

Atlantic Area Operational Programme 2007-2013

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Editorial

The design and implementation of a new Programme for European development and cohesion is a great challenge, an adventure. It provides an opportunity to build on successful collaboration and good practice, a chance to provide further added value by doing things better and to make a lasting difference to the territory which it benefits.

Characterized by different cultures and very different organizational systems, a European Territorial Cooperation Programme spanning several Member States makes this challenge even more demanding. It requires effective communication, joint working and strong management. It needs to address common problems by providing common solutions thereby

benefiting the people in the regions and the territory.

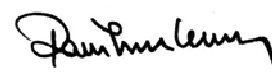
For those who respond to this challenge every day, it is necessary to put this principle of effective co-operation into practice by building common working tools and respecting the principle of consensus.

The Atlantic Area has a background of great similarities and strong contrasts. The strategy defined for the Programme is deliberately marked by the ambition to make a qualitative leap in cooperation, fostering economic diversification, enhance the many facets of maritime heritage, and to strengthen synergies between cities and regions, through a greater mobilization in terms of cooperation and achievement of tangible

results for the benefit of the area.

The early part of the Programme provides the opportunity to sow the seeds of this co-operation. The new Managing Authority, supported by the Joint Technical Secretariat in collaboration with the other authorities, the Member States, the National Correspondents and the Regions have worked to provide the Programme with the working tools to deliver the programme, to create the climate for co-operation at the project level and to enable the accomplishment of the expected results.

We are confident in achieving it!



1st Call for Projects - 24 projects approved

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The Atlantic Area Transnational Cooperation Programme 2007-2013 launched its first Call for Projects between March 17th and June 27th 2008.

Within this first call for proposal, 68 applications were received, from the 5 Member States participating on the Atlantic Area Programme. The applications were submitted across all priorities defined within this Programme, focused on Innovation, Environment, Accessibility and Sustainable Urban Development.

These applications consisted of 576 partners and 80 associated partners. The Lead Partners by country are Spain (31 projects), Portugal (14 projects), France

(10 projects), United Kingdom (8 projects) and Ireland (5 projects).

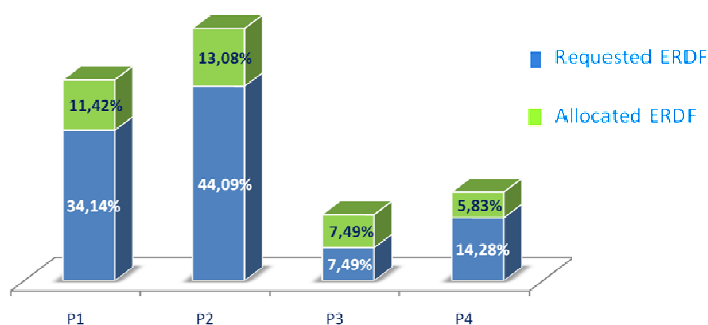
The Monitoring Committee, composed by the national and regional authorities of the five Member States of the Programme, to consider all the applications was held on 4th and 5th November in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Following a thorough analysis,

the Monitoring Committee **approved 24 projects**: 8 in Priority 1; 8 in Priority 2; 3 in Priority 3; and 5 projects in Priority 4.

The total amount of ERDF for these 24 projects is €39.5m, distributed as set out in the table below.

The second Call for Projects is planned for the first quarter of 2009.



Priority 1 Promote transnational entrepreneurial and innovation networks



ATLANT-KIS

The overall goal is to enhance the Knowledge and Technology Transfer and innovation processes on SMEs through the promotion and co-operation of Knowledge Intensive Services (KIS) at the Atlantic Area.

Lead Partner: Departamento de Innovación, Empresa y Empleo, Gobierno de Navarra, SP

Partners: SP(2), FR(1), IE(3), PT(1), UK(1)

Total Cost: 2.363.666 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.536.381 €

ATVENTURE

Aims to improve Venture Capital markets in regions outside main financial centers and their use and contribution to Research & Development activities.

Lead Partner: Centro Europeo de Empresas e Innovación del Principado de Asturias, SP

Partners: SP(4), FR(1), IE(1), PT(1)

Total Cost: 1.367.149 €

Allocated ERDF: 888.646,85 €

AUXNAVALIA

The general objective is to improve competitiveness of the marine shipbuilding ancillary services industry, by implementing resources and activities that improve their innovation capacity.

Lead Partner: Fundación para o Fomento da Calidade Industrial e o Desenvolvemento Tecnolóxico de Galicia, SP

Partners: SP(2), PT(2), UK(2)

Total Cost: 1.601.191 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.040.774,15 €

WINATLANTIC

The goal of this project is to help redirect the economies of regions in the Atlantic Area and develop their endogenous regional potential, by implementing an action to stimulate the internationalization of Innovative Start-ups and SMEs (ISS) in these territories.

