

# Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference - ASPC 2023

Consolidated Agenda including also Parallel  
Atlantic Events

## Agenda

18 - 19 October 2023

Oporto, Portugal

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## **Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference 2023**

### ***Atlantic Future: New synergies and innovations for a sustainable Ocean Economy***

**18 - 19 October**

**Location:** *Porto Cruise Terminal* and online (via vimeo)

## **18 October 2023**

**09.30 – 13.00**      **Atlantic Ministerial Meeting (Closed event)**

*Moderator of ASPC 2023: Gonçalo Viegas*

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**14.00 – 14.30**      **Registration for ASPC 2023**

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**14.30 – 15.00**      **Opening Ceremony**

- **Virginijus Sinkevicius**, EU Commissioner: Environment, Oceans and Fisheries (Video message)
- **Kestutis Sadauskas**, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Jose Maria Costa**, Secretary of State for Maritime Affairs, Portugal
- **Alejandro Abellán García de Diego**, General Director of Coordination of the Internal Market and other Community Policies, Spain
- **Sinead McSherry**, Assistant Secretary General, Seafood and Marine, Ireland
- **Julie Rigaud-Marechal**, National Representative, France

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**15.00 – 17.00**      **1st Plenary Session | European and International dimension of the AAP 2.0 – to boost sustainable blue economy**

**Pillar I: Ports as gateways and hubs for the blue economy**

- **Gerardo González**, Head of Projects and Works Department, Port of Vigo
- **Allan Gray**, President and CEO of Halifax Port Authority
- **Ana Pinela**, Project Leader of Atlantic Smart Port Blue Acceleration Network (AspBAN)

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**Pillar II: Blue Skills of the future and ocean literacy**

- **Ana Noronha**, Pillar II Coordinator & Executive Director of Ciência Viva
- **Ronaldo Christofolletti**, University of São Paulo, Brazil and Coordinator of the All-Atlantic Blue Schools Network
- **Pierre Strosser**, Head of ACTeon

**Pillar III: Marine Renewable Energy**

- **Kerrie Sheehan**, Pillar III Coordinator and Head of Research & Technology at Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)
- **Michael Goodman**, Professor, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Campus
- **António Sarmento**, Board Advisor, Wave Energy Centre (WavEC)

**Pillar IV: Healthy Oceans and Resilient Coasts**

- **Philippe Monbet**, Pillar IV Coordinator & Deputy Director Pole Mer Bretagne Atlantique
- **Hans-Petter Mortensholm**, Director Environmental Emergency Response, Norwegian Coastal Administration
- **António Cunha**, President of North Regional Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-Norte) representing Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

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**17.00 – 17.15**

**Wrap up – Conclusions**

- **Teresa Almeida**, Vice-President of the Atlantic Arc Commission representing Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)
- **Gonçalo Viegas**, Moderator of ASPC23

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**17.15 – 18.15**

**Cocktail Reception - Porto de Honra**

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## 19 October 2023

09.00 – 09.15

Registration<sup>1</sup>

09.15 – 10.15

**2nd Plenary Session | Cross-cutting enabler - Investment and Innovative Finance: from a National, EU and International perspective**

- **Delilah Al Khudhairy**, Director, Directorate-General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Jonathan Denness**, Chief of Unit “Financial Instruments and relations with International Financial Institutions”, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) - *online*
- **Nancy Andrews**, Chief Engagement and Communications Officer at Canada’s Ocean Supercluster (OSC)
- **Frederico Ferreira**, Forum Oceano, Portugal

10.15 – 10.30

Coffee Break

**3rd Plenary Session | Cross-cutting enabler - Research and Innovation: the international dimension of the Atlantic Strategy and the Mission ‘Restore our ocean and waters by 2030’**

Scene setter:

10.30 – 11.45

- **Kestutis Sadauskas**, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Introduction to the roundtable:

- **Szilvia Nemeth**, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) – Online

Roundtable discussion:

<sup>1</sup> For participants attending only the second day of ASPC 2023

- **Jose Moutinho**, Coordinator of the BlueMissionAA CSA
- **Elise Wattrelot**, Executive Secretary of the Atlantic Arc Commission, CPMR
- **Raúl Rodríguez Couto**, Galician department for innovation

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**11.45 – 12.45**      **Networking and Matchmaking Session**

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**12.45 – 14.00**      **Lunch Break**

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**14.00 – 14.40**      **Atlantic Project Awards Ceremony**

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**14.40 – 15.00**      **Closing Ceremony with Conclusions/Wrap Up & Handover of the ASC Presidency**

- **Delilah Al Khudhairy**, Director, Directorate-General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Marisa Lameiras da Silva**, Chair of ASC Portuguese Presidency, Director General for Maritime Policy, Portugal
- **Julie Rigaud-Marechal**, National Representative, France

**End of the ASPC 2023**

## Parallel Atlantic Events on 17 - 19 October 2023

**Location:** [\*Porto Cruise Terminal\*](#)

[!\[\]\(47734e4656765d20df4fdbd5b7aff048\_img.jpg\) Information about all Parallel Events](#)

**17 October 2023**

**10:00 – 16:00 EEA Grants: Portuguese Blue Growth Programme<sup>2</sup>: Midterm Review Event (open to the public)**

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**10:00 – 10:30**      **Opening Session**

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**10:30 – 10:50**      **Program Presentation: Results**

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**10:50 – 11:45**      **Coffee Break with Project Pitches**

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**11:45 – 13:00**      **Session 1 - How can EEA grants research projects contribute to *the Mission Restore our Ocean, Seas and Waters by 2030***

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**13:00 – 14:30**      **Network lunch with Pitches**

