



# Interreg Atlantic Area 2021-2027 Launch event

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# Meet the new Interreg Atlantic Area Programme!

A **new visual identity** that represents our **renovation** for the **2021-2027 programming period** – renewal of our commitment to work with our partners for the well-being of the Atlantic regions



## The renewal of the Programme – an incremental innovation approach

- **A long and complex process beneath the preparation of the new programme until the approval by the EC on September 8, 2022**
- The final Programme is the result of the work and discussions among the members of the Atlantic Area Task Force, based on
  - Interreg Regulation for the new programming period
  - Construction of the intervention logic
  - Territorial analysis
  - Screening for the strategic environmental assessment in the Atlantic Area
  - Feedback from the public consultation

Fostering transnational cooperation to promote economic, social, and territorial cohesion through transnational cooperation

Working together by sharing knowledge and experiences to innovate and bring solutions to address common challenges



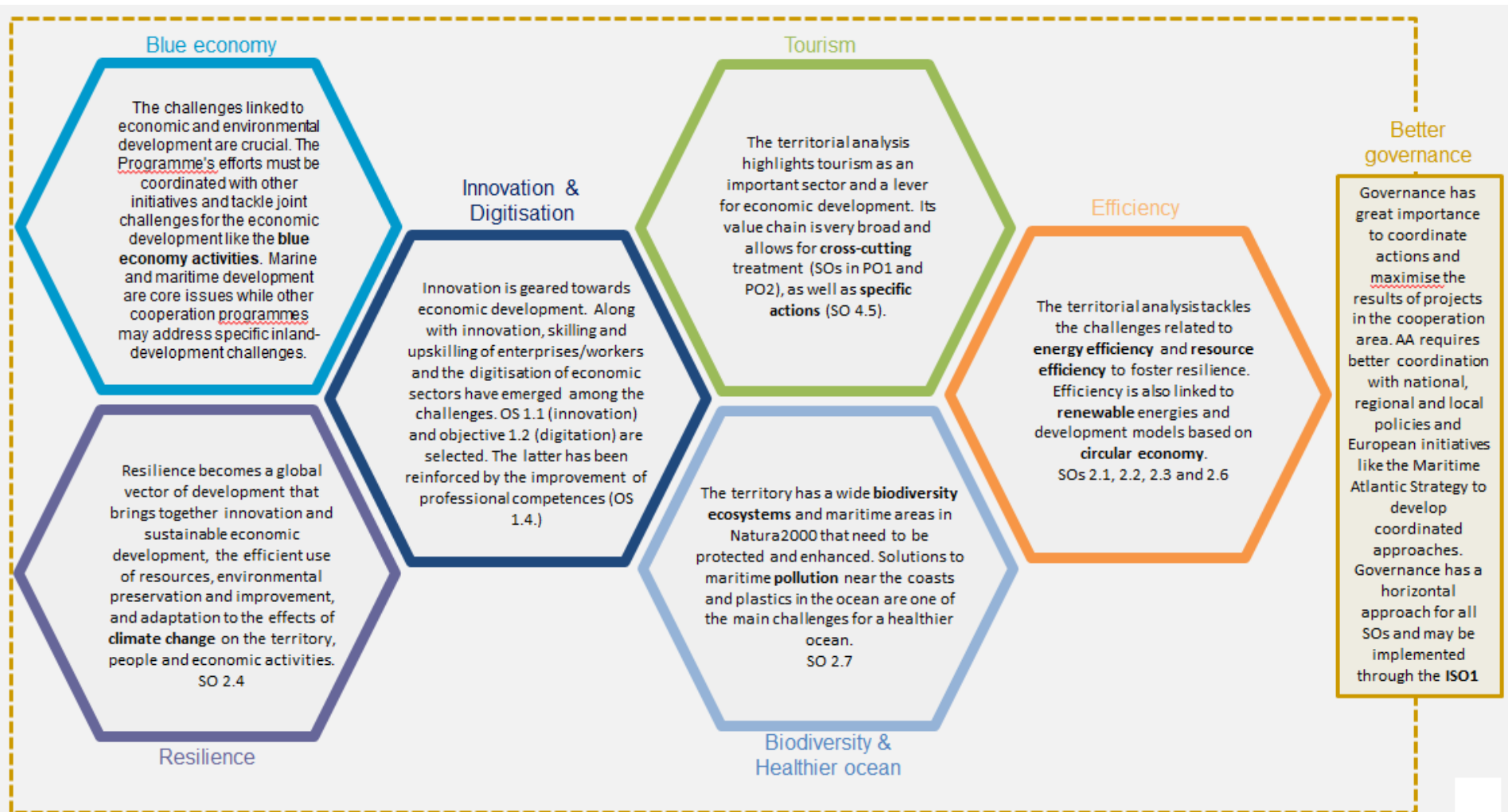
# The new geography

All regions of Ireland and Portugal, as well as several French and Spanish regions close to or on the Atlantic Ocean coast. The total list of NUTS2 regions:

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



## Intervention logic · Summary of the rationale





## Territorial analysis

**Extensive territory**, mainly regions linked to the Atlantic  
- many similarities in economic sectors, culture, and biodiversity – **common challenges**

Significant territorial disparities

**Land-sea link: our maritime approach involves interactions with inland territories**, given the impact they have on coastal areas and on the ocean itself

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