Lead Partner: Ouest Atlantic (FR)

Partners: SP(2), FR(4), IE(2), PT(3), UK(1)

Total Cost: 2.949.019 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.916.862 €

CANTATA2

Focus on tourism development, connecting SMEs and exploring networks in order to exploit local potential and improve competitiveness. It seeks innovative ways of developing products, training and marketing and routes to market. Real and genuine local tourism experiences, 'slow tourism'.

Lead Partner: Denbighshire County Council, UK

Partners: SP(1), FR(1), IE(1), PT(1), UK(1)

Total Cost: 2.279.984 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.481.989 €

NEA2

Aims to develop a cutting-edge watersports sector within the AA, which differs from what is done in this domain in the international arena by its exemplary implementation, by delivering: economic innovation and performance, protection and development of the environment, quality of life and social cohesion.

Lead Partner: Conseil Régional de Bretagne, FR

Partners: SP(7), FR(8), IE(2), PT(3), UK(3)

Total Cost: 4.721.137 €

Allocated ERDF: 3.068.737 €

ATCLUSTERS

The main objective is to explore real possibilities of transnational cooperation among clusters in the Atlantic Area (existing or under creation ones), and in connecting them together in order to facilitate their development at EU and international level.

Lead Partner: Instituto Gallego de Promoción Económica (IGAPE), SP

Partners: SP(3), FR(1), IE(1), PT(1)

Total Cost: 1.161.042 €

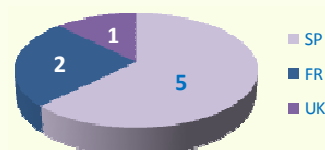
Allocated ERDF: 754.677,15 €

PRIORITY 1 - KEY FIGURES

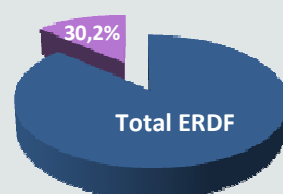
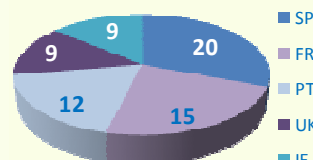
Projects received 27

Projects approved 8

Distribution by Lead Partner



Distribution by Partner



ERDF : 11.942.857,15 €
 allocated to priority 1

RETHER

The Rethinking Entrepreneurship project sets out to create in the Atlantic Area a network of organizations involved in promoting entrepreneurship which will contribute to lowering the existing differential with other more dynamic parts of the EU and to adopt a new model of entrepreneurship with which it will be possible to provide new support services and tools for entrepreneurs and start-ups.

Lead Partner: LAN EKINTZA-BILBAO,S.A,SP

Partners: SP(2), FR(1), IE(1), PT(1), UK(1)

Total Cost: 1.930.446 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.254.790 €

Priority 2 Protect, secure & enhance the marine and coastal environment sustainability



ARCOPOL

Aims to improve prevention, response and mitigation capabilities against oil, HNS (Convention on the Carriage of Noxious and Hazardous Substances by Sea) and inert spills and to establish the basis for a sustainable Atlantic network of experts.

Lead Partner: Centro Tecnológico del Mar-Fundación (CETMAR), SP

Partners: SP(5), FR(3), IE(1), PT(2), UK(1)

Total Cost: 3.072.233 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.996.931,80 €

PRESPO

This project is expected to improve the current management policy of shared fishery resources in the Atlantic Area exploited by the artisanal fleet through the development of alternative instruments in the framework of the integrated management of coastal fisheries.

Lead Partner: Instituto Nacional de Recursos Biológicos (IPIMAR), PT

Partners: SP(6), FR(3), PT(2)

Total Cost: 3.671.186,5 €

Allocated ERDF: 2.386.219,34 €

REINFFORCE

The purpose of this project is to pool the capacity of 12 institutes to face a transnational issue that is adaptation to climate change impacts on Atlantic forests. It will set up tools for monitoring climate change and its impact on the Atlantic coast and test the efficiency of adaptative measures.

Lead Partner: Institut Européen de la Forêt Cultivée (IEFC), FR

Partners: SP(4), FR(4), PT(1), UK(1)

Total Cost: 3.932.849,5 €

Allocated ERDF: 2.556.352,01 €

ANCORIM

Focuses on strengthening the operational capacity of decision-makers in Atlantic regions, with the aim of preventing coastal risks and in particular those linked to climate change.

