



PILLAR II & PILLAR III – FOSTERING THE ATLANTIC’S BLUE ECONOMY: SKILLS FOR MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY

WEBINAR (Zoom) – Tuesday 7th November 2023

Agenda

This workshop will address current and foreseen skill gaps across the four AAP Pillars and discuss how training centres are adjusting to meet these needs. Fostering the attractiveness of blue careers in Blue Schools across Europe, including vocational schools, is an important mid and long term action. At a more immediate timescale, reskilling and upskilling traditional blue economy workers will tap into valuable skills and experience while contributing to a Just Green and Digital Transition.

Jointly organized by Pillar II and Pillar III, this workshop will have a particular focus in marine renewable energies.

Schedule:

- 10:00 Welcome address
Orlando Costa Head of Cooperation Unit-DGPM
Eoin Leahy, Maritime Affairs Attaché, Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine, ASC representative.
- 10:15 Setting the Scene “**Skills for Marine Renewable Energy**”
Joint Presentation Pillar II and III Coordinators:
Ana Noronha, Executive Director of Ciência Viva and Pillar II coordinator, AAP
Kerrie Sheehan, Head of Research & Technology, Sustainable Authority of Ireland and Pillar III coordinator, AAP
- 10:30 Panel: **Challenges for Blue Careers in the Green and Digital Transition**
“The Next Wave” - Blue Skills Strategy, Bord Iascaigh Mhara, Irish Seafood Board “Turning The Tide” – presentation by Ian Mannix (Skills Development Services, Bord Iascaigh Mhara & Pillar II Task Force (Ireland))
“**What the future of Offshore Wind means for Jobs and Skills**” Ana Brito e Melo, Chief Operating Officer, WavEC Offshore Renewables and Pillar III Task Force
Moderator: Ana Noronha/ Frederico Ferreira
- 10:45 Discussion with participants
- 10:55 Comfort Break
- 11.00 Keynote: **Perspectives from MATES and FLORES Projects**
Lucia Fraga, CETMAR, Project Coordinator
VET Schools
- 11.15 Panel: **Marine Renewable Energies: Gaps, Value Chain Actors and the Just Transition**
Introduction and moderation – Kerrie Sheehan, Pillar III coordinator
Peter Coyle, Executive Chairman, Irish Marine Renewable Industry Association
Lucia Fraga, CETMAR, Coordinator of MATES and FLORES projects
- 11.30 Panel discussion and Q&A
- 12.00 Wrap up by Ana Noronha, Pillar II Coordinator, AAP
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