

CLEANATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Vigo, 21st June

09.00 – 16.30 h
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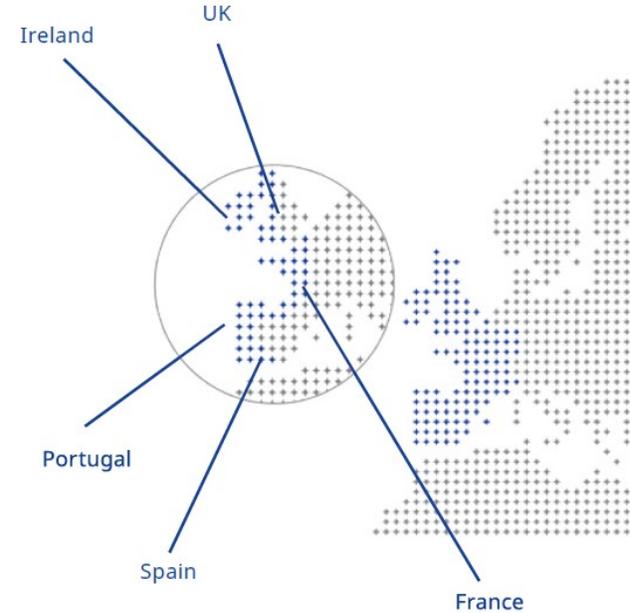
Looking at cooperation results,
seeing the impact on the
Atlantic regions

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WORKING TOGETHER for a **cohesive, sustainable and balanced territorial development** in the **Atlantic regions**

Joint solutions to shared TN challenges



**Building
STRONG
partnerships**

Very diverse programme area

36 regions, 5 countries → 71 projects

Other countries: Belgium, Finland, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway

Associated partners in the EU and in other countries, e.g. Canada, Switzerland



 **€185 000 000**
is the programme total budget to co-finance cooperation projects

Two calls – HIGH DEMAND
budget fully allocated



3rd Call
absorption of decommitted ERDF

THIRD CALL FOR PROPOSALS - EXTENSION
52 applications submitted
23 extension projects approved
– run until June 2023

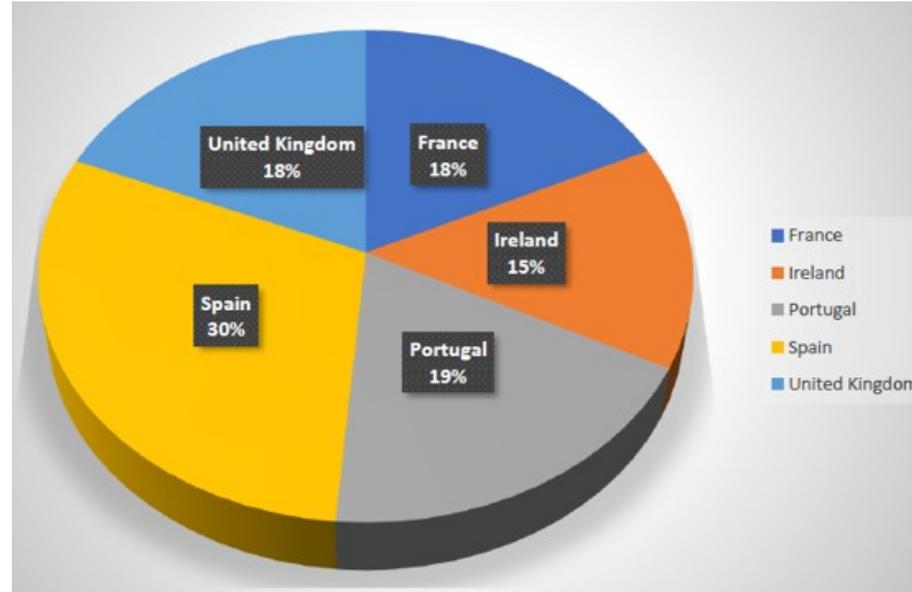
	 INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS	 RESOURCE EFFICIENCY	 TERRITORIAL RISKS	 BIODIVERSITY, NATURAL & CULTURAL ASSETS
 23 extended projects	10	3	4	6
 8,4 million EUR (budget allocated)	3,49M	1,09M	0,98M	2,87M
	100% of the funds allocated			

✓ Currently working in the projects' closing: **all activities must be finished before 31st July 2023**

✓ Preparation for the **Programme's closing**

✓ **Main concern:** low financial execution of some Projects
→ Main challenge for this final year

Geographical distribution approved ERDF



Conceptual framework to establish **output and result indicators**

→ **Assess the impact and contribution of the Programme to the development of its target territories**

Milestones and targets established (following the CPR) for each indicator as:

