

ATLANTIC STRATEGY

Supporting the Atlantic Action Plan

9 & 10 MAY 2022

SANTANDER, SPAIN

SMART SPECIALIZATION FOR MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY

ATLANTIC STRATEGY NATIONAL EVENTS OF PILLARS III & IV | 9TH OF MAY

III MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGIES

IV HEALTHY OCEAN AND RESILIENT COASTS

The IHCantabria in Santander hosted an **in-person National Event on Smart Specialization for Marine Renewable Energies** organized by the Atlantic Action Plan Assistance Mechanism and Pillars III and IV of the European Atlantic Strategy.

GOAL

Discuss the **perspectives of the European Union** regarding the sustainable **Blue Economy** and **better address the current challenges** that marine renewable energies have in **delivering sustainability and improving the health of the oceans**.

BROKERAGE EVENT ON MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY | 10TH OF MAY

The IHCantabria in Santander hosted an **hybrid EU Brokerage Event on Smart Specialization for Marine Renewable Energies**, organized by DG MARE and the Atlantic Action Plan Assistance Mechanism.

GOAL

Inform **MRE stakeholders** and promote the potentialities of **Smart Specialization Strategy (S3) interregional partnerships**, within the framework of the I3 instrument and the currently open calls, specifically focusing on **offshore renewable energies** (offshore wind energy and ocean energy).

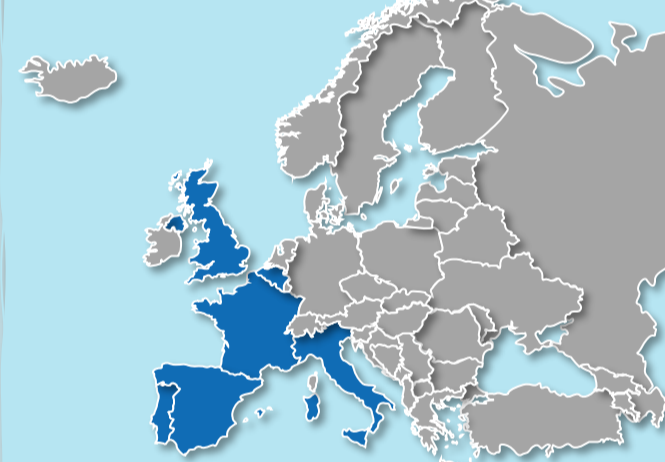
TOPICS DISCUSSED & OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

PERSPECTIVES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION REGARDING THE SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY AND THE MARITIME ENERGY STRATEGY

9TH OF MAY

1. Which **technologies of MRE** have been so far considered in your respective countries for this future?
2. What are the **main drivers to be considered for this future at short / mid / long term?**
Cost of energy, acceptability, environmental cumulative impacts, climate change adaptation
3. **How to contribute to a resilient green and blue economy?** Which **type of synergies** to be developed with other economic sectors (along the MRE value chain)?
4. How can **S3 developments help advancing the MRE** innovation in the Atlantic Area?
5. How can **BE strategies and MSP developments** help in this future advancement of MREs in the Atlantic Area?

National representativeness of the attendants...



+30 ATTENDANTS

Speakers of the event

Mr. Ángel Pazos (IHCantabria Foundation) / Mr. Jorge Muyo (Gov. Cantabria) / Mrs. Lara Ventas & Mr. José María Solano (Spanish Presidency & Coordinators of the Atlantic Action Plan) / Mr. Xavier Guillou (DG MARE) / Mr. Philippe Monbet (Pole Mer) / Mr. Jon Lekube (EVE) / Mrs. Ana Brito e Melo (WaveEC) / Mr. Frédérick Herpers (NH France) / Mr. Alejandro Romero / Mr. Francisco Royano



Outcomes...

Increase collaboration levels among **other marine user groups** such as fishermen¹

Have an **in more depth discussion** in the **framework of the Atlantic Action Plan** and the Member States expert group on integrated maritime policy

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SUPPORTING MATERIALS USED

¹ FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MATTER, ACCESS HERE FOR A STUDY COMMISSIONED BY DG MARE AND CINEA

PROMOTION OF THE POTENTIALITIES OF S3 INTERREGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE I3 INSTRUMENT WITH A FOCUS ON OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGIES

10TH OF MAY

1. **Lessons learnt** from being part of the **S3 Partnership on MREs**
 - Learning by doing, no handbook
 - Trust is one of the main drivers of a successful cooperation
 - Interregional cooperation takes time and will only reap benefits in the mid-term
 - Coordination is critical
 - A strong steering is necessary to bring the partnership forward
 - Clusters can add experience with EU projects and many potential partners
2. **Synergies and complementarities** with **BlueInvest, EMFAF Blue Calls, Horizon EUROPE** and **EU Horizon Mission "Restore our Ocean and Water by 2030"**
3. **Abstract example of how an interregional partnership on MRE could look like**
4. **2 rounds of open discussion** to promote **active engagement in potential interregional partnerships in MRE**. By the end, interested parties could be identified by areas of **expertise, interest, and willingness to coordinate or be partners** in future EU funded projects.

National representativeness of the attendants...



+20 IN-PERSON ATTENDANTS

+50 ONLINE ATTENDANTS

Speakers of the event

Mrs. Patrizia Busolini (DG MARE) / Mr. Xavier Guillou (DG MARE) / Mr. Aitor Mintegui (S3 Interregional Partnership in MRE) / Mr. Jon Lekube (EVE) / Mr. Jan Reid (Scottish Enterprise) / Mrs. Marta Pascual (NH Spain) / Mr. Stefano Valentini (ART-ER S. Cons.p.a.)



Outcomes...

Mind Map used to organize interests of MRE stakeholders towards potential future inter-regional partnerships (Find it [HERE](#))

Subjects discussed: Cost reduction for floating wind platforms and mooring systems, testing in real conditions, manufacturing capacity, O&M, supply chains, green hydrogen and ports, acceptance, stakeholders, fisheries, blue skills, ecosystem management, and biodiversity.

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SNAPSHOTS OF THE EVENT



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