

INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME

CITIZENS' SUMMARY 2020

Interreg Atlantic Area Programme is a financing instrument of European Territorial Cooperation which aims to provide a framework for the implementation of joint actions, good practices and policy exchange between actors of five Atlantic countries: Portugal, Spain, France, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

With the support of the European Union, the programme has a total budget of EUR 185 million, out of which EUR 140 million come from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The 71 funded projects reflect the objective of sustainable social and economic growth in the Atlantic Area, articulated in four main priority areas.

PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS



PROJECTS IN NUMBERS



FUNDS ALLOCATED PER PRIORITY



27
PROJECTS

62.9
MILLION €



15
PROJECTS

42.4
MILLION €



9
PROJECTS

20.4
MILLION €



20
PROJECTS

52.3
MILLION €

Atlantic Area
Eligible area



IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES IN 2020

These initiatives enhance the added value of Interreg in the Atlantic regions. We aim to raise awareness of the importance of European Territorial Cooperation towards a stronger Europe, while building valuable relationships between the Atlantic key actors.



START OF THE INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA 2021-2027 PROGRAMMING PROCESS

The Task Force for the preparation of the future programme met for the first time in January, in Paris, under the French Presidency of the Programme. In 2020, 4 more meetings were held by this working group.



30 YEARS OF INTERREG

2020 marks 30 years since the start of Interreg. To celebrate this important date several initiatives were jointly carried out by the Interreg transnational programmes, such as a Storymap or the social media campaign #InterregTalks.



EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES

The Joint Secretariat participated in 2 online workshops: "Interreg: Cooperation for Greener Europe" (Interact) and "A new approach to the Atlantic maritime strategy" (DG Mare). We were also represented at the digital exhibition "Interreg: No borders with transnational cooperation".



INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA ONLINE ANNUAL EVENT

"30 years contributing to a smart and strong region". This event held in November, celebrated 30 years of Interreg with focus on the Green Deal, on the Atlantic Strategy and on the future programming period. The event had around 150 attendees.

GOOD PRACTICES



SAFER AWARDED AT THE ATLANTIC PROJECT AWARDS 2020

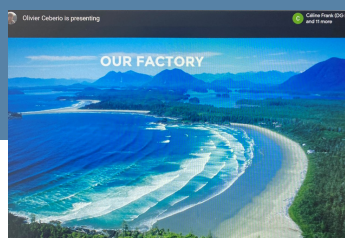
SAFER project (Smart Atlantic Seafood Clusters) was the winner under the "Atlantic Ports and Blue Economy" category at the 4th edition of the Atlantic Project Awards 2020. The online ceremony took place during the 7th Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference held in November 2020 and was designed to honour outstanding success stories achieved by projects in the geographical area covered by the Atlantic Strategy. SAFER is coordinated by ERNACT and aims to improve the innovation performance of the seafood sector by increasing technology adoption, giving response to the challenges of this sector of high potential.



UNESCO HIGHLIGHTS ATLAS.WH AS A GOOD PRACTICE OF CULTURAL MANAGEMENT

The UNESCO newsletter "World Heritage Cities Programme - Urban Notebooks" highlighted ATLAS.WH project as a good practice by addressing its study about World Heritage Site experiences in managing Governance, Population and Tourism. This study is a compilation of 24 good practices which analyses and collects international good practices for the mitigation of critical issues that are common to heritage sites. ATLAS.WH is led by Câmara Municipal do Porto and aims to create a network of urban WHS, by addressing common challenges related to the protection of their identity, while enhancing their cultural assets, in order to stimulate heritage-led economic and cultural development.

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES IN 2020



ATLANTIC STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE

The Atlantic Area hosted a workshop “Innovative solutions to boost the use of marine renewable energies”. Projects BLUEGIFT, DURABLE and EERES4WATER shared their contribution to foster renewable energy in the Atlantic region.



MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING

Under the French Presidency in 2020, an online Monitoring Committee meeting was held in July. More than 30 delegates met to discuss the state of play of the Programme and make relevant decisions towards the future.



PROJECTS RESULTS SECTION

A new section was created on the website to collect outputs and results and share the wealth of knowledge, experience and good practices of the Atlantic Area projects.



DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

Several Atlantic projects were identified as good practices on 3 digital publications promoted by Interact:

- Interreg addressing climate change,
- Working for a Greener Europe,
- Made with Interreg projects stories.



LAUNCH OF LINKEDIN AND YOUTUBE CHANNELS

A LinkedIn account and a Youtube channel were created to make the programme's achievements and projects activities and results more widely visible.



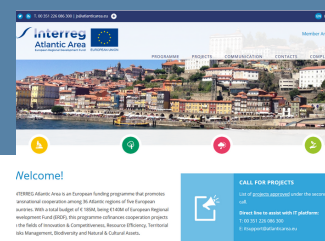
HOST OF INTERREG VOLUNTEERS YOUTH

Davide Grison from Italy and Gaïd Carval from France were 2 Interreg volunteers hosted in Porto. They worked closely with the Secretariat and the Managing Authority to learn more about the implementation of an European cooperation programme.



PRESENCE ON THE MEDIA

Several Atlantic projects were mentioned in digital and print media highlighting achievements with impact on territories and communities. There is a section on our website that gathers all those references.



ONLINE PRESENCE

The website provides all the information of the main programme activities. Facebook and Twitter accounts promote the programme and project events and communicate specific topics. Our audience are key actors in territorial and maritime cooperation and European citizens.



More information:
www.atlanticarea.eu