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**14:30 – 15:45**      **Session 2: EEA grants 2014 - 2021 Blue Growth - Turning the *Mission Restore our Ocean, Seas and Waters by 2030* into Business Opportunities**

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**15:45 – 16:00**      **Closing Session**

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**18 October 2023**

**09:30 - 14:00: Interreg Atlantic Area Annual Event (Open to the public)**

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**09:00 – 09:30**      **Registrations**

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<sup>2</sup> The Blue Growth Programme's main objective is to increase value creation and sustainable growth in the Portuguese blue economy. In addition, the intention is to increase research and promote education and training in marine and maritime areas. This programme is funded by the EEA Grants (Total budget: EUR 45.882.354)

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<b>09:30 – 09:40</b>	<b>Opening and welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>M<sup>a</sup> del Carmen Hernández</b>, Spanish Presidency of the Programme for 2023</li><li>• <b>António M. Cunha</b>, President of Interreg Atlantic Area Managing Authority, President of CCDR-Norte, I.P.</li></ul>
<b>09:40 – 10:00</b>	<b>How Cohesion Policy delivers effective solutions and sustainable development for innovative and blue Atlantic regions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Keynote speaker: Joaquim Oliveira Martins</b>, Member of the Group of High-Level Specialists on the Future of Cohesion Policy</li></ul>
<b>10:00 – 10:20</b>	<b>Information about the programme, the approved projects and agenda for the future</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ismael Morán-García</b>, Head of Joint Secretariat, Interreg Atlantic Area</li></ul>
<b>10:20 – 11:20</b>	<b>The role of culture and tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation</b> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ronan Le Baccon, Directeur du tourisme, du Patrimoine Culturel et des Voies Navigables, Conseil Régional de Bretagne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ian Brannigan</b>, Head of Regional Development, Western Development Commission</li><li>• <b>Florent Orsoni</b>, Director, Prospective and Professionnalisation Department, École de Design de Nantes</li><li>• <b>Rui Loza</b>, Representative of project ATLAS.WH, Sustainability of the Urban World Heritage Sites</li><li>• <b>Paulo Carrança</b>, Coordinator of the Studies and Projects Office, Turismo do Porto e Norte de Portugal</li></ul>
<b>11:20 – 11:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:45 – 12:45</b>	<b>Blue and green environment: challenges and opportunities for the Atlantic community</b> <p>Moderator: Vitor Vasconcelos, President of the Board of the Marine and Environmental Research Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CIIMAR</li><li>• <b>Marisa Fernández</b>, Coordinator of the Control Area and Management of Media and Marine Resources, Centro Tecnológico del Mar, Fundación CETMAR</li></ul>

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- **Caitriona Strain**, General Manager of ERNACT
  - **Aonghus Mc Nabola**, Professor in Energy & Environment at the Trinity College Dublin
  - **Francisco Taveira Pinto**, Full Professor and Director of Civil Engineering Department at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto

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**12:45 – 13:00**                      **Closure of the session**  
José Maria Costa, Secretary of State of the Sea

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**13:00**                              **Lunch offered by the organisation**

## 19 October 2023

**14:00 - 15:30: Atlantic Coastal Regions' ERDF Managing Authorities Meeting:** *Closed session organized by the European Commission*

**15:00 - 18:00: Blue Synergies: Maximising Funding Impact in the Atlantic Sea Basin<sup>3</sup>:** *open to the public (Open to the public)*

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**15:00 – 15:30**                      **Welcoming Coffee and visiting stand exhibition**

#### Setting the scene – Better together

- **António Cunha**, President of The Norte Portugal Regional Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-Norte, I.P.), Managing Authority of Interreg Atlantic Area
  - **Marisa Lameiras da Silva**, ASC Presidency and Director - General for Maritime Policy, Portugal
  - **Iglika Yakova**, Deputy Head of Unit, Sea basin strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, DG Mare, European Commission
  - **Slawomir Tokarski**, Director, European Territorial Cooperation, Macro- regions, Interreg and Programmes Implementation, DG Regio, European Commission
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<sup>3</sup> The event is sponsored by the Interreg Atlantic Area Programme



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**1<sup>st</sup> Session: From ideas to action for the Atlantic Region – synergies potentials**

Roundtable discussion:

**16:20 – 17:10**

- **Gerardo Gonzalez**, Pillar I (Ports as gateways and hubs for the blue economy) coordinator representative, Atlantic Strategy
- **Ana Noronha**, Pillar II (Blue skills of the future and ocean literacy) coordinator, Atlantic Strategy
- **Pilar Maza Rodríguez**, Head of Joint Secretariat, Interreg POCTEFA
- **Ismael Morán-García**, Head of Joint Secretariat, Interreg Atlantic Area
- **Susana Pinto**, Managing Authority Secretariat, Norte Region, CCDR-Norte

Moderated Q&A with the audience

**Moderators:** Javier Fernandez and Matteo Bocci, Sea basins Assistance Mechanism

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Session: From ideas to action for the Atlantic Region – making it happen**

Interactive exchange: actions at sea basin, international, regional level

**17:10 – 17:50**

- **Members of the previous panel**
- **Frédéric Herpers**: National Hub of the Assistance Mechanism, France
- **Liz Gavin**: National Hub of the Assistance Mechanism, Ireland
- **Frederico Ferreira**: National Hub of the Assistance Mechanism, Portugal
- Broader public

**Moderators:** Matteo Bocci and Javier Fernandez, Sea basins Assistance Mechanism

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**Closing of the Event**

**17:50 – 18:00**

- **Orlando Costa**, Head of Cooperation Unit, DGPM - Directorate General for Maritime Policy
  - **Sandra Tavares da Silva**, Executive Director, Managing Authority of the Interreg Atlantic Area Programme
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