The Assistance Mechanism for the Atlantic Action Plan



Our Consortium















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The Atlantic Strategy



Implementing the Ecosystem Approach (fisheries, aquaculture and forecasting climate changes...)



Reducing Europe's carbons footprint (ocean renewable energies, maritime transport changes...)



Sustainable Exploitation of the Atlantic seafloor's natural resources (access to marine raw materials, harmonization of marine data...)



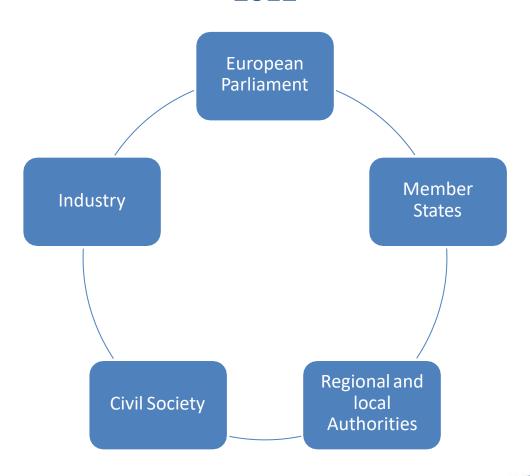
Responding to threats and emergencies (legislative measures on marine safety)



Socially inclusive growth (training, developing new skills, marine and maritime tourism...)



The Atlantic Forum 2012



The Atlantic Action Plan

- Launched to identify key investment and research
 priorities along the EU's Atlantic seaboard which could
 help both mature and emerging sectors in the marine
 and maritime economy to flourish.
- Aims to (priorities):
 - ✓ Promote entrepreneurship and innovation
 - ✓ Create a socially inclusive and sustainable model of regional development
 - ✓ Protect, secure and develop the potential of the Atlantic marine and coastal environment
 - ✓ Improve accessibility and connectivity



Promote entrepreneurship and innovation

- ✓ Sharing knowledge between the public and private sectors
- ✓ Enhancing the competitiveness and innovation capacities in the maritime economy of the Atlantic Area (educational and training programs, raising awareness of sea related carreers...)
- ✓ Supporting the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy



Protect, secure and develop the potential of the Atlantic marine and coastal environments

- ✓ Improving maritime safety and security
- ✓ Exploring and protecting marine waters and coastal zones
- **✓** Sustainable management of marine resoruces
- ✓ Exploitation of renewable energy potential



Improve accessibility and connectivity

- **✓ Promoting cooperation between ports**
- ✓ Diversifying port activities
- **✓ Promoting port networks and shore-sea shipping routes**



Promote a socially inclusive and sustainable model of regional development

- ✓ Fostering better knowledge of social challenges in the Atlantic Area
- ✓ Preserving and promoting the Atlantic's Cultural Heritage



The Atlantic Action Plan "The Challenge"

There is no specific financial instrument for the AAP Potential Fund Resources

- ✓ H2020
- **✓ COSME**
- ✓ LIFE+
- ✓ Interreg VB
- ✓ EU Structural and Investment Fund (ERDF, EMFF, ESF, EARDF)



