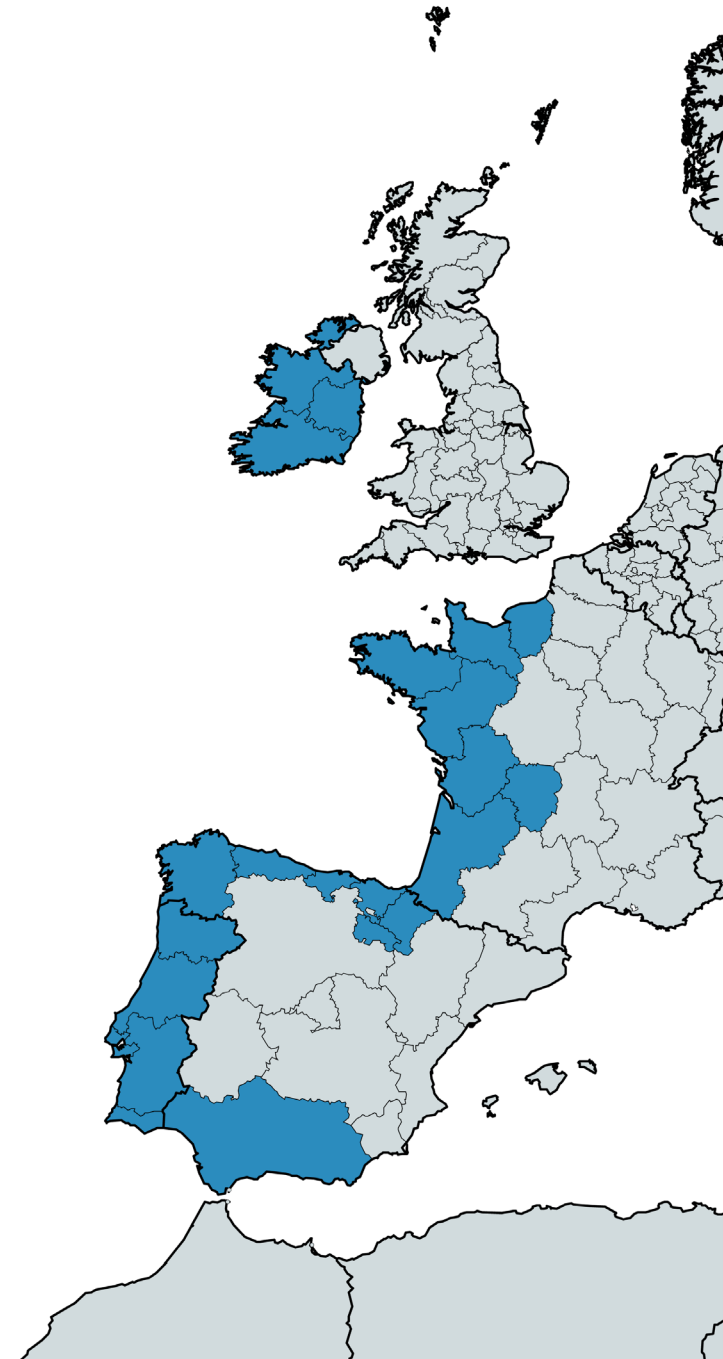
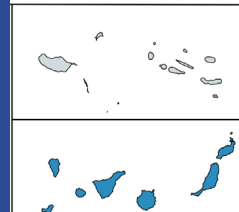


# Interreg Atlantic Area 2021 -2027

Programme over view for ETC Network Webinar  
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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)



