



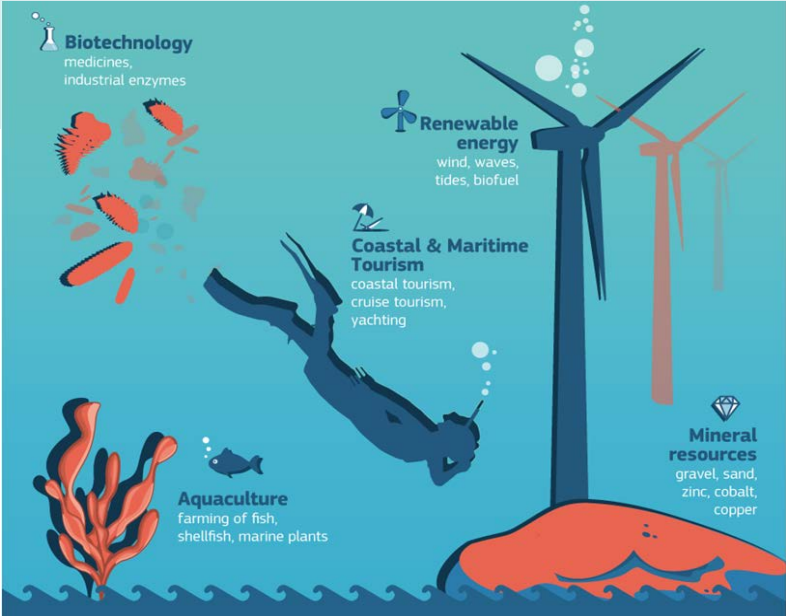
# Atlantic Strategy and Action Plan



1st Irish National Event on funding and project development  
National Maritime College of Ireland, Ringaskiddy Cork, 10 July 2015

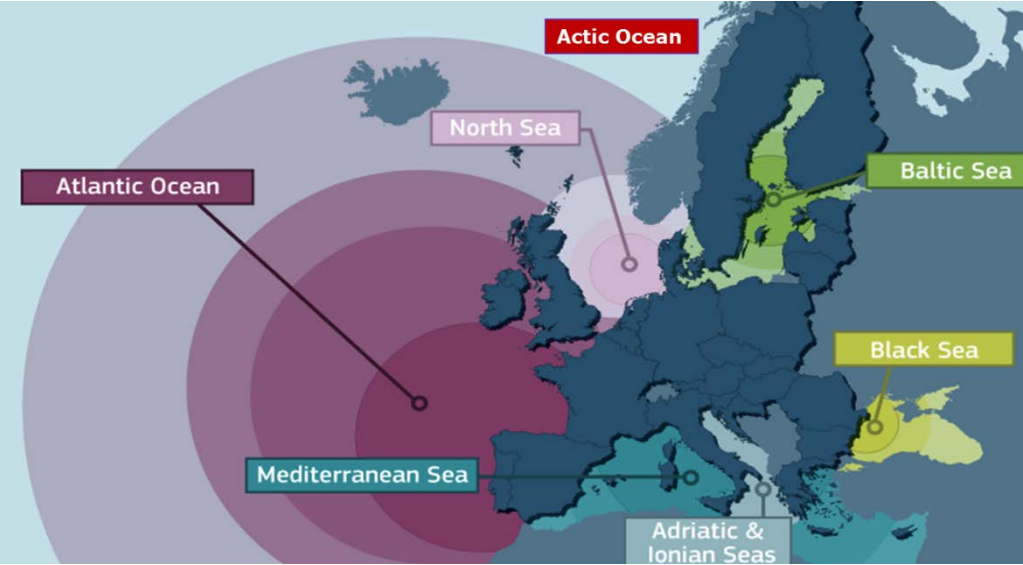
Juan RONCO, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