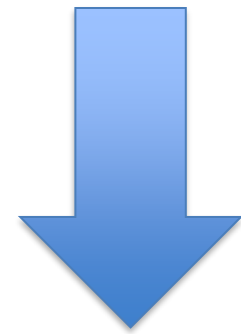
## Anchored on several EU policy initiatives

- The European Blue Growth Strategy
- The European Green Deal (EGD)
- The Territorial Agenda 2030
- The EU Atlantic Strategy
- Contribute to the goals of the European Strategy for data
- Bauhaus values to be included in activities that can be sustainable, aesthetic and inclusive

## MISSION

- To be at the forefront of the transition to a unique, carbon neutral and climate resilient Atlantic Area Region
- Foster the integration of sustainable economic development, societal well-being, and the preservation of biodiversity

**Bring together stakeholders** from different sectors and regions to work on innovative and pioneering ideas and create benefits for those who live and work in the Atlantic Area



## 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**



## Selected priorities



Blue innovation  
and  
competitiveness

A smarter Europe –  
innovative and smart  
economic transformation



Blue 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

# Selected priorities and specific objectives

## Priority 1 – Blue Innovation and Competitiveness

Specific objective : PO1 · i)  
Developing and enhancing  
research and innovation  
capacities and the uptake of  
advanced technologies

Specific objective : PO1 · ii)  
Reaping the benefits of  
digitisation for citizens,  
companies, research  
organisations and public  
authorities

## Priority 2: Blue /Green environment

Specific objective : PO2 · i)  
Promoting energy efficiency  
and reducing greenhouse gas  
emissions

Specific objective : PO2 · iv)  
Promoting climate change  
adaptation and disaster risk  
prevention, and resilience,  
taking into account eco-  
system based approaches

Specific objective : PO2 · vi)  
Promoting the transition to a  
circular and resource efficient  
economy

