

What the project is about?

Acronym: MarENet

Full title: Atlantic Maritime Ecosystem Network

Coordinator: University of Vigo (ES)

Duration (start date/end date):

01-nov-2019 to 31-10-2022 (2 years)

Project budget: 867,922 EUR

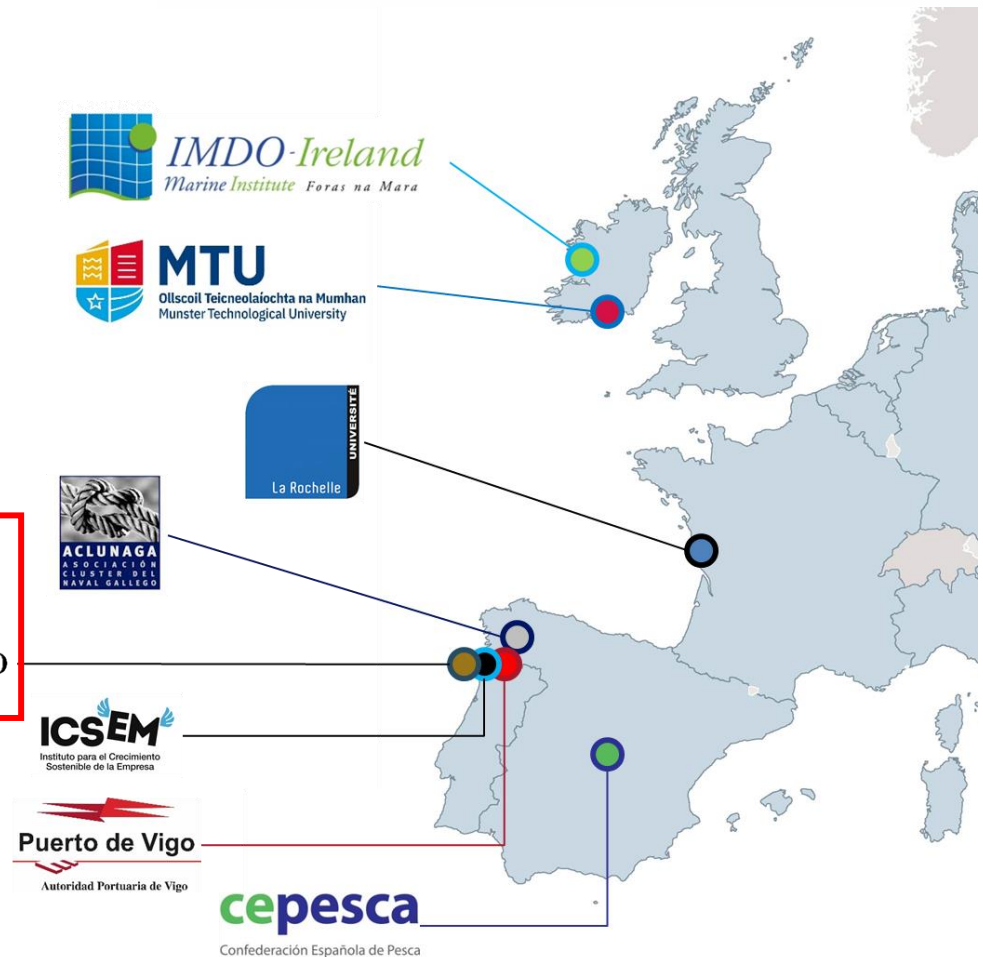
EU contribution: 694,338,33 EUR

Call Id: EMFF-BlueEconomy-2018 (Blue Careers)



Beneficiaries:

Coordinator



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Main Objectives:

Diagnostics of skills mismatch in Blue Economy Sectors

Sectorial surveillance

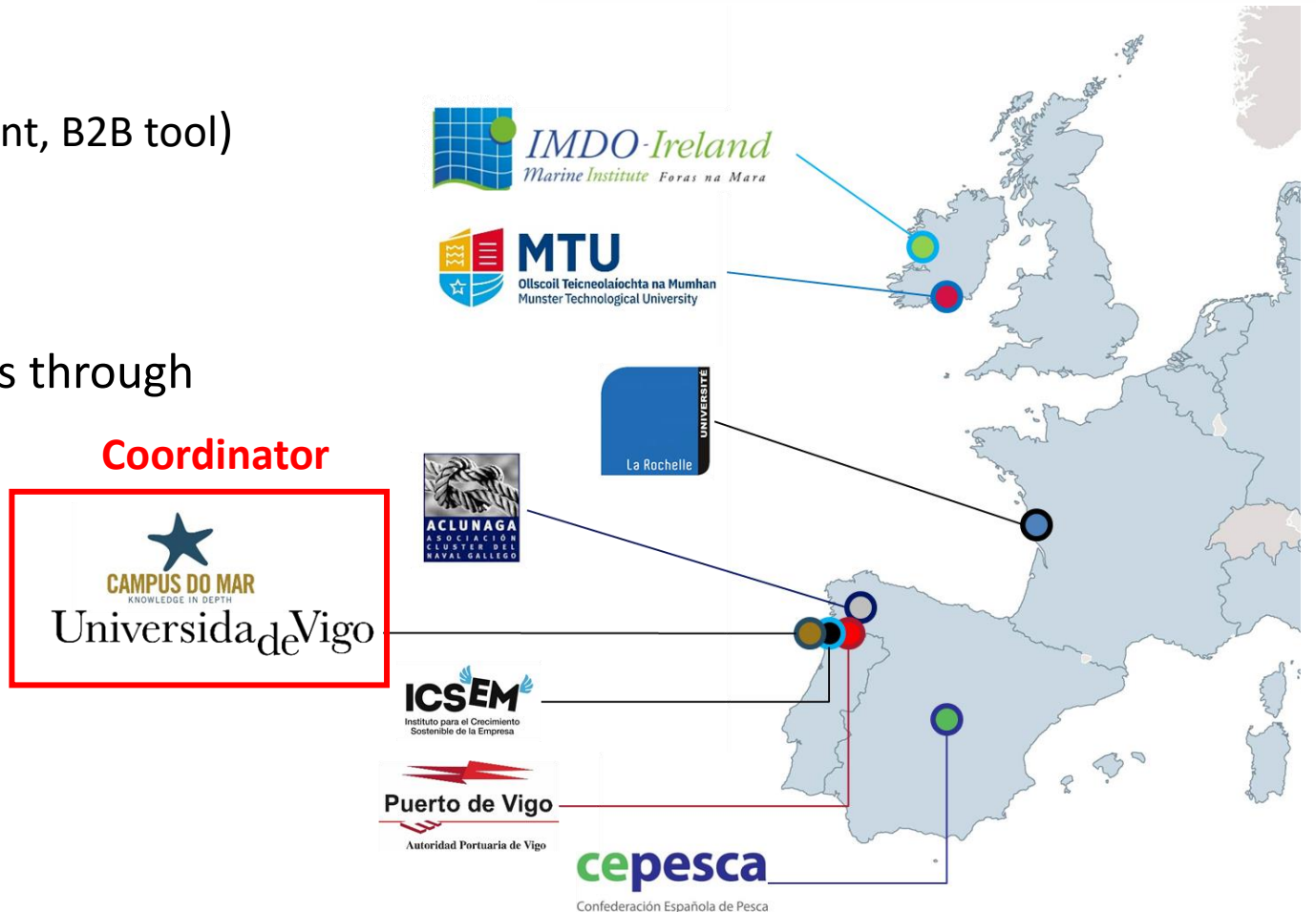
Build digital tools (catalogue, learning environment, B2B tool)