# The Future Atlantic Area Programme

**Large territory characterized by the prominence of the Atlantic Ocean**

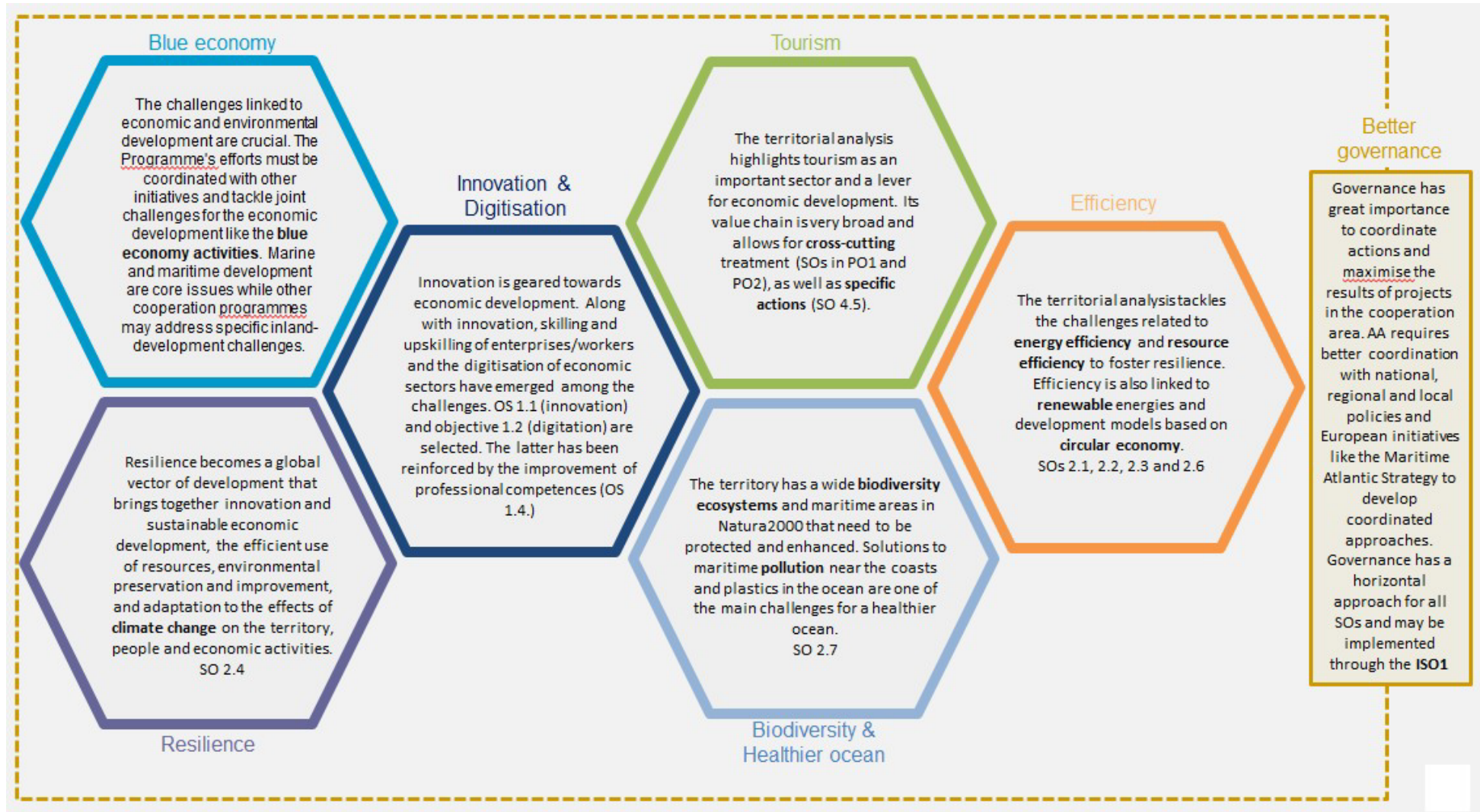
→ **Blue in our DNA:** common element of the cooperation area – geography, economy and culture

