

# Blue Synergies: Maximising Funding Impact in the Atlantic Sea Basin

Thursday 19.10.2023 from 15:00 to 18:00

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### Draft Agenda (PT time)

15.00 – 15.30

Welcome Coffee / Tea and visiting stand exhibition

15.30 – 16.20

#### Setting the Scene – Better Together

*António Cunha, President of The Norte Portugal Regional Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-Norte, I.P.), Managing Authority of Interreg Atlantic Area*

*Marisa Lameiras da Silva, Chairperson of the Atlantic Strategy Committee*

*Delilah Al Khudhairi, Director, Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG Mare, European Commission*

*Slawomir Tokarski, Director, European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programmes Implementation, DG Regio, European Commission*

16.20 – 17.10

#### From ideas to action for the Atlantic Region – synergies potentials

*Roundtable: thematic synergies*

- *Moderator: Seabasins Assistance Mechanism*
- *Atlantic Region Strategy Pillar coordinators (TBC)*
- *Programmes representatives (transnational, cross border, regional)*
- *Moderated Q&A with the audience*

Objectives of the session: The need to build stronger synergies across funding programmes has been highlighted in the Cohesion Policy documents for the 2021-2027 period. How does it work in practice? What are the main outcomes of the Atlantic Pillars so far and foreseen in the near future? Which complementarities are foreseen with the funding programmes? What are the challenges preventing further synergies and how such challenges could be overcome? These points will be discussed in an interview-style session.

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## **From ideas to action for the Atlantic Region – making it happen**

*Interactive exchange: actions at seabasin, international, regional level*

- Moderator: Seabasins Assistance Mechanism
- Members of the previous panel
- National Hubs of the Assistance Mechanism
- Broader public

Objectives of the session: Building on the identified potentials for synergies, related challenges and actions needed to address those, this session will look at practical solutions and ways to design and deliver joint initiatives at different governance levels, with the aim to strengthen the overall support for a sustainable blue economy in the Atlantic Area. Which role for both the Assistance Mechanism and the Programmes in the synergies process and overcoming those challenges? This session will allow for a broader interaction and engagement of participants, as to identify concrete and feasible actions at different governance level.

**17.50 – 18.00**

## **Closing of the event**

*Orlando Costa, Head of Cooperation Unit · DGPM - Directorate General for Maritime Policy*

*Sandra Tavares da Silva, Executive Director, Managing Authority of the Interreg Atlantic Area Programme*