

Dear Friends of the Atlantic,

We hope you had a great start to the new year. We are very pleased to share with you some exciting news in this edition of the newsletter.

New presidency of the **Atlantic Action Plan 2.0**. 2022 welcomes Spain as the presidency for the Atlantic Action Plan. With the motto "Partnership for the Blue Atlantic Economy", the Spanish presidency will ensure the continuity of the EU's work within the Atlantic Action Plan through its established priorities and focus activities. Read on to find out more.

Have you read the 2021 Implementation report? The report provides an analysis of the first year of implementation of the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0 as well as presents an overview of activities undertaken, results achieved and recommendations for future actions. Check out the information below.

Last but not least, check out the upcoming events and opportunities below which may be interesting and relevant for you!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,
The Atlantic Assistance Mechanism Team



The **Atlantic Action Plan presidency** rotates among the Atlantic EU member states every year. During 2022, the presidency chair is hosted by Spain, helping to ensure the continuity of the EU's work within the Atlantic Action Plan.

The **priorities** of Spain's presidency are reflected in its motto: '**Partnership for the Blue Atlantic Economy**' and involve:

- That after the first year of application of the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0, we all need to enhance efforts deep in our goals.
- A collaborative public-private and member country approach is essential to the success of the strategy.
- We believe the blue economy will play an increasingly important role in the future.

According to the speech given at the past ASC on-line meeting on the 16th of November 2022 by the Spanish ASC Steering Committee member Mrs. Lara Ventas to present the priorities of the Spanish presidency, the activities of the presidency will focus on these main areas:

- Reinforcement and clarification of the roles of the strategy partners.
- Designation of the new pillar coordinators for the next two-year term of office.
- Dissemination in the blue economy sector of the opportunities arising from the Action Plan.
- Increasing the support of stakeholders and experts of the blue economy.

The Atlantic Action Plan Spanish Presidency is looking forward to fulfilling its commitments and working closely with EU Authorities, the remaining ASC Steering Committee members, the Atlantic Action Plan Assistance Mechanism and Action Plan Pillar Coordinators.

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2021 Implementation Report

Available now!

The Atlantic Assistance Mechanism Team has just released the **Implementation Report 2021** for the Atlantic Action Plan.

Have a look at the activities we launched in 2021, our results and our recommendations to strengthen the implementation of the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0 for 2022 and beyond!

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE!

BlueInvest Day 2022 will take place on **28 March** at the **Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, Brussels and online**.

This is an exclusive event bringing together innovators, entrepreneurs, investors, corporates and enablers in the Blue Economy.

This year's edition features **investors panel discussions**, **BlueInvest Awards 2022 | The Pitch Battle**, **BlueInvest Success Stories**, as well as **networking activities** and more.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



This **online guide** highlights the wide range of **funding programmes** financed by the new budget, multiannual financial framework 2021-2027, and Next Generation EU. With these resources and this guide, we're supporting the move towards a more digital, sustainable and inclusive EU.

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