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



# Closer to the people, + Green, + Blue

**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)

## **PO1 - SMARTER EUROPE**

- Blue innovation and competitiveness

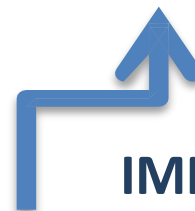
## **PO2 - GREENER EUROPE**

- Blue environment

## **PO4 - MORE SOCIAL EUROPE**

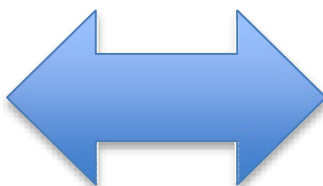
- Blue sustainable tourism and culture

## **ISO1 - Better Governance**



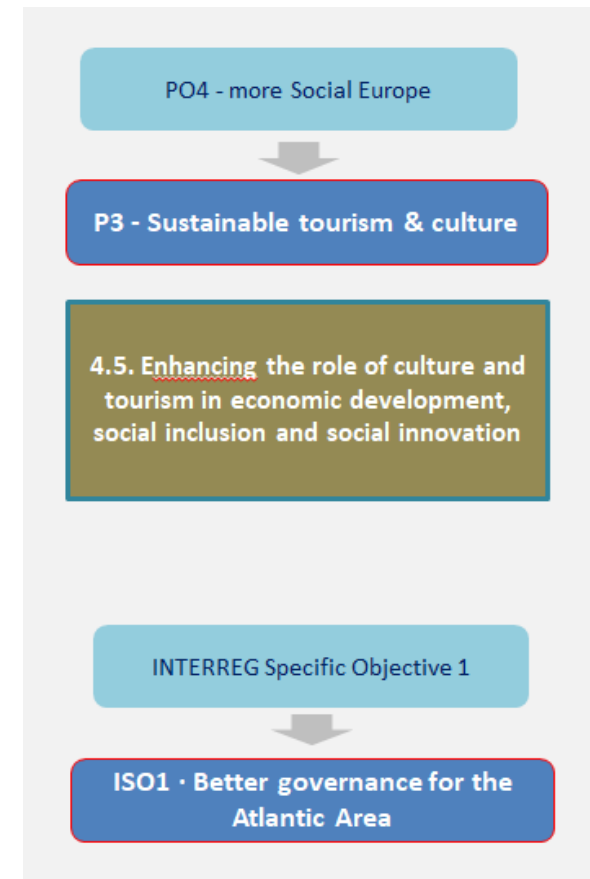
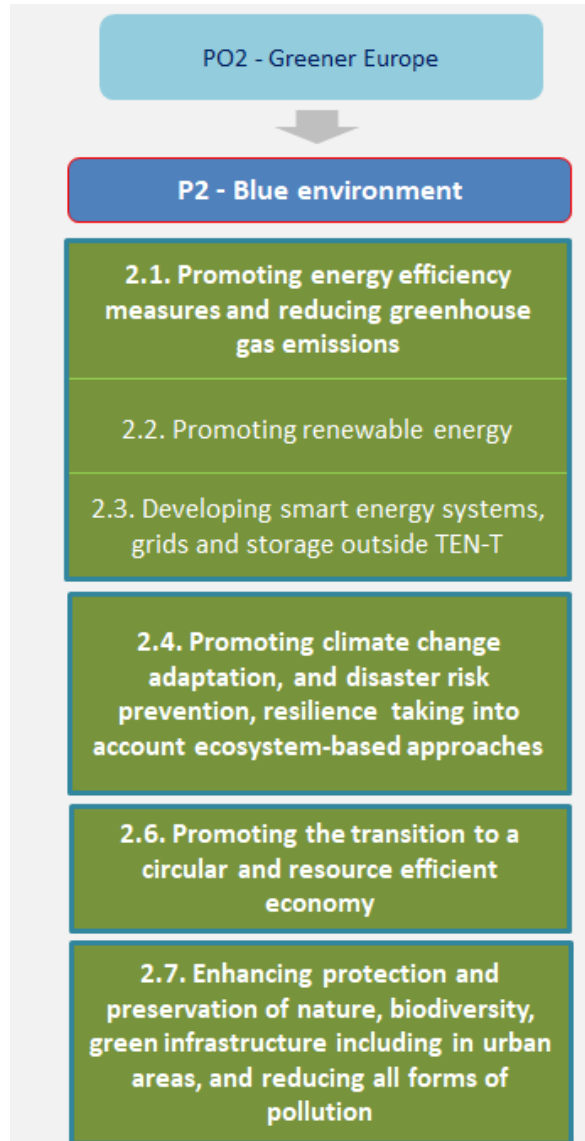
## **IMPACT**