# Blue Growth Five focus sectors



# Integrated Maritime Policy

## Sea Basin Strategies



## Enabling policies



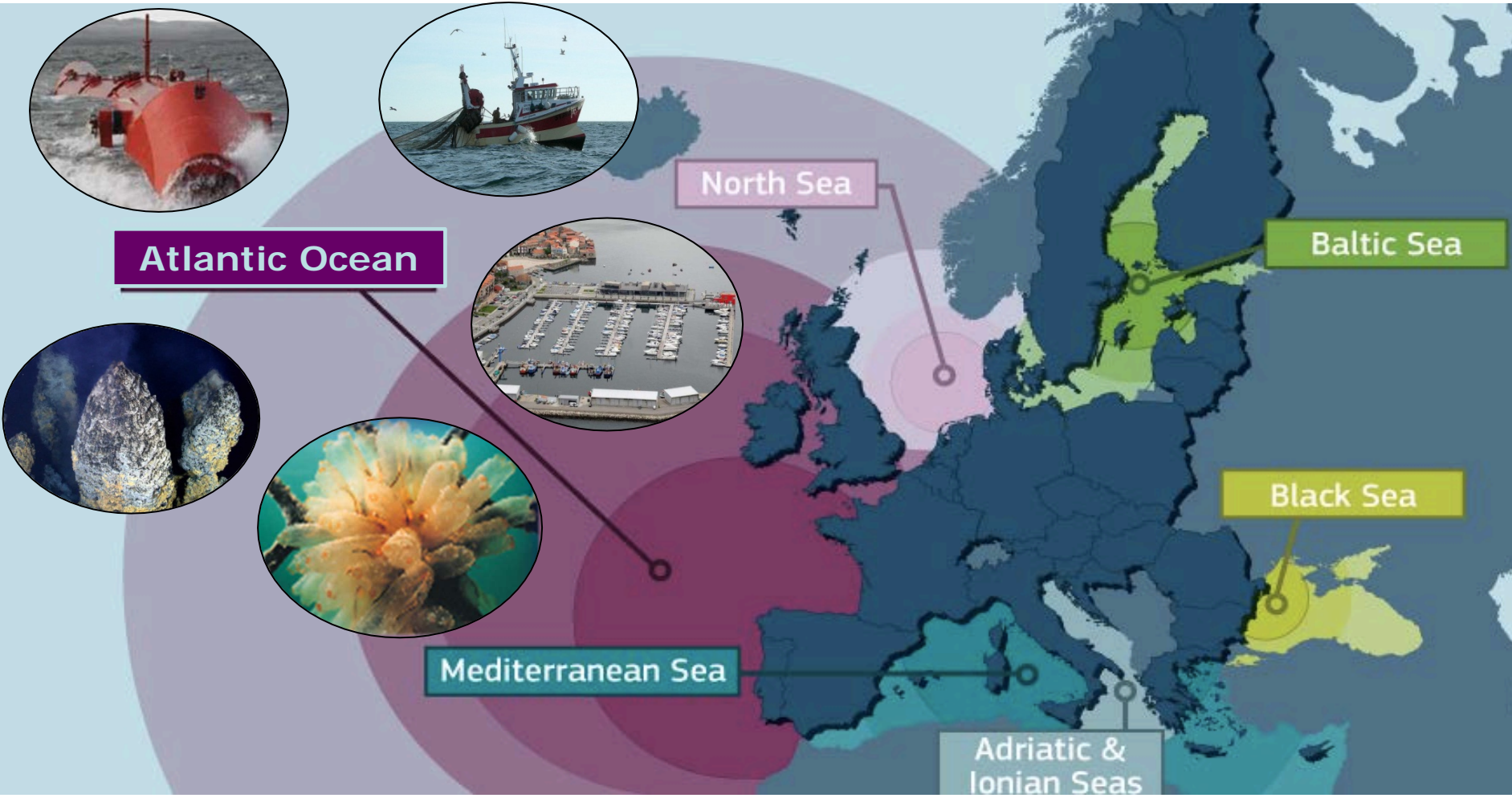
## International cooperation



# Sea basin approach



# Atlantic Ocean



# The Atlantic Strategy

What is it about?