- **Realistic, feasible, and appropriate** to transmit crucial information on the evolution of objectives
- **Coherent** with the nature and character of each specific objective
- **Transparent**, with identified source data publicly available whenever possible
- **Verifiable** without demanding a disproportionate administrative burden

- Preparation for **Closure**
- **Final evaluation** based on achievements gathered at **31/12/2023**
→ To be delivered with the **Final Implementation Report**
- The main role in the Programme: **OUR PROJECTS**
→ Communicate the Programme is showing project's achievements and results



THE PROGRAMME

The Interreg Atlantic Area (AA): Programme within the framework of the European Union (EU) **cohesion policy, contributing to economic, social and territorial cohesion.**

Supports **transnational cooperation** projects in **22 Atlantic regions from 4 countries:** Spain, France, Ireland, Portugal.

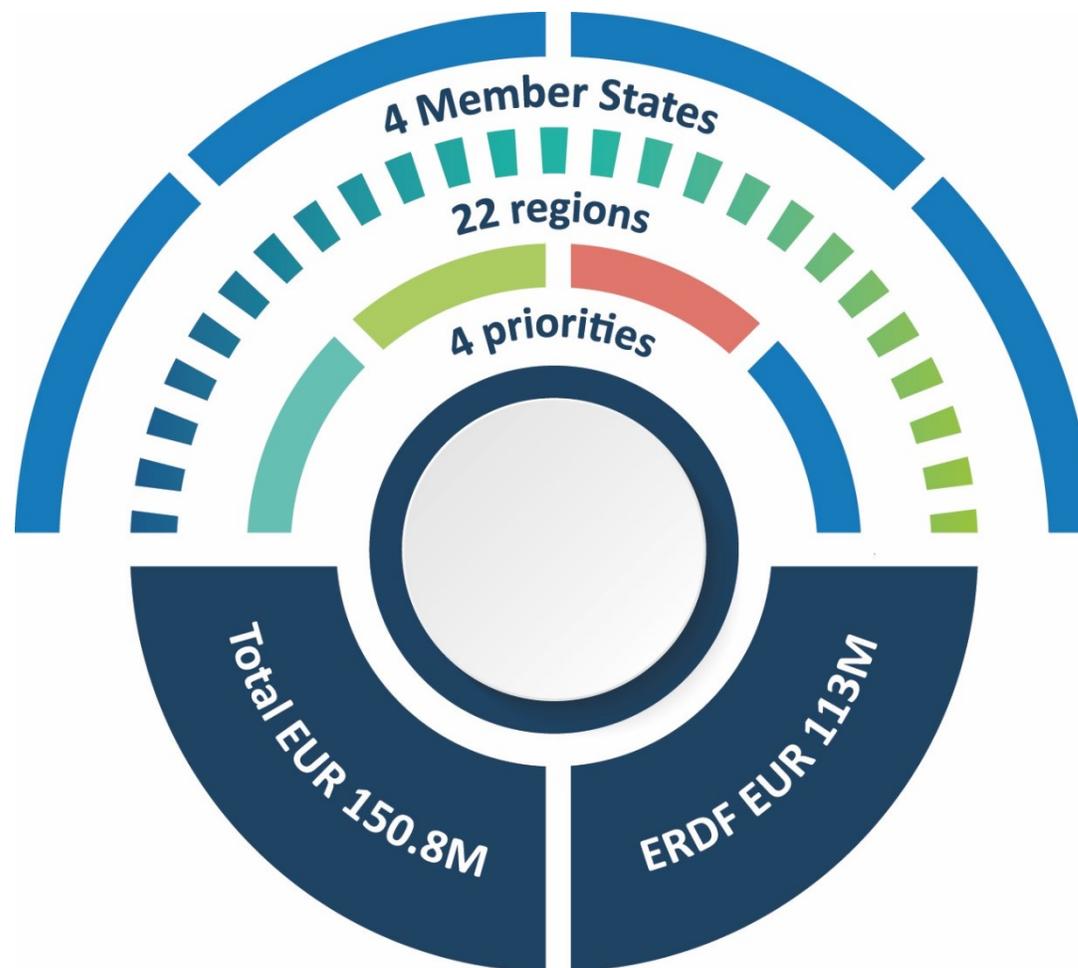
Objective: to implement solutions to regional challenges in the fields of innovation, resource efficiency, environment and cultural assets, supporting regional development and sustainable growth.