Lead Partner: Conseil Régional d'Aquitaine, FR

Partners: SP(3), FR(6), IE(3), PT(3)

Total Cost: 1.891.752,01 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.228.110,89 €

ATLANTOX

Advanced Test about New Toxins appeared in the Atlantic Area, has a main objective to support and accelerate the development and introduction of a proper and efficient method of fast alternative controlling based on antibodies and functional test for biotoxins.

Lead Partner: Universidad Santiago de Compostela, SP

Partners: SP(2), FR(1), IE(1), PT(1), UK(2)

Total Cost: 1.839.463,37 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.195.651,18 €

EASYCO

Aims to build a Polycentric Infrastructure for Operational Ocean Modelling in the whole Atlantic Space (AS) joining capacities from all the 5 countries to forecast hydrodynamics and biogeochemistry (BGC) at the regional scale using grid sizes of a few km's.

Lead Partner: Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), PT

Partners: SP(3), FR(3), IE(1), PT(2), UK(1)

Total Cost: 2.688.476 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.734.536 €

MAREN

The aims of this project are: to optimise the energy extraction potential and minimise the hydro-environmental impact of a wide range of the most promising marine renewable energy devices. Much of this work will apply to sites all along the European Atlantic coast region and world-wide.

Lead Partner: Cardiff University, UK

Partners: SP(1), FR(1), IE(1), PT(1), UK(1)

Total Cost: 1.655.507,81 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.075.943,26 €

PRIORITY 2 - KEY FIGURES

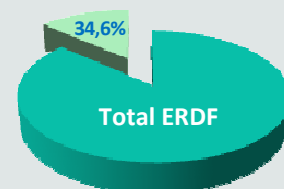
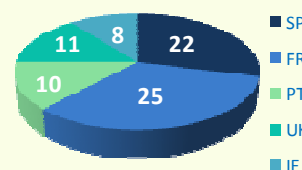
Projects received 21

Projects approved 8

Distribution by Lead Partner



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ERDF : 13.683.494,28 €
 allocated to priority 2

BIOTECMAR

The overall aim is to help the companies of Atlantic Area (which are mainly SMEs) to take advantage of the use of modern biotechnological tools and contribute to a diversification of the activities derived from marine biomass exploitation within the strict framework of sustainable management of marine natural resources.

Lead Partner: Université Européenne de Bretagne - Université de Bretagne Occidentale (UEB-UBO), FR

Partners: SP(2), FR(6), IE(2), PT(2)

Total Cost: 2.322.692 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.509.749,8 €

Priority 3 Improve accessibility and internal links

ACCESSIBILITY & TRANSPORTS

START

This project addresses both the accessibility issue and the intensification of inter-regional relationships in relation to the transport of passengers, and the consortium is willing to take on the role as THE strategic project for Accessibility.

Lead Partner: Merseyside Passenger Transport Authority and Executive, UK

Partners: SP(1), FR(6), PT(4), UK(3)

Total Cost: 7.447.555,67 €

Allocated ERDF: 4.840.911,20 €

DURATINET

The main goal of the project is to create the network of excellence to facilitate an efficient exchange and transfer of knowledge, to promote the durability, safety and sustainability of transport infrastructures in the Atlantic Area, turning these regions more attractive to live in, to work and for competitive business.

Lead Partner: Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil (LNEC), PT

Partners: SP(1), FR(5), IE(2), PT(4), UK(1)

Total Cost: 2.570.005 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.612.003 €

PROPOSSE

The overall objective of PROPOSSE is to promote short sea shipping as a real alternative to other means of transport of goods (like road) between SMEs from the Interior and the ports of Aveiro, Gijón, Le Havre, Poole and Cork. This aim will be achieved by cooperation between ports and entities representing SMEs, and promoting regional development in regions outside the littoral.

Lead Partner: Autoridad Portuaria de Gijón, SP

Partners: SP(2), FR(1), IE(1), PT(2), UK(2)

Total Cost: 2.117.800 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.376.570 €

PRIORITY 3 - KEY FIGURES

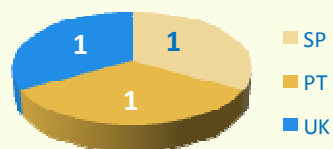
Projects received

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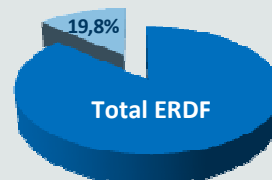
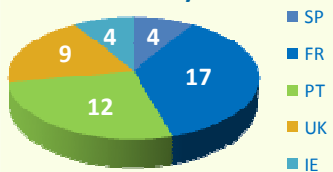
Projects approved

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Distribution by Lead Partner



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ERDF : 7.829.484,2 €
 allocated to priority 3

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Priority 4 Promote transnational synergies in sustainable urban and regional development



AAPUBLICSERV

The aim of this project is to develop long-term system of a transnational innovation and a Community able to establish an e-administration sustainable in the Atlantic Area.

