

Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference - ASPC 2024

Consolidated Agenda including also Parallel
Events

21 - 22 November 2024

Bordeaux, France



Agenda of ASPC 2024

Theme: Atlantic week in Bordeaux: towards a sustainable and cooperative blue future

The event will be held in English. An online application will be available for simultaneous interpretation in French

21 November 2024

09:00 – 09:30	Participants' Registration	
09:30 – 10:15	Joint Opening Ceremony for Interreg Annual Event and ASPC24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Banel, Director-General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture - Ministry Delegate for the Sea and Fisheries, France • António M. Cunha, President of Interreg AA Managing Authority • Mathieu Bergé, Regional Councilor in charge of European Territorial Cooperation, Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, French National Correspondent for INTERREG AA, France • Nicola De Michelis, Deputy Director-General, DG REGIO, European Commission (video message) • Christos Economou, Head of Unit Sea Basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, DG MARE, European Commission 	
10:15 – 11:50	Interreg Atlantic Area Programme Annual Event¹	Detailed Agenda link
11:50 – 12:00	Break	
12:00 – 13:30	Blue Synergies Event¹	Detailed Agenda link
13:30 – 14:30	Networking Lunch <hr/> Registration only for ASPC 2024²	
14:30 – 16:00	1st Flash session Strengthening inclusivity of the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0 and enhancing dialogue with outermost regions <p>This session will focus on one of the Atlantic Steering Committee (ASC) French Presidency's priorities emphasizing the importance of all Atlantic Stakeholders working</p>	

¹ The event will be held in English

² For participants attending only ASPC 2024

together towards a sustainable blue economy in the Atlantic region. The aim is to highlight the need to advance inclusivity among all Atlantic communities (mainland and overseas territories of Europe) and present the perspectives of stakeholders from different levels of governance (European, National, Regional & Local) considering the common Atlantic objectives and their specificities.

- **Pauline Caumont**, Policy Officer on maritime cooperation (Atlantic, North Sea, Baltic), DG MARE, European Commission
- **Mathieu Bergé**, Regional Councilor in charge of European Territorial Cooperation, Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, French National Correspondent for INTERREG AA, France
- **Olivier Laroussinie**, Managing Director Maritime Planning, Centre for Studies on Risks, the Environment, Mobility and Urban Planning (CEREMA), France

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

Parallel hackathons/workshops on future projects ideas³

This slot will include two parallel hackathons with a thematic focus on synergies between AAP 2.0 Pillars. Specifically:

Hackathon 1: Pillar I - Ports as gateways and hubs for the blue economy & **Pillar IV** - Healthy Oceans and Resilient Coasts

Scene setting by:

- **Gerardo González**, Head of Projects and Works Department, Port of Vigo (Representative Pillar I Coordinator, Spain)
- **Eduardo Silva**, Coordinator of the TEC4SEA platform at INESC TEC (Pillar IV Coordinator, Portugal)

16:30 – 18:30

Hackathon 2: Pillar II - Blue skills and ocean literacy & **Pillar III** - Marine Renewable Energy

Scene setting by:

- **Céline Liret**, Scientific Director - Partnerships and International Relations at Océanopolis (Pillar II Coordinator, France)
- **Emer Dennehy**, Programme Manager for Offshore Renewable Energy with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (Pillar III Coordinator, Ireland)

The hackathons will include a short scene setter by the Pillar Coordinators and then interactive discussions with stakeholders, exchanging ideas, examples & best practices to follow so as to develop future project ideas. More information on the scope, expected

³Simultaneous interpretation in French will not be available for the workshops/Hackathons

outcomes and the ways of audience participation during this slot can be found [here](#). Attendees can submit their future project ideas to be discussed in this [link](#).

18:30 – 18:45 **Wrap up of the Parallel hackathon’s outcomes**

Closure of ASPC Day 1

19:00 – 20:00 **Networking Cocktail**

22 November 2024

09:00 – 09:30 **Registration⁴**

2nd Flash Session | Internationalisation of the research and innovation dimension of the AAP 2.0

This session will explore how research and innovation can drive the internationalisation of the Atlantic Strategy, building on the Mission Restore Our Oceans and the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance (AORIA). The discussion will also examine the contributions of EU projects and the private sector, particularly through cluster initiatives, in supporting the internationalisation of the AAP 2.0.

09:30 – 10:30

- **Szilvia Nemeth**, Deputy Head of Unit Ocean, Seas and Waters, Directorate General Research and Innovation, European Commission
 - **Stefan Fritz**, Representative of [OKEANO Project](#), Managing Director, Konsortium Deutsche Meeresforschung (KDM), Germany
 - **Oliver Wilson**, Representative of [BlueMissionAA](#) Project, Marine Institute, Ireland
 - **Philippe Monbet**, Director General, Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique, France
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10:30 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

⁴ For participants attending only the second day of ASPC 2024

3rd Flash Session | Stakeholders input to Atlantic Strategy and cooperation with other Sea Basins (WestMed, Atlantic, North Sea and Black Sea)

This session aims to foster greater cooperation between the Atlantic, WestMED, Black Sea, and GNSBI by building on the work of the Atlantic Pillars and addressing the needs and priorities of each Sea Basin Strategy. The session will feature a brief update from each Sea Basin presidency, highlighting areas for future cooperation with the Atlantic. The discussion will conclude with a focus on potential synergies and future directions for cross-sea basin cooperation, supported by the EU Sea Basin Assistance Mechanism.

The first part of the session will set the scene to highlight the current needs and future priorities across EU Sea Basins.

Matteo Bocci, Moderation

10:45 – 12:15

- **Isabelle Perret**, High-Level Expert in Integrated Maritime Policy, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture, France (ASC Atlantic Presidency & French National Coordinator of the Greater North Sea Basin Initiative (GNSBI))
- **Orlando Costa**, Head of Cooperation Unit, Directorate General for Maritime Policy, Portugal (WestMED Portuguese Co-presidency)
- **Grigore Stratulat**, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Moldova (National Coordinator for Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea -Online)
- **Rory O'Leary**, Irish Country Co-ordinator for Greater North Sea Basin Initiative (GNSBI) & Head of Function for Marine Planning Policy, Ireland

The second part of the session will feature an interactive discussion with experts from the Sea Basins, who will share real-life examples and best practices on how to strengthen collaboration between the Atlantic Strategy and other Sea Basins, with a focus on two key areas: Blue skills development and cluster-led cooperation initiatives.

Seamus Kearney, Moderation

- **Olga Mashkina**, Coordinator EU4Ocean Coalition
- **Rui Azevedo**, Blue Strategic Consultant, Forum Oceano
- **Christos Economou**, Head of Unit Sea basin strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, DG MARE, European Commission (Wrap-Up)

12:15 – 12:45

Atlantic Project Awards Ceremony

Closing Ceremony with Conclusions/Wrap Up & Handover of the Atlantic Steering Committee (ASC) Presidency

12:45 – 13:00

- **Christos Economou**, Head of Unit Sea basin strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, DG MARE, European Commission
- **Xavier Marill**, Deputy-Director for Maritime Planning - Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture - Ministry Delegate for the Sea and Fisheries, France
- **Eoin Leahy**, Irish National ASC Representative, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland

End of the ASPC 2024