

Atlantic Action Plan (AAP)
Towards digital and green blue careers
Pillar I and Pillar II Workshop

Lisbon, 26 April, 9:30 – 12:00 WEST (*Hybrid*)

Digital skills have been highlighted in previous initiatives of the Atlantic Action Plan as a transversal priority. Another skill gap that has been identified regards the preparation to contribute to the ambitious European Green Deal that, in particular, maritime workers should be able to understand and actively participate. Upskilling and reskilling in this area will further contribute for the valorization of maritime careers, critical to attract youngsters to the Blue Economy.

This workshop is organized in the framework of *Goal 3 of the Atlantic Action Plan (Task 3.1 – Identify Blue Skills Gaps in the Atlantic Area)* and aims to trigger new partnerships and projects in this area.

9:30 Opening

Portuguese and Irish Steering Committee representatives
European Commission

9:45 *What digital training do we need for the ports of the future?*

Ports of the future will be hubs for the Blue Economy, attracting different businesses as well as knowledge producers. This whole ecosystem will depend heavily on digitalization, from the modernization of traditional maritime activities to the creation of new innovative businesses.

Moderator: Miguel Marques, National Hub Portugal

- **Liam Lacey**, Pillar I Coordinator, Ireland
- **Ruben Eiras**, WESTMed, Portugal

Challengers: members of the Pillar I Task Force: Rosita Mahony Donegalcoco; Pillar II Task Force: Sophie Bordenave-Jucherau, La Rochelle University, Francisco Royano, Environmental Hydraulics Institute; coordinators of other EU funded projects.

10:45 *Skills for the Blue Green Transition*

Blue Economy workers must be prepared to actively contribute to fulfil the European Green Deal. Skills in this area will further contribute for the attractiveness of maritime careers, as youngsters will identify them with themes and values which have become mainstream in the European society.

Moderator: Ana Noronha, Pillar II Coordinator, Portugal

- **Jon Lekube**, Basque Government Energy Agency, Pillar III
- **Noel O'Connor**, Insight Centre, Ireland

Challengers:

Frédéric Herpers, National Hub France; Liz Gavin, National Hub Ireland, Noel Oconnor Insight Centre; Pillar II Task Force: Yann Leymarie, Surfrider Foundation Europe; coordinators of other EU funded projects.

11:45 Wrap up and closure

Atlantic Steering Committee leadership

12:00 End