



ATLANTIC AREA Transnational Programme  
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# To Link the Atlantic Strategy to the Atlantic Area Transnational Programme

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# The AA Territory composition is meaningful

## Spain:

Galicia, Principado de Asturias, Cantabria, País Vasco, Comunidad Foral de Navarra and in Andalucía: Cádiz, Huelva, Sevilla

## France:

Haute-Normandie, Basse-Normandie, Pays de la Loire, Bretagne, Poitou-Charentes, Aquitaine

## Ireland:

All territory : Border, Midland and Western, Southern and Eastern

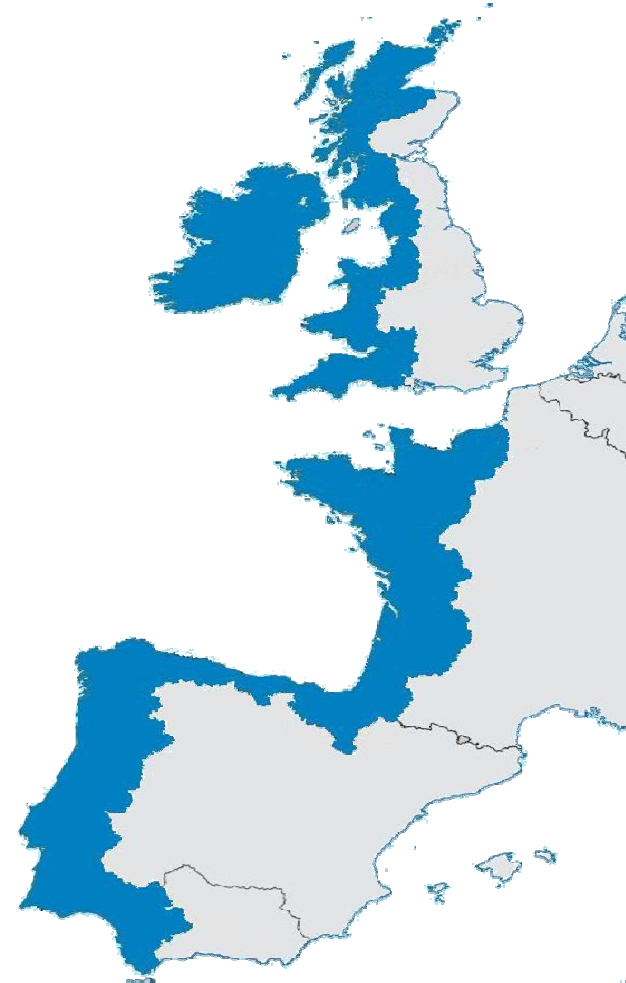
## Portugal:

Norte, Algarve, Centro, Lisboa, Alentejo

## United Kingdom:

Cumbria; Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and North Somerset Dorset and Somerset, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, Devon , West Wales and The Valleys, East Wales, South Western Scotland, Highlands and Islands, Northern Ireland

**The future inclusion of Azores, Canarias and Madera Islands will bring added value to the AA of cooperation regarding the achievement of important Atlantic Strategy goals**



# The Progress of the AA Programme



From mere  
Community Initiative Programmes up to 2006

To becoming a  
Core objective of Cohesion Policy since 2007

- A natural and strong tradition of supporting maritime projects
- Building bridges for smooth integration and a specific role to play with the Atlantic Strategy implementation as from 2014

# Programme Priorities



## P1- INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Knowledge Transfer between Companies and Research Centres  
Competitiveness and Innovation Capacity Building in Maritime Niches  
Internationalisation/ Regional Clustering, Entrepreneurship

**25 projects approved**



## P2- ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTING AND VALUING NATURAL RESOURCES

Maritime Safety  
Management and Protection of Marine Spaces  
Marine and Coastal Renewable Energy potential  
Protection of Natural Spaces, Coastal Zones and Water Resources

**21 projects approved**



## P3- ACCESSIBILITIES AND TRANSPORTS

Networks Interoperability and Continuity and  
Sea, Rail, Road, Air Intermodality  
Ports Co-operation and Short Sea Shipping

