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Introduction

Dear Atlantic Regions, Dear All,

Continuing the positive dynamic established at the start of the year, the last few months have been rich in events, with high-level meetings with national and european actors on macro-regional issues and maritime policy. We also completed successfully our mission to Wales as part of the transatlantic project, and the organisation of the annual AAC General Assembly in Andalusia. The CPMR & its Atlantic Arc Commission will continue to mobilise during summer and throughout 2025 to ensure that regions' voice is heard in the development of the new Multi-Annual Financial framework and new EU maritime strategies.

Have a good reading!

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AAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SEVILLA

THE AAC MET IN SEVILLE THE 5 AND 6 JUNE 2025

The Atlantic Arc Commission held its Annual General Assembly in the heart of Andalusia's capital, Seville. The gathering brought together political and institutional leaders from across the Atlantic Arc to reinforce shared ambitions for territorial development and strategic cooperation. The President of the Junta de Andalucía, **Juan Manuel Moreno Bonilla**, addressed the Assembly, underlining the crucial need for a deepened cooperation between Atlantic Member Regions and reaffirming Andalusia's strong commitment to this common agenda. The AAC Member Regions took the occasion to reaffirm the importance of cohesion policy in the next **Multi-annual Financial Framework**, and to share their vision on the future new **EU Ports Strategy** to DG MOVE with the ports of Galway and Algeciras.



A COMMITMENT TO ALIGN RESOURCES FOR ATLANTIC FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

During the Assembly, two major declarations were signed to advance the territorial development of the Atlantic Arc.

The **Roadmap for an Atlantic Macro-Region**, developed through a year-long consultation with regional authorities and civil society, identifies strategic projects to develop jointly such as creating an Atlantic Clean Industry Valley, developing a repository of data with regards Offshore Renewable Energies deployment, improving rail links, developing green shipping corridors, and promoting a joint cultural and tourism offer.

The **Joint Declaration for the Territorial Development of the Atlantic Area**, signed by key stakeholders—including Atlantic Cities, the Atlantic Network of Chambers of Commerce, Atlantic Universities, Socio-professionals Organisations and Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development—commits to implementing this vision through an annual forum, joint projects, and coordinated resource allocation.



THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THE ATLANTIC MACRO REGION

The Spanish Government, represented by **Elena Rodríguez Díez**, Director General for Integration and Coordination of General affairs of the EU at the Minister of External Relations, expressed the support of Spain to the Atlantic Macro-Region, which would mitigate the impacts of the current geopolitical tensions that is facing the EU.

TOWARDS AN ATLANTIC MACRO REGION

A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IN BILBAO TO DISCUSS THE MACRO-REGION WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

The High-Level event held Bilbao on 3 April 2025 was an important landmark in our lobbying in favour of an Atlantic Macro-Region. **Imanol Pradales**, President of the AAC, invited regional leaders from across the Atlantic to reaffirm their willingness to work together for a prosperous Atlantic area in presence of **Fernando Sampedro Marcos** and **Inês Domingos**, the Spanish and Portuguese Secretaries of State, **Benjamin Haddad**, the French Minister Delegate for the EU, **Frank Smyth**, the Ambassador of Ireland in Spain, **Kareen Rispal**, Ambassador of France in Spain and **Marianne Carré**, Consul General of France in Bilbao.

President Imanol Pradales, accompanied by **Jorge Sobrado**, Vice-President of Norte, **Mathieu Bergé**, Regional Councillor of Nouvelle-Aquitaine & invited socio-economic representatives pointed out the benefits of evolving from a Atlantic Maritime Strategy towards a Macro-Region. Delegates shared flagship projects that would guarantee an innovative, sustainable and connected Atlantic area.

The High-level event led to organise a meeting between the AAC Presidency & the Irish Secretary of States for EU Affairs in Dublin.



