



M€ 62.8

### INNOVATION & COMPETITIVENESS

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1.1 Enhancing innovation capacity through cooperation to foster competitiveness  
1.2 Strengthening the transfer of innovation results to facilitate the emergence of new products, services and processes



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### RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

Fostering resource efficiency will promote renewable energies and energy efficiency models and support transnational cooperation initiatives devoted to the introduction of eco-innovations and the green growth economy.

2.1 Fostering renewable energies and energy efficiency  
2.2 Fostering green growth, eco-innovation and environmental efficiency



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### TERRITORIAL RISKS

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3.1 Strengthening the territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin



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### BIODIVERSITY, NATURAL & CULTURAL ASSETS

Enhancing biodiversity and the natural and cultural assets will serve the identified need of protecting the environment and promoting cultural identity in order to make the Atlantic region more dynamic and a more attractive place for local

4.1 Improving the protection of biodiversity and ecosystems' services



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## New Programme, New strategy

As part of the European union's regional policy, the Programme supports regional cooperation projects in Atlantic regions of five Member States: **France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom**, contributing to the achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion.

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The primary features drawing the area together are its **environmental heritage** and **maritime dimension** as well as a **territorial** and **urban development** common pattern based on a majority of intermediate rural areas and a limited number of large metropolitan areas.

Among other points of convergence of the Atlantic Area, acting as key factors for its joint development must be quoted the tradition of cooperation, the existing strong networks between relevant actors and the **strong cultural heritage** and **identity**.

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In this framework, the territorial cooperation programme is an important means for a further development of the Atlantic Region.

However, the Programme area is in many respects diverse, while a south-north and coastal-inland gradient can often be observed, with important differences in terms of economic and demographic development.

The Programme focuses on **concrete results** through a better articulation between Programme structure, Regions and stakeholders to meet their needs better.

## Thematic priorities and objectives

The programme total budget of **€185M** will co-finance cooperation projects on innovation, resource efficiency, environment and cultural assets, supporting regional development and sustainable growth.

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## Funding

Projects will receive a European Regions Development Fund (ERDF) co-financing of up to 75% of their total budget.

## Area

The Atlantic Area covers the western part of Europe bordering the **Atlantic Ocean**. It comprises regions from the western part UK, Ireland and Portugal as well as the northern and south western-most part of Spain and western France:

The 2014-2020 Programme covers an **expanded area** compared to the previous Programme due to the inclusion of new regions. Projects should be **concrete, innovative, focused on results** and with **strong transnational dimension**.

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**Transnationality:** several partners from at least three different countries of the cooperation area.

The main **types of beneficiary** organisations targeted include:

- National, regional, or local public bodies
- Education and research institutions
- Not-for-profit organisations
- Private companies
- International, transnational and cross-border organisations