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C. List of existing clusters operating in areas of relevance for the Atlantic Plan.

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National Marine Biotechnology Cluster	Marine Institute Ireland	Dr. Ilaria Nardello ilaria.nardello@nuigalway.ie + 353 (0)91 387200 https://www.marine.ie/home/research/SeaChange/NationalMarineBiotechnology/	NDP	Marine Biotechnology Ireland	National	Blue Biotech	Working to transform the marine sector into a knowledge-driven sector recognised for its ability to develop a range of high value-added products that result from marine biotechnology research . The goal of MBI is for Ireland to be recognised internationally as a significant marine biotechnology research performer, occupying a lead position within Europe’s bio economy through the commercialisation of marine biotechnology research outputs. Actions of MBI are	NUTS0



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							focused on stimulating the utilisation of marine organisms and materials for the sustainable production of food, drugs, biomaterials, nutraceuticals and industrial processes.	
National Marine Technology Cluster	Marine Institute Ireland	Dr. Edel O'Connor Edel.oconnor@marine.ie + 353 (0) 91 387 200 https://www.marine.ie/home/research/SeaChange/NationalMarineTechnology/	NDP	Smartocean Innovation Cluster	National	Marine ICT	Create a critical mass, multi-disciplinary and industry-oriented research grouping in the area of advanced sensing, communications and informatics. Create a focused capability in the application of next generation technology solutions for marine and environmental sectors. Deliver innovative technology solutions to global markets. Launched in	NUTSO



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							2010, the cluster seeks to harness Ireland's natural marine resources and specialist expertise in Marine Science and ICT to establish Ireland as a leader in the development of high value products and services for the global marine sector. This includes the delivery of next generation technology products and services for marine sectors such as aquaculture, environmental monitoring, shipping and security and marine renewable energy.	
Irish Maritime and Energy		Dr Valerie Cummins v.cummins@imerc.ie	University College Cork, Cork	IMERC	National	Marine Energy (marine	MERC promotes Ireland as a world-renowned research	NUTSO



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Resource Cluster (IMERC)		www.imerc.ie	Institute of Technology , Irish Naval Services			renewables and offshore hydrocarbons) Maritime ICT Shipping, Logistics and Transport Maritime Security and Safety Marine Recreation	and development location, that will unlock Ireland's maritime and energy potential. IMERC aims to harness and integrate diverse research and industry expertise.	

