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ISSUE FOCUS: 5th Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference on job and business opportunities in the maritime domain



With the 5th ASPC just around the corner, all eyes are on Vigo, and rightly so. In a crucial year for the revision of the Atlantic action plan, the 2018 annual Atlantic Stakeholder conference (Vigo, Spain, 23 and 24 October) will have a special focus on boosting youth employment in the maritime domain. Political leaders and representatives of maritime clusters,

business, academia, donors and investors from across the Atlantic seaboard will discuss why pursuing a career in the maritime sector still matters, how to obtain the necessary skills and how to turn ideas into business opportunities and bring them to market.

Come on board, [download the final agenda here](#) (remember, this is a green event, so no printing of digital material) and make the most of your presence there! To begin with, do not miss the chance to hear high-level officials, renowned experts, leading innovators and entrepreneurs talk about the past, present and future of the AAP. What's more, converse with them on the challenges of sustainable maritime employment and make your voice heard! The inaugural speeches, plenary sessions and workshops will allow you to seize every opportunity on this triple front.

Apart from encouraging an informed multi-voice dialogue, promoting excellence is another aspect the ASPC2018 takes very seriously. Join us in honoring six projects that will be granted the **3rd Atlantic Project Awards** for their outstanding performance in the priority areas of the Atlantic Strategy, during a spectacular Award Ceremony.

Opportunities for networking in the maritime sector look superb as well. With registrations for the half-day matchmaking and B2B meetings forum extended (new deadline: **21.10.2018**), there is still time to [register](#) to this promising, most dynamic networking session!

SPOTLIGHT: #BlueInvest goes local



The 5th ASPC aspires to bring the annual gathering of the Atlantic community to the next level by offering a fresh approach to an already successful recipe. And what better way to achieve this than to incorporate the European Commission's high-profile [#BlueInvest2018](#) initiative into the Conference as one of the Plenary Sessions' interactive panels. As the 2nd edition of BlueInvest is landing in Vigo on 23 October, go check out our website in order to e-meet our [six innovators](#) that will be showcasing their truly remarkable projects in front of top investors during what promises to be a highly exciting pitching contest. In between the two matchmaking sessions, you will also have the chance to follow a TED talk that is sure to inspire you on how to scale up your company. So go get inspired!

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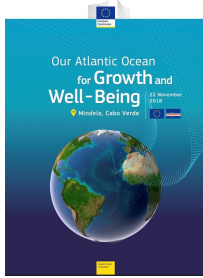


The five National Hubs active in the countries covered by the Atlantic Action Plan, namely France, Ireland, Spain, Portugal and the United Kingdom, have been reorganized and are now fully operational under the coordination of the Central Management Team. Learn more about the Assistant Mechanism's national contact points that are fully committed to providing the best possible guidance and proactive support to the Atlantic region stakeholders.

With two days devoted to sustainable jobs, competitive skills and careers in the maritime world, the 2018 edition of the annual Atlantic Stakeholder conference will offer an interesting perspective at the vibrant blue economy of the EU Atlantic area.

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