The Programme is therefore aligned with the **Blue Growth Strategy** and the **Atlantic Maritime Strategy**

- The relevance of maritime spatial planning in the EU;
- The Atlantic Action Plan 2.0

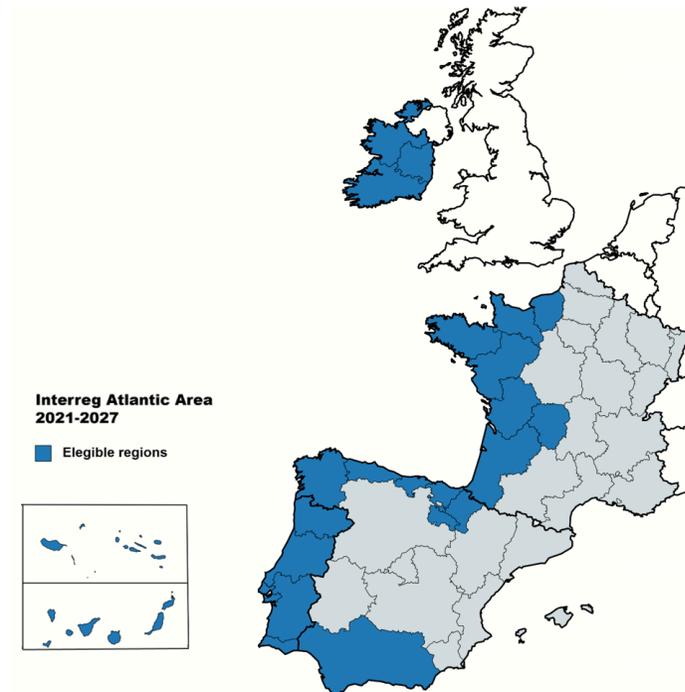
The Atlantic Maritime Strategy and the future Atlantic Area **support each other** to achieve common objectives and stronger results for the benefit of Atlantic citizens

INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA 2021-2027



The Atlantic Area covers the western part of the Atlantic Ocean and includes regions from 4 countries, Spain France Ireland and Portugal. The total list of NUTS2 regions included in the Programme is as follows:

- **France** : Bretagne; Normandie; **Nouvelle-Aquitaine**; Pays de la Loire;
- **Ireland**: Northern and Western; Southern; Eastern and Midland;
- **Portugal** : Norte; Algarve; Centro; Lisboa; Alentejo; Açores; Madeira.
- **Spain** : Galicia; Principado de Asturias; Cantabria; Navarra; País Vasco; **La Rioja**; **Andalucia**; Islas Canarias.



The Programme is based on 4 priorities:



Blue innovation and
competitiveness

A smarter Europe –
innovative and smart
economic transformation



Blue/Green
environment

A greener,
low-carbon Europe



Blue sustainable,
social tourism and
culture

A more social Europe
– implementing the
European Pillar of
Social Rights



A better governance
for cooperation

A better Interreg
governance



ERDF by priority

Priority	FEDER
Priority 1	29 169 346,00
Priority 2	54 423 462,00
Priority 3	17 357 161,00
Priority 4	3 750 000,00
TOTAL	104 699 969,00

Call 1 - 2022

-  **Traditional projects**
-  **Only open for Priorities 1, 2 and 3.**
-  **The project application followed a one-step procedure.**
-  **Submission application form through SIGI platform.**

Call 1 - 2022

- ✓ **45%** of the Programme budget allocated to thematic priorities;
- ✓ All projects are expected to **contribute to innovative solutions**;
- ✓ Through their activities, reach the objectives of the Programme;
- ✓ The approaches can be new, even experimental, since the Programme is particularly suited for testing new methods in a transnational network.

 **Transnational cooperation** not only by bringing together partners from the 4 MS **BUT** also to work on a shared challenge and achieve innovative solutions that can be applied to the 4 of them, also regionally or locally.

Call 1 - 2022

- ✓ Projects financed by the AA Programme must demonstrate **high transnational cooperation intensity** throughout their lifetime with a clear focus on results.
- ✓ Partners must **work together** to deliver, disseminate and roll-out the results of their project.
- ✓ Partnerships involving a high diversity of actors covering the **quadruple helix approach**, including the relevant social and civil society actors, to achieve better linkages between public, private and research actors.
- ✓ The development of these joint solutions requires **enthusiasm and commitment** during project development and implementation.

Call 1 - 2022

The Call was open **from the 14th October to the 3rd March.**

- ✓ Application submitted: **62 → Being eligible 58**
- ✓ Amounting:
 - Total cost: **163.692.566,08€**
 - ERDF: **122.769.420,19€**

Results should be communicated to candidates within 6-8 months after submission.

Call 1 - 2022

HOW PROJECTS WILL BE SELECTED

- ✓ All **projects will be assessed by the Joint Secretariat (JS) with the support of the Atlantic Area National Authorities** against a pre-defined set of **selection criteria**, as stated in the Programme Manual.
- ✓ The project assessment is done based on the information submitted at the time of application and the **selection is made by the Programme Monitoring Committee**.
- ✓ **Training will be provided to successful applicants** in relation to effective project implementation throughout the programming period, including Q&A sessions and online tutorials.

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