Atlantic Strategy

November 2011

Atlantic Forum

Atlantic Action Plan

May 2013



# Atlantic

# Action Plan

## Objectives

- Smart, sustainable growth and employment
- Enhance cooperation in the Atlantic

## Key priorities

### Priority 1:

**Promote  
entrepreneur  
ship and  
innovation**

### Priority 2:

**Protection of  
the marine  
and coastal  
environment**

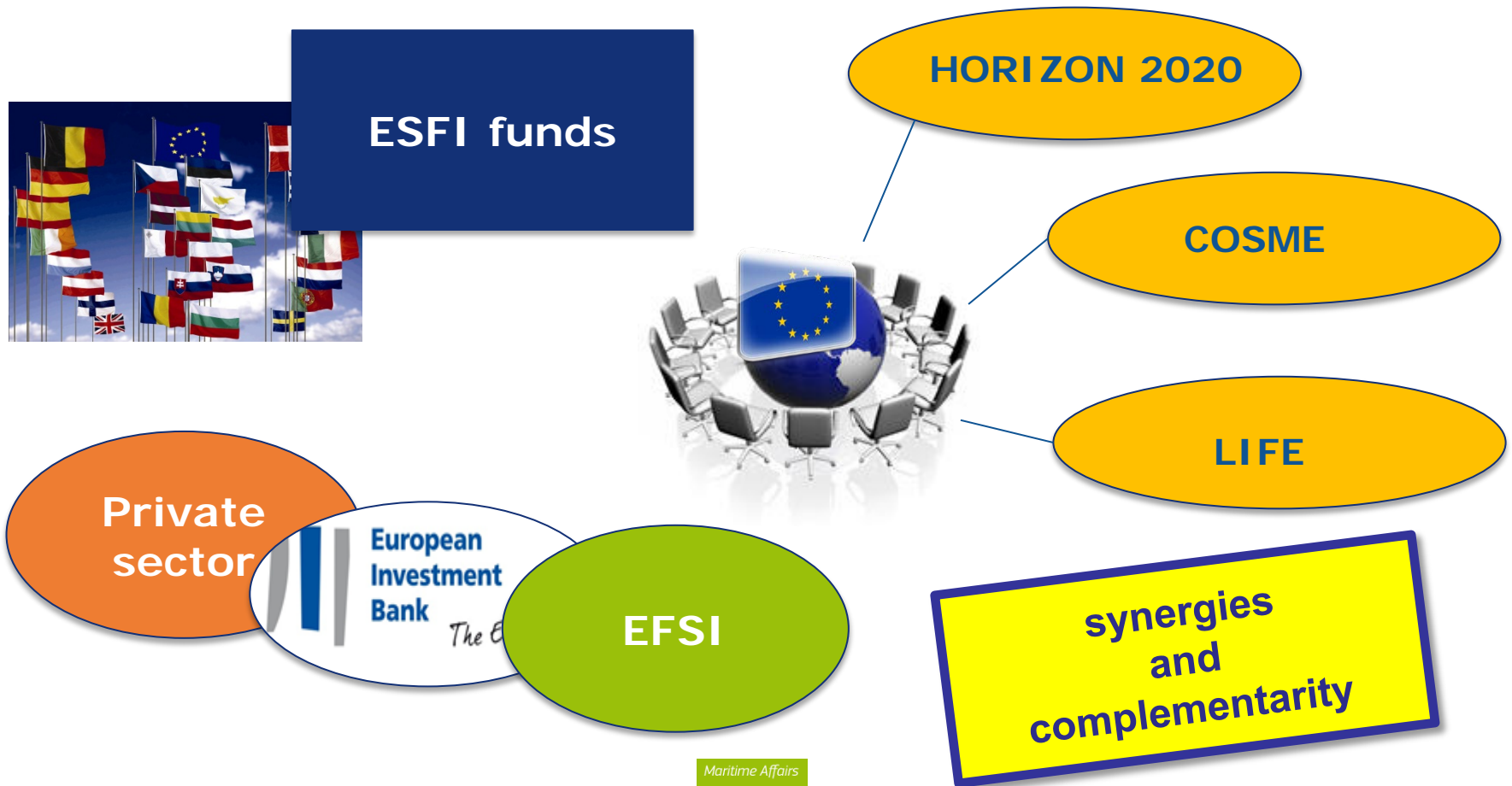
### Priority 3:

**Improve  
accessibility  
and  
connectivity**

### Priority 4:

**Promote the  
regional  
development**

# Implementation – Funding channels



# Transatlantic Ocean Research Alliance

- Launched in May 2013 (Galway Statement) under Irish Presidency with Commissioners Geoghegan-Quinn & Damanaki
- Goal: To better understand the Atlantic Ocean and to promote the sustainable management of its resources. The work will also study the interplay of the Atlantic Ocean with the Arctic Ocean, particularly with regards to climate change
- In HORIZON 2020 WP 2014-2015: Several topics, are identified as relevant for the Galway Statement