**Collaboration with other  
Interreg and  
mainstream funds**



**Fully exploit the  
strength of the  
Atlantic cluster  
stakeholders**

# Atlantic Area (AA) programme 2021 -2027



## Some 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.



**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.



**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.



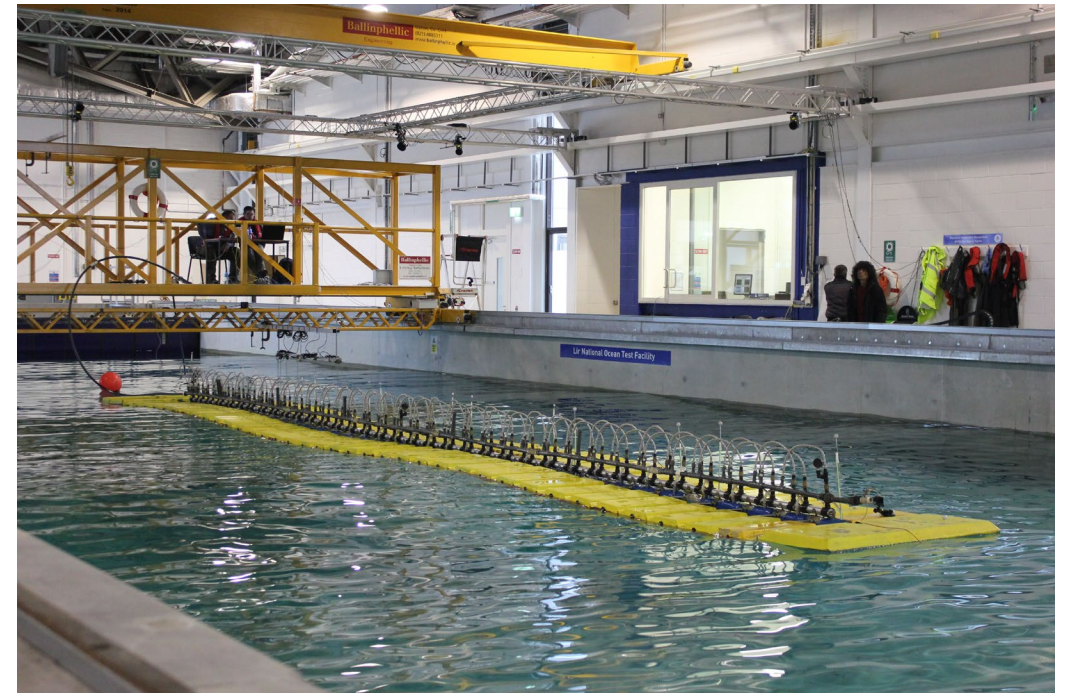
Potential of the **blue energy** sector to absorb workers from other sectors of the blue economy most impacted by Covid-19, through training and skills.



