

# Implementing the Atlantic Action Plan – 1<sup>st</sup> UK National Workshop on Funding and Project Development

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Venue: Westminster Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET

Time: 10:00-17.00

Hosted by: Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and the Support Team for the Atlantic Action Plan

Person responsible: Ben Drakeford (UK Focal Point for the Atlantic Action Plan)

Registration: Event attendance is free, although places are limited. Please register at: <http://www.atlanticstrategy.eu/en/news-and-events/events/implementing-the-atlantic-action-plan>

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## Further information

The Atlantic Strategy was launched by the European Commission in late 2011 to identify key challenges and opportunities to create jobs and foster economic development. Through Atlantic Forums, which were held in each of the five Atlantic Member States, the Atlantic Strategy identified research and investment priorities to revitalise and further grow the 'blue' economy.

The support team for the Atlantic Action Plan was created in late 2014 to provide guidance and proactive support for stakeholders and investors to find funding sources and project partners across the Atlantic to put forward and/or develop joint projects to implement the Action Plan.

This workshop is the first UK event that aims to bring together public and private sector organisations, research institutions, investors and other stakeholders with an

interest in sharing project ideas, finding potential project partners and identifying funding sources in order to develop projects to implement the objectives of the Action Plan (please see: [www.atlanticstrategy.eu](http://www.atlanticstrategy.eu) for further details on the Action Plan and its objectives).

### **What can you expect to get out of this workshop?**

The objective of the workshop is to facilitate the exchange of information on funding streams and calls at various levels (e.g. local, national, EU) and to share experience and expertise on project ideas in line with the priorities of the Atlantic Action Plan.

The event is free to attend. During the morning session, participants will hear from the contact points of the various funding programmes, such as Horizon 2020, LIFE+, COSME and also the use of structural funds). After lunch, participants will have the opportunity to attend workshops on various themes such as marine leisure, fisheries and aquaculture, to share project ideas, meet potential partners and take the first steps of progressing project ideas into proposals for available funding. You will also learn about the role of the Support Team and how we can help you to form project consortiums and project proposals relevant to the Atlantic area. There will also be an opportunity for one-to-one meetings with the support team and programme contact points at the end of the workshop (these should be pre-booked, please contact the following email for further details: [focalpointuk@atlanticstrategy.eu](mailto:focalpointuk@atlanticstrategy.eu))

We hope to see you on the 4<sup>th</sup> June in London to start to help you take your project ideas forward, with a clearer view on potential funding sources and the support we can offer.

Details of the programme follow.

## Provisional Programme

- 10:00-10:30**      **Registration, tea and coffee**
- 10:30-12:15**      **Plenary Session**
- Session 1:**
- 10:30-11:00**      **Opening and welcome**  
*(Matthew King, Head of Unit Maritime Policy, outermost regions and Artic - DG MARE and Susannah Simon, Director European Reform Directorate - Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)*
- 11:00-11:15**      **The Atlantic Action Plan and the role of Support Team**  
*(Ben Drakeford, UK Focal Point)*
- 11:15-11.45**      **ETC Programmes Relevant to the Atlantic Action Plan**  
*(UK ETC contact points) and the Atlantic Area Programme*
- 11:45 – 12:15**      **Blue economy in the UK: revitalisation and further opportunities**  
*(Jonathan Williams, Marine South East)*
- 12:15 – 12:30**      **Coffee and networking**
- 12:30-13:50**      **Session 2**
- 12:30-13:30**      **EU Funding mechanism**
- Horizon 2020**  
*(Ben Chesson, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills – UK contact point for the programme and Ian Holmes, Horizon 2020 contact point for Blue Growth and the Bioeconomy)*
- COSME**  
*(Syd Nash, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills – UK contact point for the programme)*
- LIFE+**  
*(speaker tbc Department for Food, Environment & Rural Affairs – UK contact point for the programme)*
- Structural Funds**  
*(Simon Jones - Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)*
- 13:30-13:50**      **Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) on linking and scaling up local/regional/national and EU funding sources**  
*(speaker tbc from Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LEP)*

13:50-15:00

**Lunch and networking**

15:00-16:20

**Parallel workshops – project idea/partner development/sharing experience**

**Education, Skills and Training**

*(Paul Wickes, Cornwall Marine Network, Chris Shirling-Rooke, Mersey Maritime, Ian Jenkinson, Liverpool John Moores University)*

**Marine Renewable Energy**

*(Jonathan Williams, Marine South East, Stuart Anderson, Conwy Council, Guillaume Le Palud, Cornwall Marine Network)*

**Marine Tourism and Leisure**

*(Nick Lambert, Satellite Applications Catapult, Isabelle Bromham, North Devon+, Hattie Booth, North Devon FLAG)*

16:20-16:40

**Coffee and networking**

16:40-17:00

**Closing remarks**

**Closing remarks by Tim Courtney - Department for Business, Innovation and Skills - UK Atlantic Strategy Representative, and UK Focal Point and follow up actions**

17:00-18:00

**One to One Meetings**

*(with UK Focal Point, Funding Contact Points) – this session is additional to the workshop and meetings should be booked in advance when registering.*