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The Atlantic Strategy
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Context – Blue Growth

LIMASSOL DECLARATION
The maritime pillar of the EU 2020 Strategy

Blue Growth


- Sustainability
- Economic Growth
- Employment

BLUE ECONOMY

€500 billion GVA
5.4 million jobs

In 2020:
€600 billion GVA
7 million jobs

Communication Blue Growth
COM (2012) 494 – September 2012



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Why the Atlantic?

- 30.000 km coastline with changing economy and demography
- Potential for growth and jobs of the blue economy:
 - Traditional activities: shipbuilding, fisheries and aquaculture, tourism
 - Emerging activities: ocean energy, seabed resources, marine biotechnology
- Opportunities for synergies from cooperation across Member States and Regions



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The Atlantic Strategy
Communication Atlantic Strategy: COM(2011)782 – November 2011

Five challenges and opportunities

- Implementing the ecosystem approach
- Reducing Europe's Carbon Footprint
- Sustainable Exploitation of the Atlantic's seafloor natural resources
- Responding to threats and emergencies
- Socially inclusive growth.

Finding the key R&D drivers



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Implementation

2014-2020 funding

- > EU Regional funds to support 'blue economy' objectives
- > Horizon 2020
- > CEF, LIFE+
- > EIB
- > Private sector

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Thank you for your attention!

Questions or suggestions?

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