**6 projects approved**



## P4- TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable Urban and Rural Development  
Joint Promotion to Make Cities More Attractive  
Atlantic Cultural Heritage

**11 projects approved**

# Maritime Projects

OP Global allocation - Total 159 M€/ ERDF 104M€

63 Projects approved following three public calls

Total nr of partners 574

- **67% of approved projects are related with the sea**
- **65% of the funds devoted to maritime projects**
- **397 partners are involved in maritime projects**



## Main project areas:

Cruise Tourism, Tourism and Marine Leisure, Marine Biotechnology, Fisheries, Short Sea Shipping, Seafood Development, Coastal Sustainability, Marine Renewable Energies, Maritime Safety, Risks Prevention and Mitigation, Marine Protected Areas, Adaptation to Climate Change, Marine Education and Training, Shipbuilding Ancillary Industry, Atlantic Heritage Protection

# Some examples of approved maritime projects

Projects Name	Lead Partners	Maritime Thematics
EASYCO	Instituto Superior Técnico (PT)	Oceanic Modelling & Forecasting
ATLANTOX	University of Santiago de Compostela (ES)	Control of Toxins, Faster Detection & Control
BIOTECMAR	University of Bretagne (FR)	Supports for SMES on Marine Biotechnology/Biomass
MAREN	Cardiff University (UK)	Energy Optimisation from Marine Renewable Devices
SHAREBIOTECH	Bretagne Innovation (FR)	Strengthening Biotech Sector (Industry/HE)
SEAFARE	Bangor University (UK)	Development of Solutions Targeting Constraints in Shellfish Industry
ARCOPOL	Centro Tecnológico del Mar - Fundación CETMAR (ES)	Responses to Oil Spills & Hazardous Substances at Sea
NEA 2	Regional Council of Brittany (FR)	Marine Leisure & Watersports Development In The Atlantic Area
ANCORIM	Regional Council of Aquitaine (FR)	Coastal Risk Management, Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability
NETALGAE	Indigo Rock Marine Research. (IE)	Creation Of Network For EU Marine Macroalgae Sector
PROPOSSE	Port Authority of Gijon (ES)	Promotion Of Short Sea Shipping

# Maritime Strategy for the Atlantic Area

## The Action Plan

Approved by EC on 13th May 2013

Main goals: enhance marine and maritime economy in the Atlantic Ocean area.

### 4 Priorities

In line with European 2020 strategy

Aiming to respond to challenges and opportunities of AA under 5 themes:

- Implementing the ecosystem approach
- Reducing Europe's carbon footprint
- Sustainable exploitation of the Atlantic seafloor's natural resources
- Responding to threats and emergencies; social inclusive growth

1. Promote entrepreneurship and innovation
2. Protect, secure and enhance the marine coastal environment
3. Improve accessibility and connectivity
4. Create a socially inclusive and sustainable model of regional development

# Programme Achievements

- Project level

Cohesive Cooperation Networks

Mixed and specialised partnerships

Quite good thematic approach

Good transnational coverage

Increasing degree of cooperation intensity

Growing focus over tangibility of results



- Management level: increased capabilities

Knowledge base of key AA players, institucional organisations

Knowledge of MS general functioning rules and procedures

High capacity to coordinate and manage ETC programmes & projects



# Atlantic Area OP - Atlantic Maritime Strategy

## A natural link

- Wide network coverage of the AA in most domains relevant to the Strategy
- A platform to support and coordinate the generation of actions and projects
- Funding for intangible cooperation
- A platform for the coordination between other programmes and initiatives
- A platform to capitalise the large number of technical studies and results in important areas related to the Atlantic Maritime Strategy
- Link with a great number of Atlantic key Stakeholders/Networks/Clusters

