

Dear Friends of the Atlantic,

We wish you a joyful and successful year ahead!

It was lovely to meet some of you in Dublin and online during the Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference (ASPC 2021) on 21 October. In case you missed it, scroll down to view the event summary.

Since our last e-newsletter in September, three pillar workshops have been conducted:

- Staying Connected for Trade, Tourism and Economic Growth, 16 September (Pillar I),
- Marine Renewable Energies in Marine Spatial Planning, 07 October (Pillar III),
- The Blue Economy and the Digital Transition, 03 November (Pillar II and IV).

Call for Atlantic projects. We are seeking to promote projects and organisations with good practices that are in line with the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0. We invite you to submit your project information here. Check out the projects showcased here.

Funding opportunity. The Interregional Innovation Investment instrument (I3) has issued calls for projects. More information below.

We wish you all the best for 2022!

Best regards,  
The Atlantic Assistance Mechanism Team



## The Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference (ASPC) 2021 was a success!

The 8th Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference (ASPC 2021) was held on Thursday, 21 October 2021 and attracted 230 participants from 27 countries. This year's edition was hosted by the Irish Presidency of the Atlantic Strategy Group at the Convention Centre Dublin, Ireland.

The conference featured prominent figures of the Blue Economy, including **Virginijus Sinkevičius**, EU Commissioner for Environment and Oceans; **Charlie McConalogue**, Irish Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine; and **Christos Economou**, Acting Director of the Directorate for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE (European Commission) among other key actors.

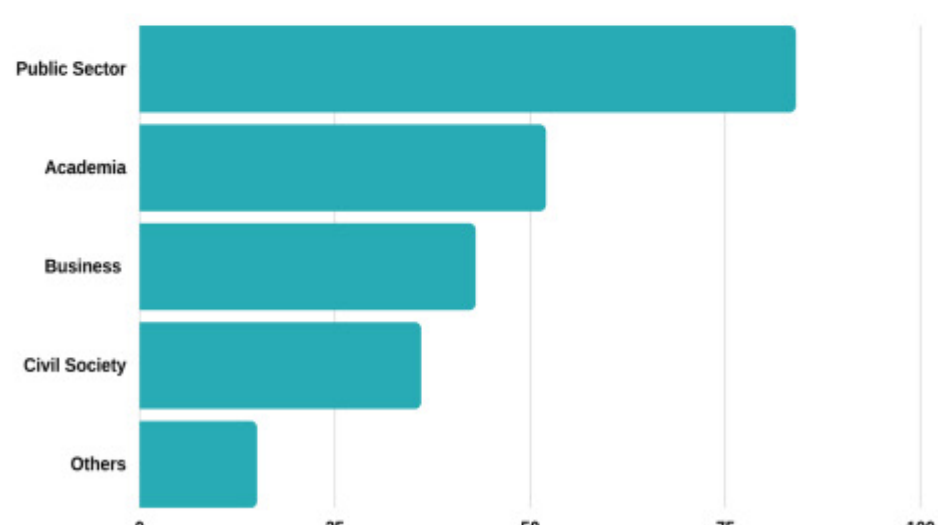
Dymphna Keogh, 2021 Atlantic Strategy Committee Chair and the four Pillar Coordinators introduced the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0 updates. The remaining sessions consisted of keynote speeches, project pitches, four stakeholder workshops, a discussion with the Youth Ocean Ambassadors and a presentation of Mission Ocean.

Our virtual exhibition allowed 16 projects to be featured through virtual booths.

