



WORKSHOP THEME 1

ATLANTIC AREA AND PORTUGAL-GALICIA COOPERATION

15th of November

D. Luís Hall | 9h30 – 13h00

Galicia and Portugal have a long cooperation history. Besides the shared culture and heritage, as well as certain similarities in their geographical and socio-economic conditions, the availability of support from the European Regional Development Fund under the programmes Atlantic Area, SUDOE and POCTEP has greatly contributed to the emergence of several joint initiatives and the consolidation of this dynamics between both areas and other Atlantic regions.

Even though it has occurred in a variety of fields, maritime related activities constitute an outstanding pillar of this relationship in a way that reflects the relevance and influence of the sea beyond the coastal area in both territories. Thus, remarkable projects on heritage, tourism, gastronomy or biotechnology, among others, have been successfully carried out and, to the extent that the regional cooperation programs continue looking at the sea, greater achievements will be reached, and the area will consolidate its potential as a world-class blue economy hub.

Maritime Trans-Atlantic Cooperation is also a very relevant issue for both sides of Atlantic. There are some interesting dynamics in different sectors involving partners from Europe, North and South America and Africa that should be improved. The second session of the workshop is addressed to the presentation of some of those dynamics and to debate how to go forward.

Programme

09h30

Session 1: Interregional and cross-border cooperation

Moderator: Xosé Lago García, Agrupamento Europeu de Cooperação Territorial Galicia-Norte de Portugal

Rapporteur: María Pérez, CETMAR

- European Territorial Cooperation – INTERREG as a fundamental instrument for cooperation. Past, present and future of the programmes.

Presentations by:

- Elena de Miguel Gago, Director of POCTEP Technical Secretariat
- Juan Llanes, Director of SUDOE Technical Secretariat
- Ismael Morán-García, Deputy Director of Atlantic Area Joint Secretariat
- Moisés Blanco Maceiras, General Directorate of European Funds, Spanish Ministry for Treasury (National Spanish Authority)
- Arantza Lopez de Munain, RTA - Réseau Transnational Atlantique

10h30

Debate and identification of 2030 Sea Challenges: Interregional and cross-border cooperation

11h00

Coffee break

11h30

Session 2: Transatlantic Cooperation

Moderator: Isabel Gião de Andrade, VdA

Rapporteur: Nuno Mendonça, Universidade de Coimbra

Presentations by:

- Michael Jones, BlueTech Cluster Alliance (BTCA): BlueTech Clusters Promoting Transatlantic Collaboration
- Jonathan Williams, Marine South East
- António Sarmento, AIR Centre
- Vladimiro Miranda, INESC TEC and INESC P&D Brazil
- Mercedes Martínez, CETMAR: INVIPESCA - Fisheries Research Latin American Network: Fisheries Research Latin American Network: Challenges and Opportunities

12h30

Debate and identification of 2030 Sea Challenges: Transatlantic Cooperation