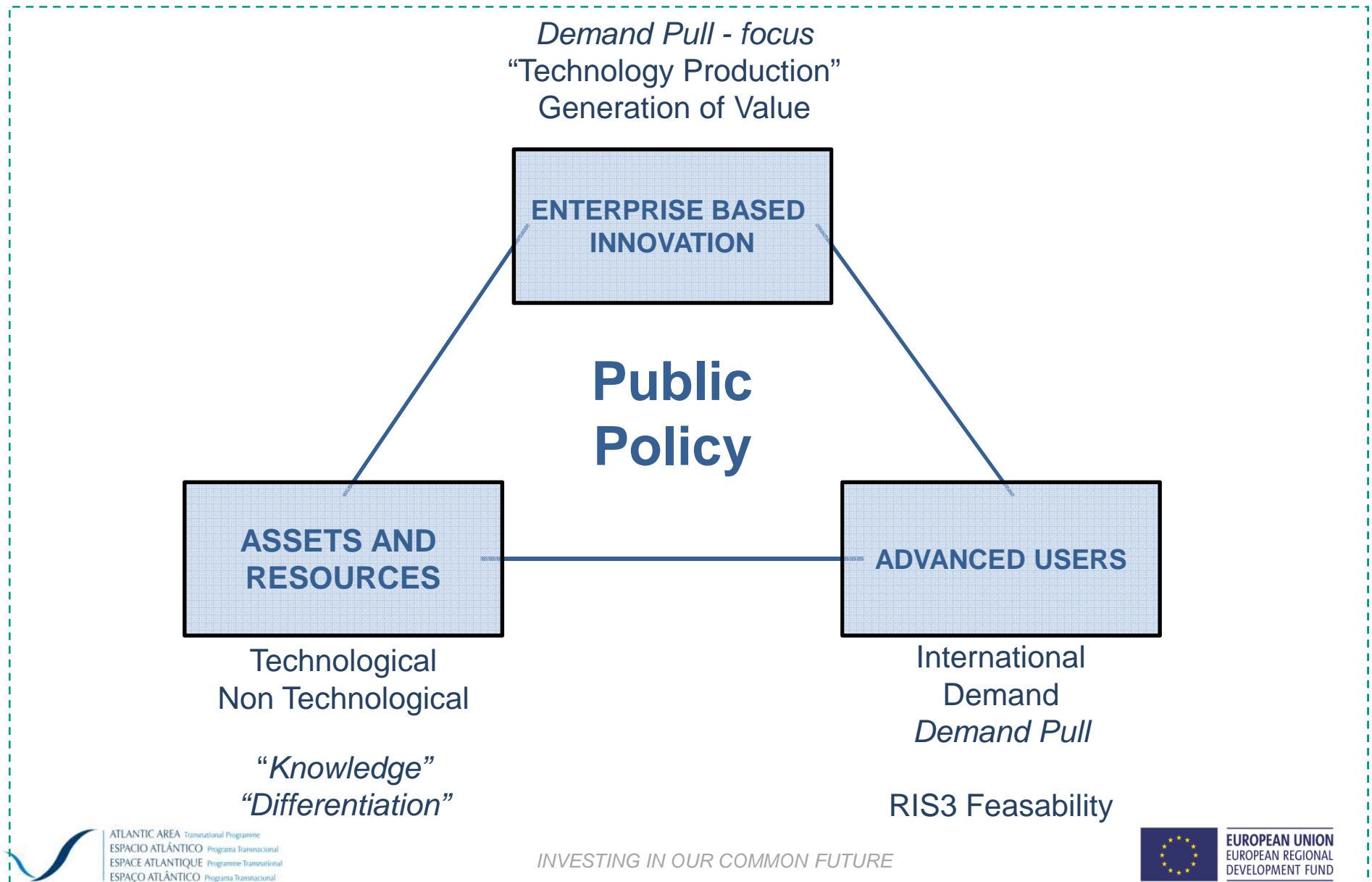
### **AA Programme a tool for Atlantic Maritime Strategy implementation**

To capitalise know how, lessons learnt and results, tools and systems

As a vehicle and requisite to smart specialisation

A way to drive existing networks

# Atlantic Area OP – Smart Specialisation Approach





# Thank You!

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