**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/](http://www.protoatlantic.eu/)







# Irish Case Studies from Atlantic Area (AA) 2014 – 2020: Atlantic on Bike

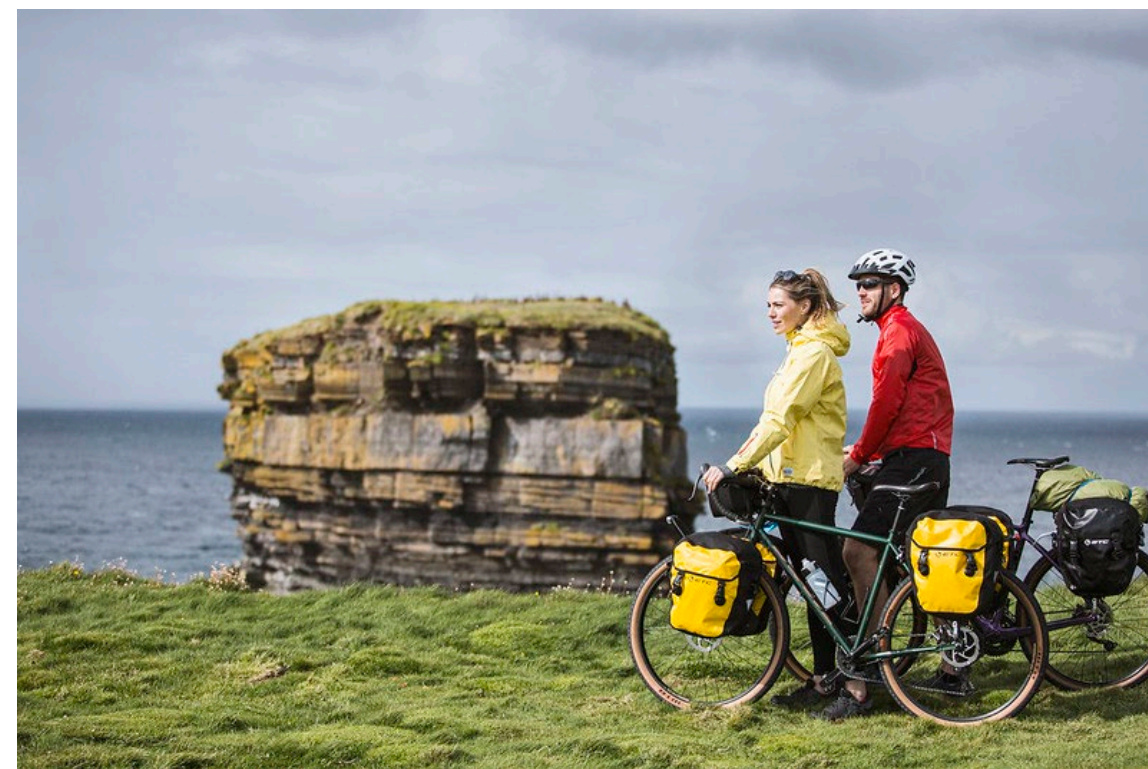


Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo  
Mayo County Council

**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

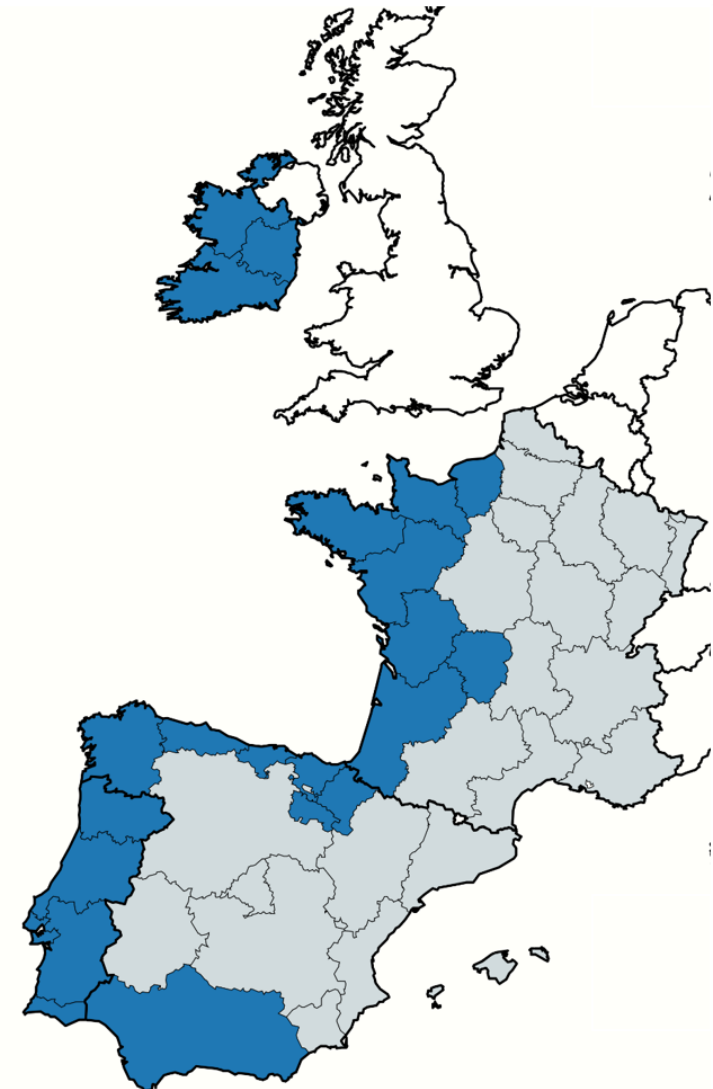
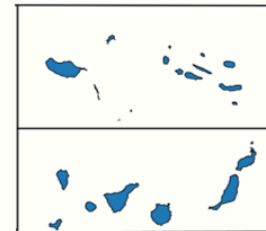


# Atlantic Area (AA) 2021 – 2027

- Expected Programme Size €113M ERDF
- Geography Changes – Brexit / Andalusia / Limousin
- Expected completion and delivery to Commission  
Q1 2022
- First Call Q2/3 2022
- Use of Simplified Cost Options
- Programme offers a maximum co-financing rate of  
75%

**Interreg Atlantic Area  
2021-2027**

 Eligible regions



Thank you for Listening



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