



BUILDING A STRONG ATLANTIC NETWORK OF BLUE INNOVATION

Workshop in the framework of FANBEST project



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Agenda

When: Friday 16 June 2023 | 10.00 to 13.00 WEST (11.00 to 14.00 for CEST connections)

Where: Lisbon and webstreamed
Comissão de Coordenação da Desenvolvimento Regional (CCDR) de Lisboa e Vale do Tejo
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Background

In a context where the Atlantic Area benefits from a strong network of research and test centers for technologies, especially to be applied in the maritime industries, and while the EU is multiplying initiatives and programmes to boost R&I in Europe, support entrepreneurship and scale-up Start-ups and SMEs, this meeting co-organised with CCDR Lisboa e Vale do Tejo aims at:

- 1- Understanding what are the priorities of Atlantic Regions in terms of R&I and Start-up/SME scale-up,
- 2- Evaluating the adequacy of existing EU schemes with regards boosting innovation in the Atlantic regions
- 3- Identifying what could be done to improve the capacity of Atlantic Start-ups “made in Atlantic” to overcome the “Valley of Death”
- 4- Elaborating Policy Recommendations to build a strong Atlantic network of innovations

10:00-10:20
(11:00-11:20 CEST)

Introduction

- **Teresa Almeida**, President of CCDR Lisboa e Vale do Tejo, AAC First Vice President
- **João Fonseca Ribeiro**, CEO of Blue Geo Lighthouse

10:20-11:30
(11:20-12:30 CEST)

How to better structure a strong ecosystem of innovation in the Atlantic



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video address by Boris Teillant, Project developer at Atlanpole, partner of FANBEST <p><u>Panel discussion</u> moderated by Ruben Eiras, Secretary General of Forum Oceano</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David Rodeiro Pazos, University of Santiago de Compostela, leader of FANBEST project - Niall McDonough, Director Policy, Innovation and Research Support of the Marine Institute of Ireland - Sergio Leandro, Deputy Director of the Maritime Polytechnic Institute of Leiria and scientific coordinator of SmartOcean Park, Peniche <p>Questions for panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What challenges (current and future) deserve an Atlantic cooperation on R&I? 2) What are the current initiatives you have developed to boost R&I cooperation at Atlantic level and what could be done further? 3) Who are the main stakeholders to involve in a more structured R&I cooperation? 4) Are the current EU tools sufficient to boost R&I in the Atlantic? 5) Would you have further recommendations to share with policy makers? <p><u>Debate</u> with participants moderated by Ruben Eiras</p> <p><u>Wrap-up</u> by Ruben Eiras</p>
<p>11.30-12.00 (12:30-13:00 CEST)</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>12.00-12.50 (13:00-13:50 CEST)</p>	<p>Participation of Atlantic stakeholders in EU and national funding schemes: how to overcome the “Valley of Death”?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video address by Ana Panagopoulou, Director for European Research Area and Innovation, DG RTD: Regional Innovation Valley, Blue KICs, Ocean ERANET and Blue Economy Partnership <p><u>Panel discussion</u> moderated by Rui Inácio, Director of Regional Policy Unit at the Portuguese development and cohesion agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rui Ferreira, President of Portugal Ventures - Diogo Martins, responsible for the regional operational programme, CCDR-LVT - Helena Mouta, Director of Banco Português de Fomento (BPF) (tbc) - Yoann Nesme, CEO of Orange Bird, platform of crowdfunding, crowdsourcing and open innovation in Portugal, member of FANBEST - Lidia Tarré, representative of Camara de Comércio (tbc) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How your tool/work enabled Start-ups to grow and overcome the “Valley of Death”? 2) Could you assess how funding schemes you are working for/you benefitted from have been working (assets and bottlenecks)? 3) What do you retain from the FANBEST project for your own work?

- 4) Are you aware of the Regional Smart Specialisation Strategies guiding regional and EU structural funds grants to specific areas of innovations? If not, what could be done to improve that?
- 5) What would be your recommendations to policy makers to support innovation “made in Atlantic”?

Debate with participants moderated by **Rui Inácio**, Director of Regional Policy Unit at the Portuguese development and cohesion agency

Wrap up by the moderator

12.50-13.00

(13:50-14:00 CEST)

Conclusions:

- **Elise Wattrelot**, Executive Secretary of CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission: presentation of the draft policy recommendations on Building a Strong Atlantic Network of Innovations