

**ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN**

Dear Friends of the Atlantic,  
We hope you are having a great and healthy year.

In our first e-newsletter for 2021, we gave a brief introduction to the Pillar Coordinators, National Hub Leaders and team of experts who are contributing together with the AAM Central team to the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0, which was officially launched at the 7th Atlantic Stakeholders Platform Conference last November. This e-newsletter we would like to update you on what has happened since then.

Over the past months, the AAM central team, the National Hubs and Pillar Coordinators have been coming together on a frequent basis to work on developing the roadmaps and action plans that will support the achievement of each of the Pillars' objectives and goals. In order to align the outcomes with the Atlantic action plan 2.0 these actions have been validated by the Atlantic Strategy Committee. Several meetings have been held during the last months with the objective to promote a collaborative working environment and to identify possible synergies between the pillars and successful case studies which can lead to contributing to research and innovation, knowledge sharing and project development. By the end of February all teams got together to discuss their findings and plans, and to identify areas of collaboration with one another.

Since then, 3 National Workshops have been organised, and a 4th one is planned for 10 June.

Entitled "Resilience of Coastal Territories: From decision to action through observation and services", this National Webinar for the Atlantic Action Plan Pillar IV will serve to:

- provide knowledge on the actions of all four Pillars of the Atlantic Action Plan aimed at adapting to climate change;
- present the political actions taken by French authorities in the area of coastline management;
- educate and inform on the innovative actions that are taken to provide more accurate metrics and analysis of the coastlines.

To register for the upcoming workshop please [click on the link](#)

The workshops completed include:

Pillar I Workshop: The Current Status and Future Direction of Digitalisation in Ports in the Atlantic Sea Basin  
Pillar II Workshop: Blue Skills of the Future and Ocean Literacy  
Pillar III Workshop: Fostering Blue Digitalisation for Marine Renewables in the Atlantic Area

Over the next weeks you will be receiving updates on upcoming events and a flash report summarising the results and outcomes of the workshops held. For now, here is a video introducing the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0 and a summary of the roadmaps developed by the Pillar Coordinators to address the plan's objectives and goals.

We also would like to invite you to be part of the development of the Atlantic Action plan 2.0 by contributing your project or investment ideas through the following link (<https://atlanticstrategy.eu/en/funding/post-your-project-investment-ideas>)

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Best regards,  
The Atlantic Assistance Mechanism Team

## Atlantic Action Plan 2.0

A common vision for a sustainable, resilient and competitive blue economy in the EU Atlantic Area



**Atlantic Action Plan 2.0**  
**Video**

Watch on YouTube

## ROADMAPS

### PILLAR 1

#### Ports as Gateways and hubs for the blue economy

Ports as hubs for business	Green Ports	Connectivity	Digitalization
Use ports as hubs for other industries such as offshore renewable energy and aquaculture	Development of best practice guidelines in areas of port sustainability and alternative fuels	Connecting short-sea shipping routes in the Atlantic area	Create a digital transport forum that can help facilitate green ports and connectivity

### PILLAR 2

#### Blue skills of the future and ocean literacy

Identify up-skilling and reskilling needs and offers, as well as organise lifelong professional training.	Create a business intelligence scheme and promote liaison centres for improved cooperation between businesses and training providers	Interact with MarENet project to look for possibilities to improve cooperation between business and training providers	List existing information platforms for job opportunities, harvest their potential for blue jobs and link them to the hub platform
Launch an Atlantic Ocean literacy pilot curriculum	Create 25 Atlantic blue schools by 2025	Implement an ocean literacy component in all Atlantic projects promoted by all Atlantic pillars	Connect with All-Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassadors & EU4Ocean Youth Forum to mobilize European youth for ocean stewardship & Blue careers
			Create a campaign to attract youth to Blue Careers
			Mobilize stakeholders to promote "EMD in my country" and commemorate World Ocean Day.

### PILLAR 3

#### Marine renewable energy

Set specific deployment objectives for Marine Renewable Energy	Implement incentives for deployment of innovative renewable energy installations	Collaborate with "Call for tenders ENER(2020/OP/0028-Study on the offshore energy potential in the Atlantic Ocean".	Promote cooperation between different players within EU Atlantic
	Define best sites for marine renewable energy farms and adjacent ports across the Atlantic	Pool together different marine renewable energy initiatives covering the EU Atlantic Areas	Develop a specific ocean energy framework for EU islands in the Atlantic

### PILLAR 4

#### Healthy ocean and resilient coasts

<b>Coastal resilience</b>		
Demonstrate a comprehensive alert and observing system for increased storms and floods due to climate change	Develop synergies between existing EU infrastructures for coastal observation and protection, alert and monitoring and increase the development of in-situ ocean observatories	Compile an inventory of national and regional climate change coastal adaptation strategies and measures, linked to the risk assessments and risk management plans, share best practices
<b>Ocean health</b>		
Make use of available tools to identify major sources, pathways and hotspots of marine litter, as well as accidental or deliberate pollution	Launch joint actions to promote a public perception of the problem	Promote coordinated and effective implementation of actions against marine litter and underwater noise required under the MSFD for the EU MS

#### Upcoming workshops

**PILLAR 4 WORKSHOP:**  
Resilience of coastal territories: from decision to action through observation and services

**10 June 2021 | 15:30 CEST**

[Want to participate? REGISTER HERE](#)

**National Workshop Pillar IV:**  
Resilience of coastal territories: from decision to action through observation and services

**When:** 10 June | 15:30 CEST  
**Where:** Online

[Register now](#)

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