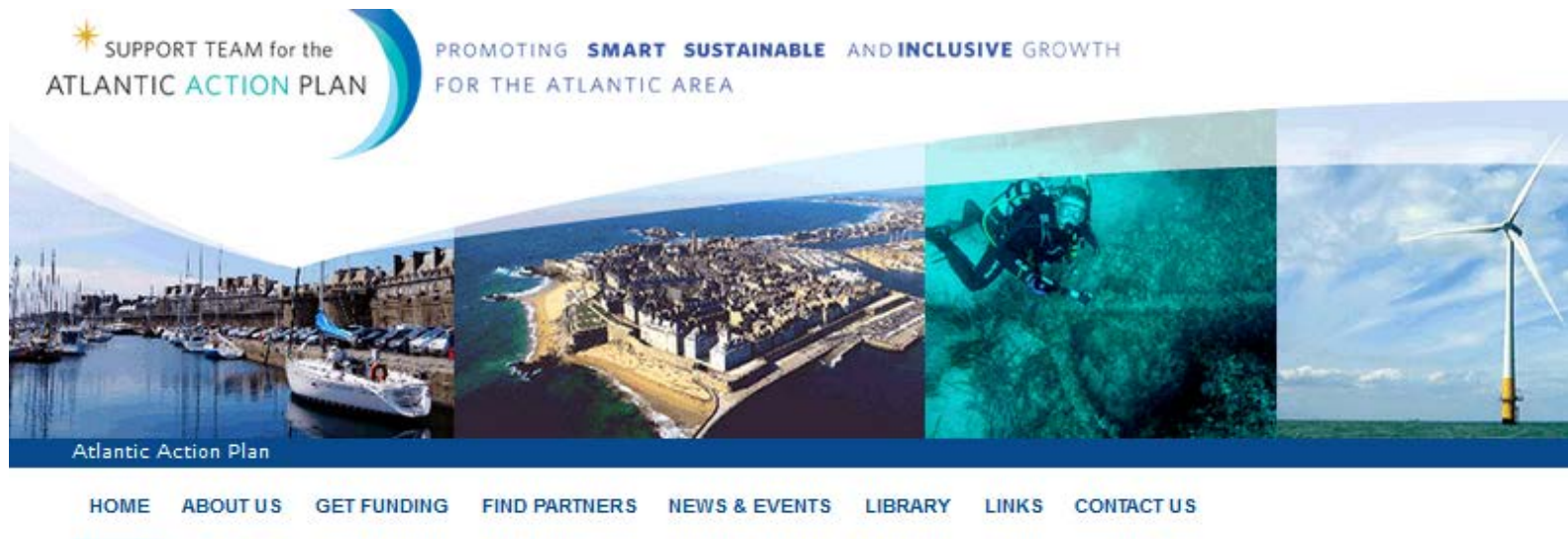


# Atlantic Strategy and Action Plan governance 2014-2020

- ❑ **Bottom-up process for the design and adoption of the Strategy and the Action Plan (Atlantic Forum in 2012-2013)**
- ❑ **High-level stewardship provided by the "Atlantic Strategy Group" (Member States, EU institutions)**
- ❑ **Open, participative process: "Atlantic Stakeholder Platform" meetings.**
- ❑ **"Support Team": to support the implementation of the Action Plan.**



# Support team



- **Coordination team in Brussels (KQ)**
- **Five focal points (FR, ES, IE, UK, PT)**
- **Website: [www.atlanticstrategy.eu](http://www.atlanticstrategy.eu)**

# Atlantic Stakeholder Platform



## Annual conference

- 20 January 2015 , Porto (PT)
- Next: 29 October 2015, Brest (FR)

# Now it is over to you!

- **Best practices**
- **Ideas for innovative projects**
- **Networking**
- **Cooperation**





**Go raibh maith agat!**

**Thank you!**

More information:

[http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/sea\\_basins/atlantic\\_ocean/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/sea_basins/atlantic_ocean/index_en.htm)