

Interreg Atlantic Area as a facilitator for the Atlantic Maritime Strategy

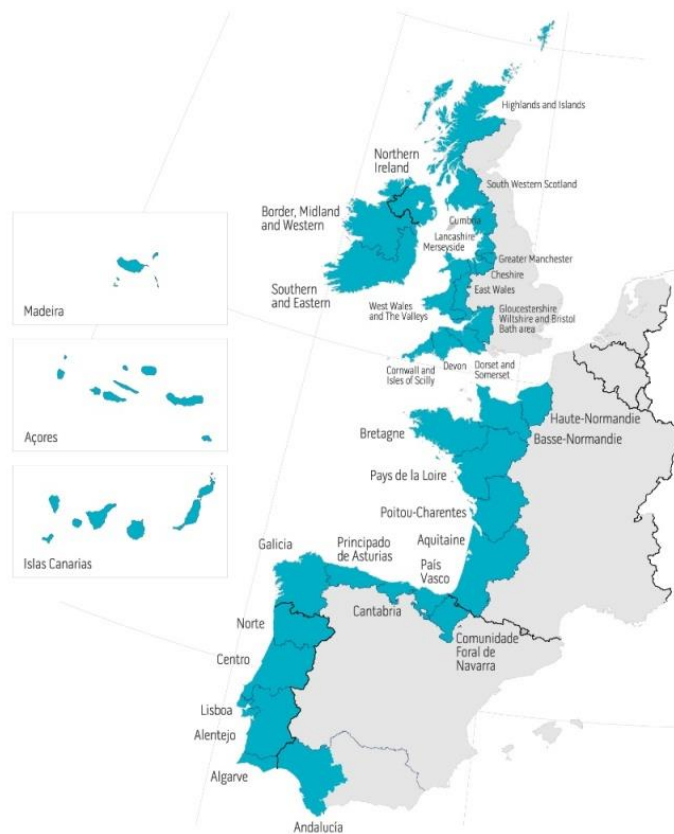
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Atlantic Area Cooperation Programme

- **5 Countries**
 - **36 Atlantic regions**
 - **Large programme area disparities**
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- **EU political instrument for promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Atlantic Area**
 - **Joint solutions to shared transnational challenges**

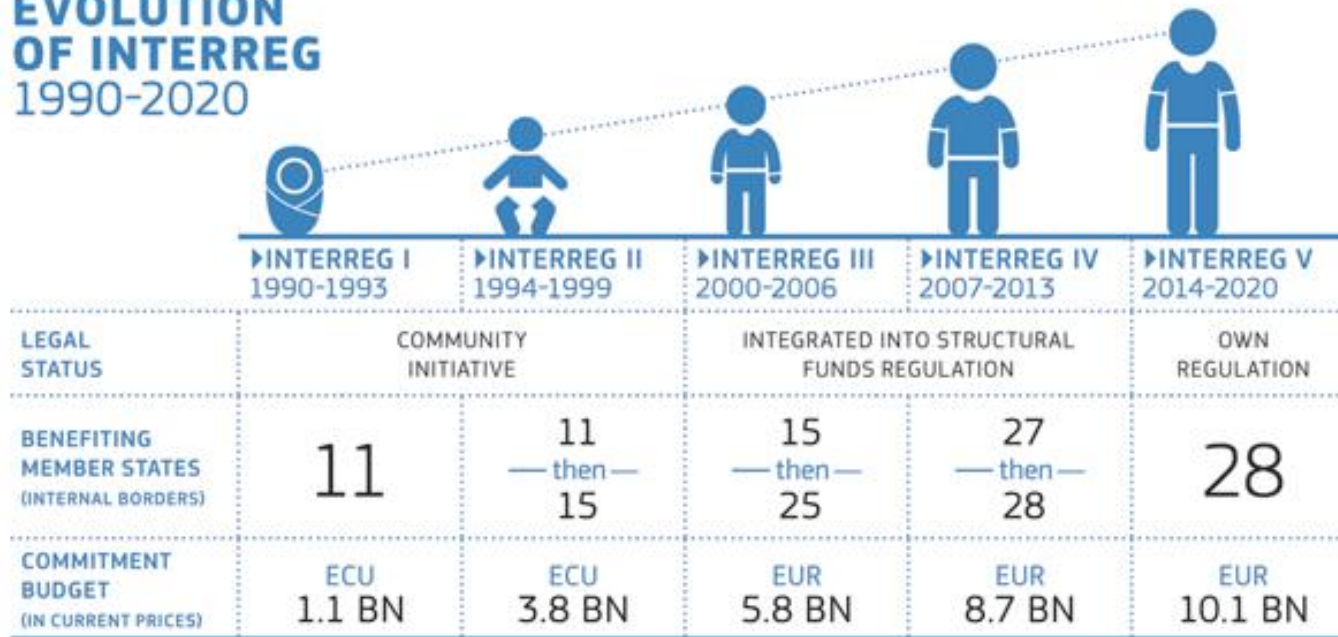


ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME 2014-2020

Interreg Atlantic Area background

- There is a long history of cooperation in the Atlantic Area: one of the oldest Interreg programmes
- Roots at the beginning of TNC: the “Atlantis pilot project”

EVOLUTION OF INTERREG 1990-2020




OVERVIEW PROJECTS APPROVED




INNOVATION AND
COMPETITIVENESS


RESOURCE
EFFICIENCY


TERRITORIAL
RISKS


BIODIVERSITY, NATURAL
& CULTURAL ASSETS



72
projects

27
9

15
21



179,4
million EUR
(total
budget)

62,9M
53,8M

42,3M

20,4M

ERDF 140 M EUR 100% of the funds

Financed in Ireland, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom

& Belgium, Germany, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, Morocco, Canada, Finland and Switzerland



726
project
partners

2014-2020 Interreg Atlantic Area's Projects:

Strategic Value of the Interreg Atlantic Area Projects 2014-2020

- ✓ Helped to reduce regional disparities and increases cohesion in such a scattered territory
- ✓ Created real added value to transnational cooperation: The notion of working together to tackle common issues in the AA has been intensified
- ✓ Increased dialogue among different and relevant stakeholders and engagement
- ✓ Built trust across borders and fosters AA Member States for being more competitive in specific economic areas
- ✓ Contributed and improved the inclusion of the AA's region in an specific strategy



Strategic Value of the Interreg Atlantic Area Projects 2014-2020

- ✓ Delivered territorial cohesion: results on new knowledge, shared experiences and enhanced capacities
- ✓ Have supported regions and cities to make better use of their resources
- ✓ Enabled regions and cities to jointly tackle challenges that go beyond borders
- ✓ Worked as facilitator for further public and private investment
- ✓ Triggered policy making and change



The Programme and the Atlantic Maritime Strategy

- ✓ The Atlantic Area Programme is geographically covered by a Sea Basin Strategy, the Atlantic Strategy
- ✓ The thematic objectives of the Atlantic Area Programme are quite aligned with the priority axes of the Strategy
- ✓ Applications to the Interreg Atlantic Area: a specific field in the application form about the Atlantic Strategy. Circa 96% (both calls) of applicants answered their projects are in line with the Atlantic Maritime Strategy
- ✓ The FUTURE: the opportunity for a better geographical and thematic synergy between European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) Programmes and Strategies

Thank you!

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