

The EU Atlantic Action Plan (2014-2020)

The contribution of the SEAS-ERA Atlantic partnership
A Tale of Two Converging Paths



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Key outputs of the work package (WP6 – Task 6.1)



Discussion Document (2011)

Final Report
(2013)

CONSULTATION Oct 2011/ July 2012

WS1: SEAS-ERA Atlantic *Science* Workshop
Ostend (Belgium) 28 – 29th February 2012

WS2: Joint SEAS-ERA & AAC-CPMR
Atlantic *Governance* Workshop
Lisbon (Portugal) 23-24th April 2012

WS3: *East-meets-West* Workshop
Dublin (Ireland) 13th July 2012

Powerpoint presentations, Agendas, Participation Lists available at: www.seas-era.eu/np4/34/

A Tale of Two Converging Paths

SEAS-ERA: Ten EU/Associated States and their maritime territories, including the North Sea and the waters surrounding the Azores and Madeira (Portugal) and the Canary Islands (Spain)



**SEAS-ERA
European
Research
Area Network**

**European Union
Strategy for the
Atlantic
(2011)**

Atlantic Action Plan (2013)

An Integrated Maritime Policy for the European Union (2007) and its associated Sea Basin Strategies



Five EU Member States and their maritime territories including the waters surrounding the Azores and Madeira (Portugal) and the Canary Islands (Spain)



A Unique Opportunity to *Really* Influence EU Policy

A European Union Strategy for the Atlantic (2011)

Stakeholder consultation

Member State inputs (May 2012)

Public (online) Consultation (2012/2013)

Atlantic Fora Meetings

- Horta (PT): September 2012
- Brest (FR): October 2012
- Bilbao (ES): November 2012
- Cardiff (UK): Jan 2013
- Cork (IE): March 2013

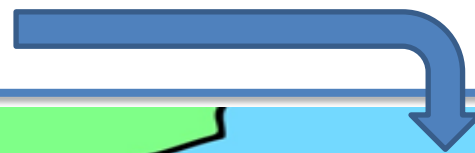
Lisbon Atlantic Forum: December 2013

Defining an Atlantic
Action Plan 2014-2020
May 2013



SEAS-ERA Atlantic
Discussion Document

And influenced by SEAS-ERA



EU/SEAs-ERA /EuroBASIN/USA
Dialogue, September 2011

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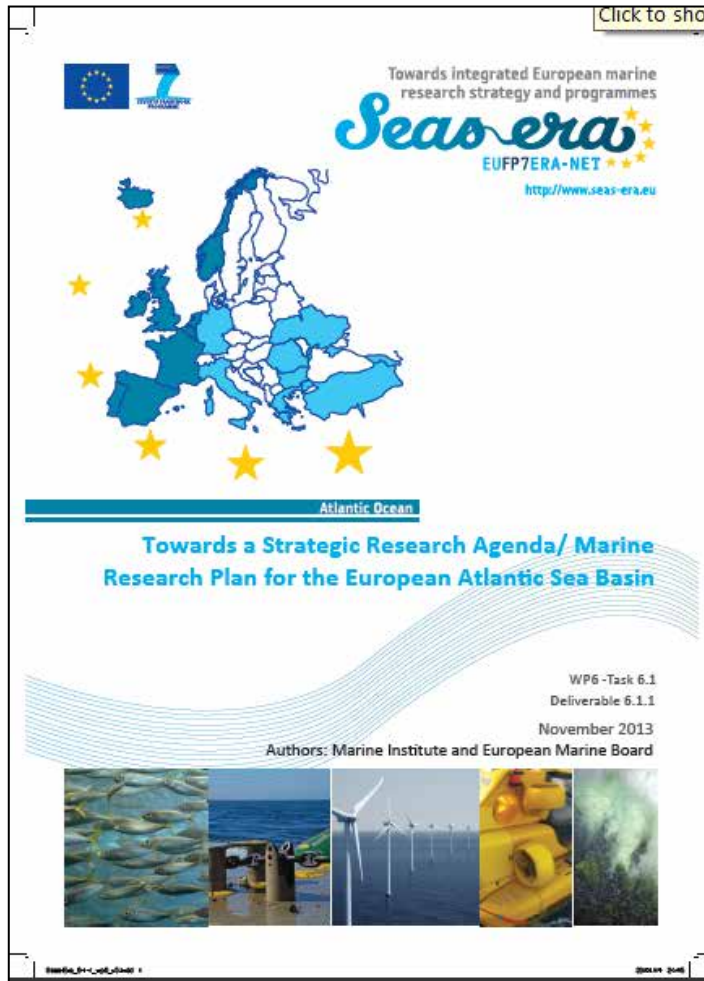
The Galway Statement on Atlantic Ocean Cooperation
EU-USA-Canada Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance
24th May 2013

Future perspectives of the work package



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Conclusions



Final Report November 2013

The SEAS-ERA Atlantic WP and Marine Research Plan has

- Helped to consolidate a **network** of European Atlantic Research Funding Organisations (RFOs);
- Contributed to the development of the **EU Atlantic Action Plan (2014-2020)**;
- Contributed to the formation of the **Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance**;
- Identified **the major sectoral marine research strategies / priorities** identified for the Atlantic Area.
- Produced a Report identifying **priority research topics** relevant to the European Atlantic Sea Basin and EU co-funded programmes (e.g. Horizon 2020) and agreed by European Atlantic RFOs.

Compliments of the SEAS-ERA Atlantic Team

"The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark".

(Michelangelo : 1474-1564)

Thank You

Obrigado

Gracias

Merci

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