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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



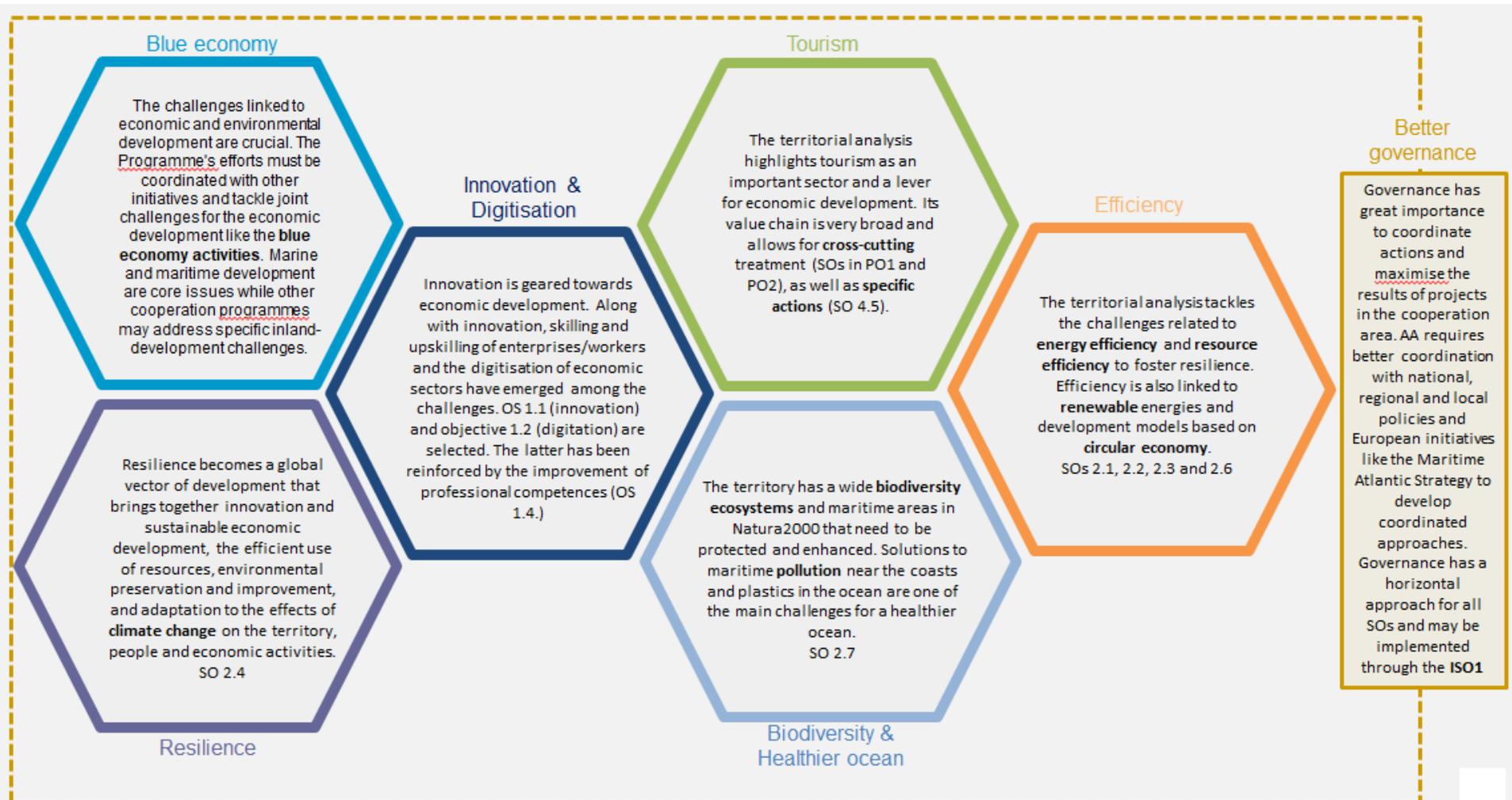
The new geography

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





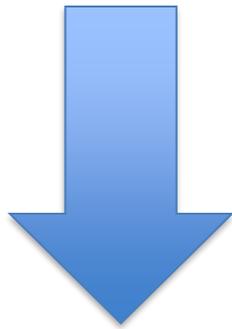
Anchored on several EU policy initiatives

- 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

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;



Funds per priority



BLUE INNOVATION
AND COMPETITIVENESS

€ 42M



BLUE AND GREEN
ENVIRONMENT

€ 78.4M



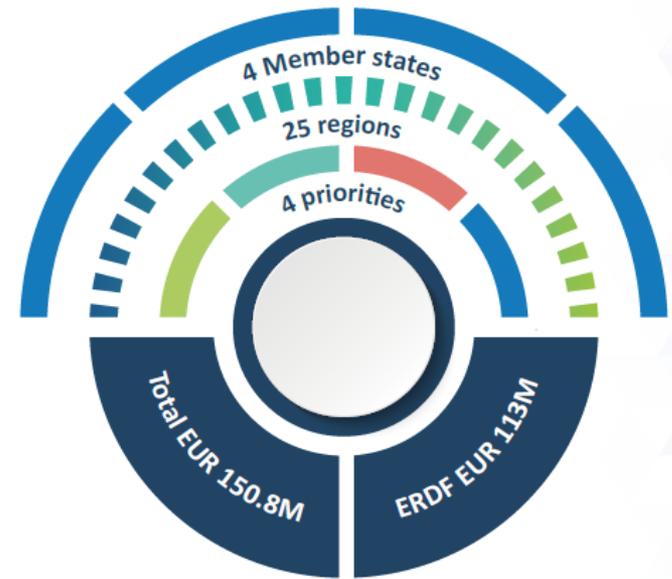
BLUE SUSTAINABLE
TOURISM AND CULTURE

€ 25M



A BETTER GOVERNANCE
FOR COOPERATION

€ 5.4M



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)



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> <u>Regional Council</u>
<u>Ireland</u>	Northern and Western <u>Regional 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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