The EU Member States involved in the Atlantic Action Plan



- France
- Ireland
- Portugal
- Spain
- United Kingdom

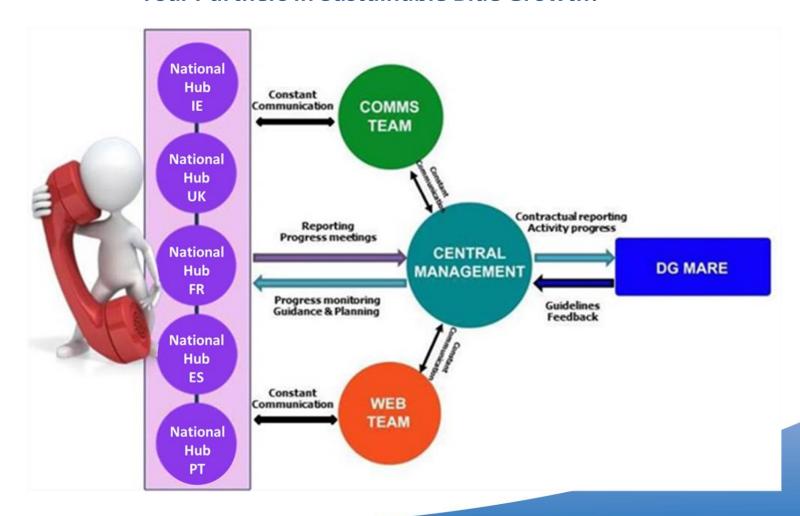
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Who are we?

- A Brussels-based team. In charge of the management of the project and of running a dynamic and interactive website facilitating knowledge-sharing, partnership building, and the identification of relevant funding opportunities to carry out your projects
- 5 National Hubs. They provide a face-to-face service in your country and are based in France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and the UK.



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Objectives:

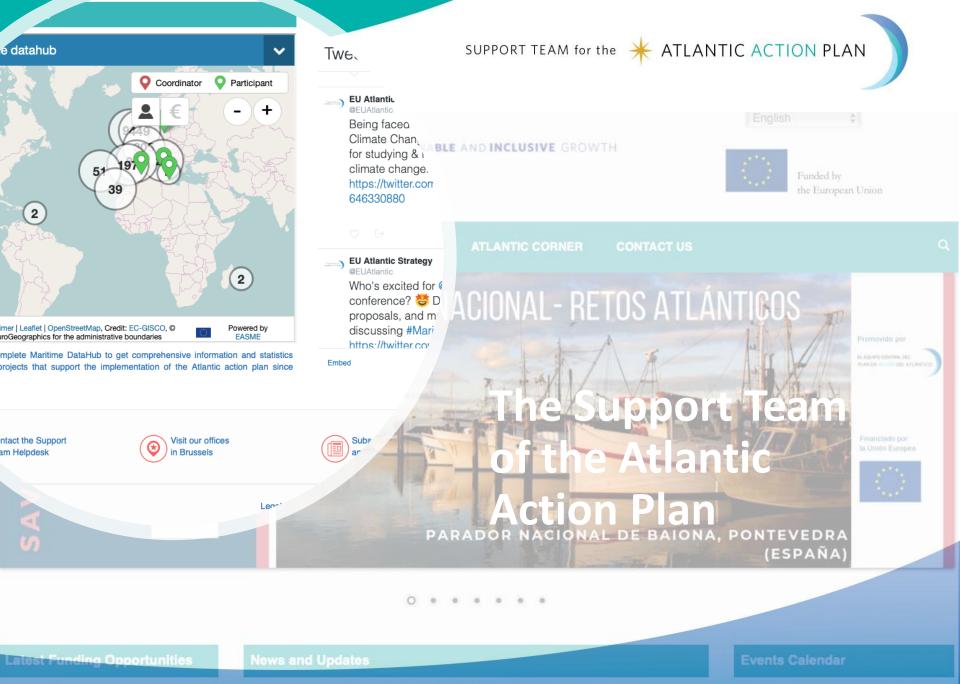
- 1. Promote the AAP at national level
- 2. Provide guidance and real-time support to stakeholders
- 3. Identify key players
- 4. Identify funding instruments
- 5. Raise awareness about relevant funding opportunities
- 6. Establish contacts with networks and project promoters



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What can we do for you?

- We point you at relevant research and investment priorities
- We give you highlights on latest relevant policy developments, fresh news on hot events and much more!
- We provide you with a "match-making platform" to find potential project partners
- We give you answers to your queries
- We advise you on the use of EU financial instruments for projects implementing the Action Plan, including by the European Investment Bank (EIB), or any other public or private funding channels at European, national and regional/local level.



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