

PROMOTING SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND
INCLUSIVE GROWTH FOR THE ATLANTIC AREA

 SUPPORT TEAM for the
ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN

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The Atlantic Action Plan

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- Launched to identify key investment and research priorities along the EU's Atlantic seaboard which could help both mature and emerging sectors in the marine and maritime economy to flourish.
- Aims to (priorities):
 - ✓ Promote entrepreneurship and innovation
 - ✓ Create a socially inclusive and sustainable model of regional development
 - ✓ Protect, secure and develop the potential of the Atlantic marine and coastal environment
 - ✓ Improve accessibility and connectivity



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“The Challenge”

- Main EU funding channels for the Atlantic Action Plan
 - ✓ **H2020**
 - ✓ **COSME**
 - ✓ **LIFE+**
 - ✓ **Interreg VB – Atlantic area programme (ERDF)**
 - ✓ **EU Structural and Investment Fund (ERDF, EMFF, ESF)**
- Other possible funding: National, Regional, Local
- Private funding - EIB



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1. Promote the AAP at national level
 - Relevant research and investment **priorities**
 - Highlights on latest **policy developments**, country factsheets, etc.
2. Provide guidance and real-time support to stakeholders
3. Identify key players
 - “**Match-making platform**” to find potential project partners
4. Identify funding instruments
 - Advise on EU financial instruments including those by the European Investment Bank (EIB), or any other public or private funding channels at European, national and regional/local level.
5. Foster marine/maritime networks across the Atlantic area

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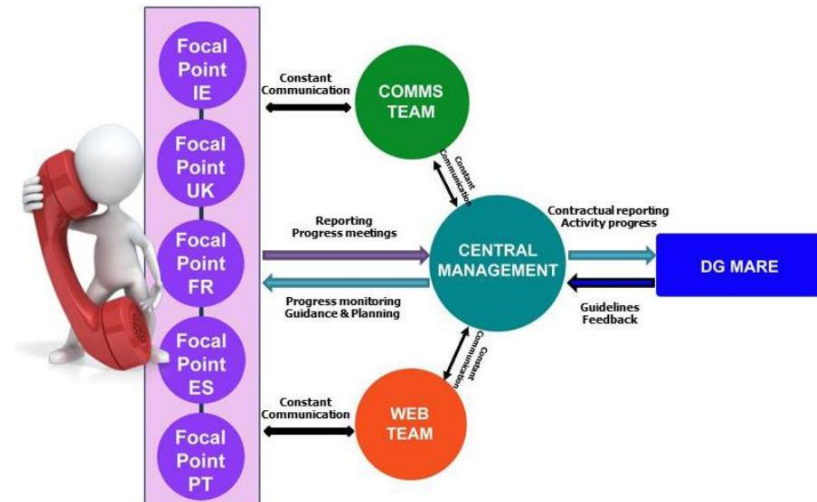
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■ 5 Focal Points

- Provide a face-to-face service in each country and are based in Ireland, France, Portugal, Spain and the UK.

■ A Brussels-based team

- Management of the project; interactive website; social media; communication with DGMARE (fortnightly)





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FOCAL POINTS INFO



The Focal Points

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COUNTRY INFO

Cooperate & Invest

- Find Funding Opportunities
- Post your Project / Investment Ideas
- Find Partners / Become a Partner

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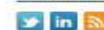
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