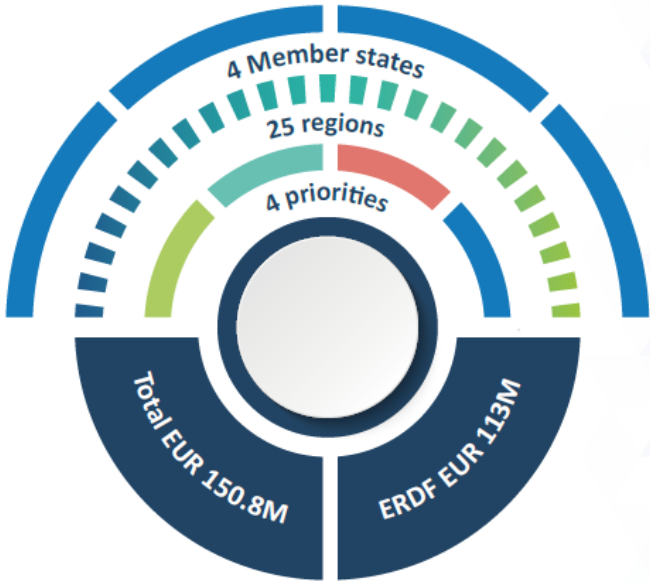
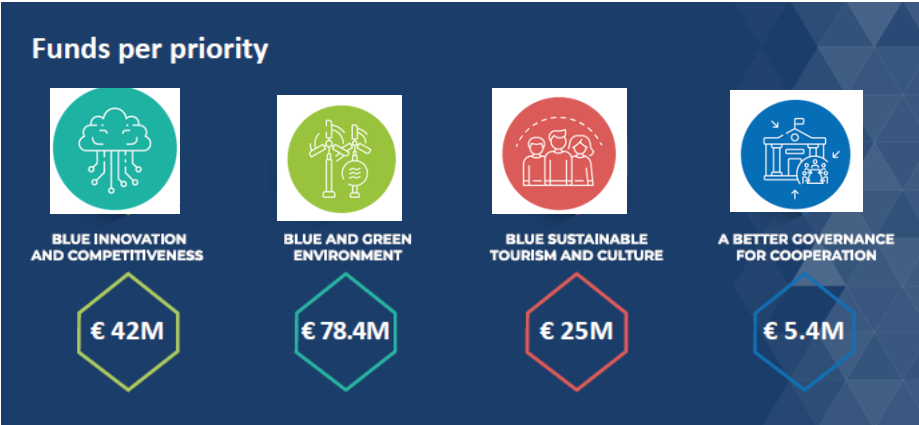
Specific objective : PO2 · (vii)  
Enhancing protection and  
preservation of nature,  
biodiversity and green  
infrastructure, including in  
urban areas, and reducing all  
forms of pollution

## Priority 3: Blue sustainable and social tourism & culture

Specific objective : PO4 · (vi)  
Enhancing the role of culture  
and sustainable tourism in  
economic development, social  
inclusion and social  
innovation

## Priority 4: A better governance for cooperation in the Atlantic Area

ISO 6.1: Enhance the  
institutional capacity of public  
authorities, in particular those  
mandated to manage a  
specific territory, and of  
stakeholders;



ERDF *per* priority

Priority	Indicative breakdown of the EU ERDF contribution
Priority 1: Blue innovation and competitiveness	29 169 346,00
Priority 2: Blue/Green environment	54 423 462,00
Priority 3: Blue sustainable and social tourism & culture	17 357 161,00
Priority 4: A better governance for cooperation in the Atlantic Area	3 750 000,00
TOTAL AMOUNT	104 699 969,00

## **Monitoring Committee (MC)**

- The Programme's decision body
- Projects are approved by the MC
- Each country involved in the Programme (4 countries) is represented in the Committee

## **Managing Authority (MA)**

- Responsible for the management and implementation of the Programme on behalf of participating MS
- The Norte Portugal Regional Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-N), based in Porto, Portugal

## **Joint Secretariat (JS)**

- Provides information to potential beneficiaries, treats project applications and supports partners in the implementation of their projects
- Assists the other implementing bodies of the Programme with the day-to-day operational administration. It is based in Porto (Portugal)

# Programme Bodies

## Audit Authority

- Responsible for verifying the proper functioning of the Programme's management and control system
- *Inspeção Geral de Finanças*, IGF, based in Lisbon, Portugal
- Independent of the other bodies
- Assisted by a group of auditors (GoA) composed of one representative from each partner state

## Accounting Function (AF)

- To be carried out by AD&C (*Agência para o Desenvolvimento e Coesão*), based in Lisbon, Portugal, which is responsible for drawing up and submitting payment applications to the European Commission (EC)
- Draws up the Programme's accounts, confirming their completeness, accuracy, and veracity
- The Payment Entity, being responsible for paying ERDF to the project partners

## National Authorities (NA)

Provide potential national beneficiaries with information on the Programme, the calls for projects and the administrative requirements for submitting applications. They also support beneficiaries during project implementation.

- Part of the Management and Control System

France	<u>Nouvelle-Aquitaine</u> Regional <u>Council</u>
<u>Ireland</u>	Northern <u>and Western</u> Regional <u>Assembly</u>
Portugal	Agência para o Desenvolvimento e Coesão
Spain	Ministerio de Hacienda y Función Pública

The European Commission – supporting and offering guidelines



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# **Working together for better Atlantic regions**

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