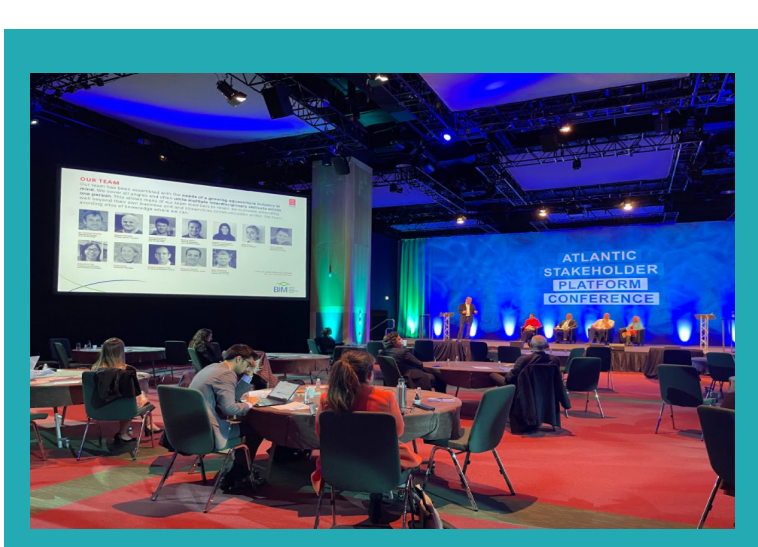
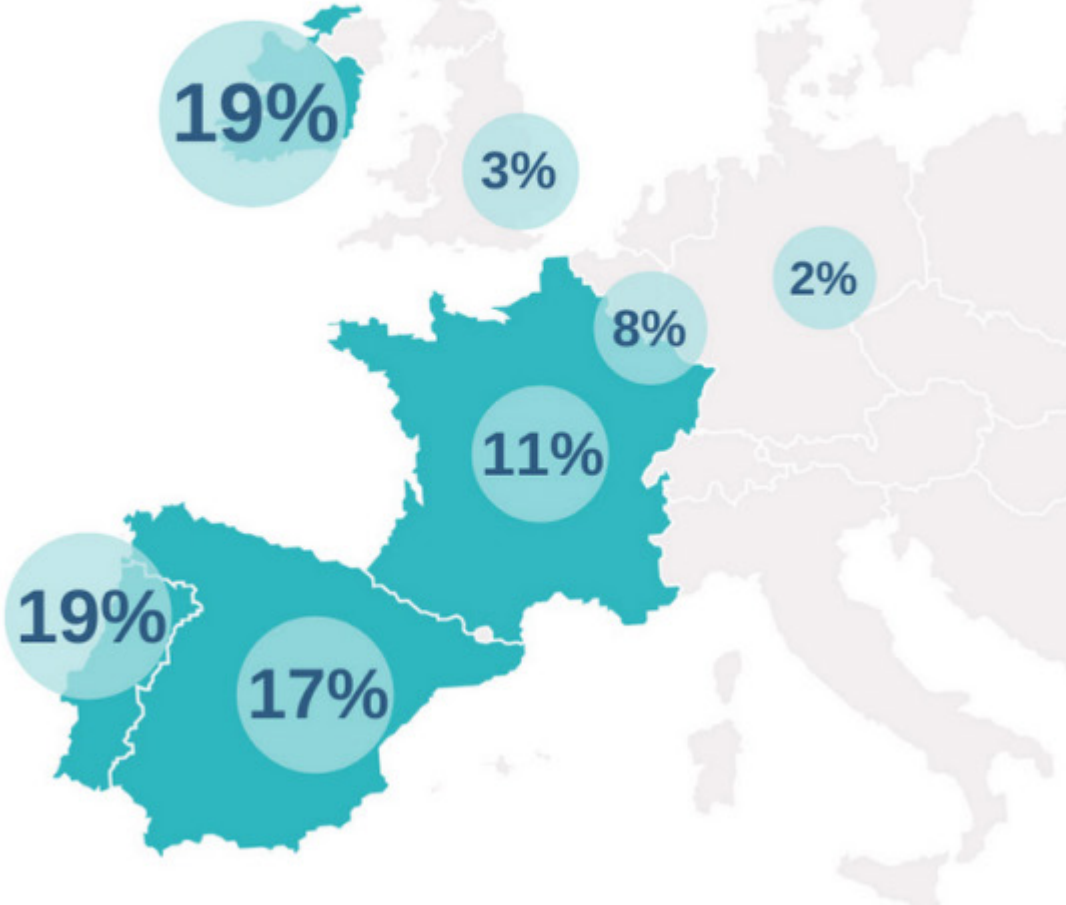
**230 PARTICIPANTS**

- 47 Attended the conference in-person
- 183 Attended/viewed the conference online
- 34 Speakers
- 4 Workshops, 6 stakeholders featured
- 16 Stakeholders booths

**7 PROFILES**



**26 COUNTRIES**



## In case you missed it...

### The Blue Economy and the Digital Transition (Second Pillar II and IV Workshop)

**SECOND PILLAR II and IV WORKSHOP**  
The Blue Economy and the Digital Transition

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The second Pillar II and IV Workshop took place on 3 November 2021.

The workshop covered the Atlantic Strategy Pillar II (Blue skills of the future and ocean literacy) and explored the new skills needed to succeed in the digital transition of the Blue Economy, including views from teachers, students and young professionals. Finally, speakers discussed ways to boost ocean literacy with digital tools.

The recording will be available soon.

## Discover the latest founding opportunities

### Calls for projects for the new Interregional Innovation Investment instrument (I3)

**Funding opportunities**

**CALLS FOR PROJECTS FOR THE NEW INTERREGIONAL INNOVATION INVESTMENT INSTRUMENT (I3)**

- Financial and advisory support for investments in interregional innovation projects (Strand 1)
- Financial and advisory support to the development of value chains in less developed regions (Strand 2a)

This new funding instrument will allocate **€570 million** to support the **commercialisation and scaling up of interregional innovation projects** and encourage European Value Chains.

Find out more:

- [Commission press release](#)
- [Call documentation](#)

**Apply before 1 February 2022**

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