Design courses to address needs

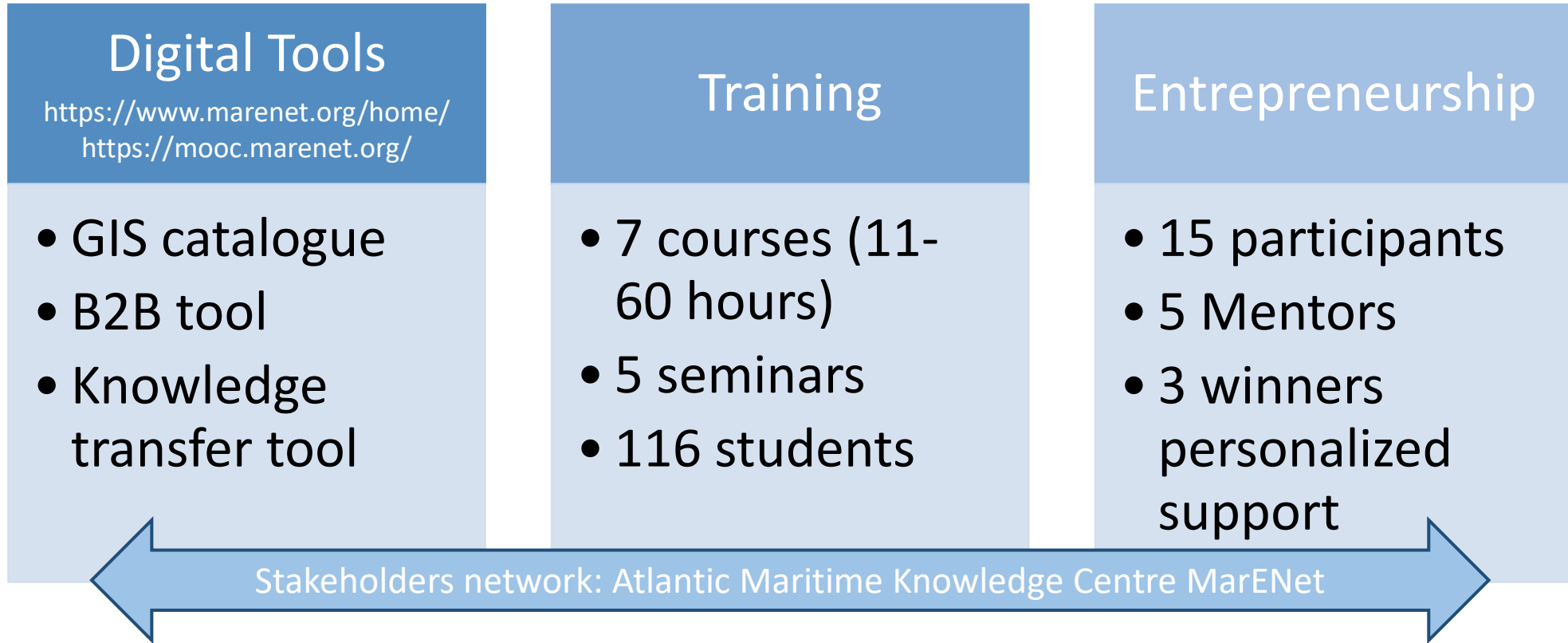
Promote Entrepreneurship

Create and maintain a network of stakeholders through the Atlantic Maritime Knowledge Centre

In the Atlantic basin: initially Spain, France, and Ireland. Portugal invited in next actions, as well as widen scope to new basins



Which are the 3 main achievements?



30 % of participants obtained a job or promoted 3-4 months after finishing the course

88% of participants were very satisfied and considered a good investment of their time their participation in courses or entrepreneurship programme

Strong partnership and active involvement of companies collaborating in courses, continued in the AMKC

Which were the main challenges?



Created by Philippa Steinberg for the [IGI](#).

COVID complicated engagement in diagnostic phase

Change in methodology (remote vs in person; email interviews, focus on sectorial representatives and large companies, as smaller ones were already struggling)



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Official certification processes lengthy and different among institutions and countries

MarENet quality seal - Recognition by sectorial representatives and professional associations



<https://freesvg.org/graphics-of-flags-of-eu-states-around-bright-stars>

International official recognition of association/foundation

Creation according to national laws

Network of associations

Brand registration

What are the 3 main priorities to address the skills gap for the sustainable blue economy?

- Engagement of all relevant stakeholders
- Periodic monitoring and quick response to detected needs
- Life-long learning: offers, business enablers, workers and entrepreneursh mindset