Lead Partner: ERNACT EEIG, UK

Partners: SP(2), IE(2), UK(3)

Total Cost: 2.249.618 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.462.252 €

KNOW-CITIES

The aim of the project is to carry out a methodology to facilitate the access and transition to a knowledge economy, as a way to achieve cooperation on transnational issues related to common urban development as a factor of attraction and marketing in urban Atlantic Cities medium size.

Lead Partner: Ayuntamiento de Jerez, SP

Partners: SP(6), FR(4), IE(1), PT(2), UK(3)

Total Cost: 3.081.400 €

Allocated ERDF: 2.002.900 €

DORNA

The DORNA project is centred on development of the Atlantic regions included in it from a perspective of sustainable economic growth and cultural diversity, achieved by encouraging and diversifying traditional naval carpentry.

Lead Partner: Deputación Provincial da Coruña, SP

Partners: SP(3), PT(1), UK(2)

Total Cost: 1.941.269 €

Allocated ERDF: 1.261.822 €

CRUISEATLANTICEUROPE

The project has as its main objective to strengthen the position of the Atlantic area in the European market of cruise tourism by the creation and promotion of new tourist products worldwide recognised by shipowners and shipping companies that, through the action of a network of ports, cities and regions, economically improve the specific dimensions of Atlantic culture and identity.

Lead Partner: Administração dos Portos do Douro e Leixões, S.A. (APDL), PT

Partners: ES(2), FR(1), IE(1), PT(2), UK(1)

Total Cost: 739.698 €

Allocated ERDF: 480.804 €

ULTREIA

The general objective of ULTREIA Project is to promote a cultural and religious sustainable tourism linked to maritime and land routes to Compostela. This promotion will be done through two important axes: the development of tourism Agenda 21 and the creation of an Atlantic regions network that develops tourism products inside a joint Atlantic cultural framework.

Lead Partner: Xunta de Galicia, SP

Partners: SP(2), FR(1), IE(1), PT(2)

Total Cost: 1.365.465 €

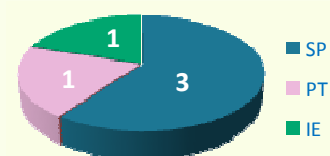
Allocated ERDF: 887.551 €

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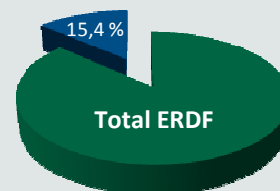
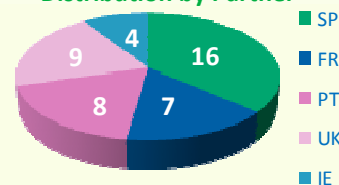
Projects received 17

Projects approved 5

Distribution by Lead Partner



Distribution by Partner



ERDF : 6.095.329 €
 allocated to priority 4



The Managing Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat
 wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2009



Project Ideas

If you have an idea for a project you can submit it on the communication platform of the programme, via the Project Ideas section. Once you have presented all the necessary information the Joint Technical

Secretariat will validate it and your project idea will be published. This will form part of a formal register of cooperation project ideas which will help to coordinate the preparation of project

applications, minimize the risk of duplication and help to promote articulation amongst project developers. It is also a tool that will allow a **search facility for interested partners**.

You can find more at: http://atlanticarea.inescporto.pt/project-ideas/project-ideas?set_language=en



Monitoring Committee meeting

4-5 November, Belfast

Monitoring Committee Presidency

During this crucial year of 2008 with the launch of the first call for projects and the selection of 24 of them, the **"Welsh Assembly Government"** on behalf of the UK chaired the Atlantic Area Programme in a spirit of collaboration and consensus. The Managing Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat warmly thanks all the representatives for their contributions.

Looking ahead to 2009, Spain, through the **"Ministerio de Economía y Hacienda: Dirección General de Fondos Comunitarios"** will chair the Programme. A second call for projects will be launched, the projects approved in the first round will begin and the first payments will be made.

Events Calendar

First quarter of 2009: Second Call for Projects

27-29 January 2009, Amsterdam (Netherlands): "Conference on Expanding Dimensions in Maritime Security and Trade in the European Union | More information: http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/events_en.html

21-22 April 2009, Brussels (Belgium): "European Year of Creativity and Innovation", Committee of the Regions | More information: <http://www.cor.europa.eu/>

On the communication platform you can find:

Programme Framework

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