MEETING WITH DG REGIO ON MACRO-REGIONS & INTERREG

On 19 June 2025, **Marta Marín**, Basque Delegate to the EU, and **Élise Wattrelot**, Executive Secretary of the AAC, met with **Moray Gilland**, Head of Unit for Macro-regions, Transnational, Interregional & External Cooperation and **Reka Rozsavolgyi**, Policy Officer at DG REGIO. They presented the roadmap for an Atlantic Macro-Region and the Joint Declaration voted during the AAC General Assembly in Sevilla. It was the occasion to discuss the revision of the Atlantic Maritime Strategy Action Plan as a way to pass some messages on the Macro-Region. The meeting also covered the future of the Transatlantic Pilot Project, the possible participation of Québec and Wales in the INTERREG Atlantic Area programme. The meeting also tackled the future of the INTERREG programmes post 2027, and **Élise Wattrelot** transmitted the contribution of the CPMR Core Group on the future of INTERREG.

See the CPMR Technical Note on the future of INTERREG



TOWARDS AN ATLANTIC MACRO REGION

MEETING WITH ADVISER TO THE FRENCH MINISTER DELEGATED TO EU AFFAIRS

On 10 July, Élise Wattrelot met with the cabinet of the French Minister Delegated to EU affairs, **Benjamin Haddad** to share the AAC roadmap on the Atlantic Macro-Region and the Joint Declaration adopted during the General Assembly of Sevilla. The cabinet shared positive comments on the roadmap and showed satisfaction on the fact that it should represent an evolution of the current Atlantic Maritime Strategy. The meeting concluded with an agreement to liaise with the Spanish Government and meet again in September.



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THE AAC PARTICIPATES IN CRUSOE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On 26 June, The Conference of Rectors of the Universities of Southwestern Europe (CRUSOE) held its Ordinary General Assembly at the headquarters of the Polytechnic Institute of Viseu (IPV), with representatives from the 29 member universities from Galicia, Castilla y León, Asturias, Cantabria, and the North and Central Regions of Portugal in attendance. **Élise Wattrelot** presented the collaboration established between CRUSOE and the Atlantic Arc Commission, as well as the roadmap and the joint declaration. **Concepción López Fernández**, President of CRUSOE and Rector of the University of Cantabria, emphasized that "coordinated efforts are underway to seek recognition from the EU for a macro-region that includes the Atlantic Arc. CRUSOE has been chosen as the founding core of what will become the future Atlantic Arc University Network, as it is the only existing example of an already established and structured university network with joint projects in place."



TOWARDS AN ATLANTIC MACRO REGION

COLLABORATION WITH ESPON ON THE MACRO-REGION

With the impulse of the Atlantic Arc Commission, ESPON is currently finalising a Targeted Analysis on the Atlantic Macro-Region. Last Steering Committee was held on 27 May and involved the Basque Country, CCDR Lisboa e Vale do Tejo, Atlantic cities, and ATN/RTA. The finalised analysis was presented at the AAC General Assembly in Sevilla by **Wiktór Szydarowski**, Director of ESPON and **Alexandre Almeida** from Technopolis. The analysis highlights how Atlantic Regions, despite facing shared challenges such as demographic decline, infrastructure gaps, and untapped marine potential, continue to act in silos. It proposes a governance framework, funding pathways, and implementation logic for an Atlantic Macro-Regional Strategy that aligns with EU priorities (Green Deal, Strategic Autonomy), fostering cross-border cooperation and positioning the Atlantic as Europe's "Blue and Green Banana" — a sustainable corridor for growth, resilience, and global projection. The official publication will be made available in July 2025.



This collaboration with ESPON also led to joint communication activities. On May 27, 2025, **Élise Wattrelot** shared AAC Member Regions reflection around the evolution to an Atlantic Macro-Region during an ESPON Webinar on New Geographies. Dialogue with the Alps, and the Carpathians area which are also functional territories, with interconnections that go beyond administrative borders. The webinar revolved around the design of better policies for those areas and governing models to address their complexities.



THE AAC ALREADY ACTS TO IMPLEMENT ITS ROADMAP

On 7 July, the Basque Country organised a Macro-Region Working group to follow-up on the decisions taken by the members at the General Assembly who called to move forward with the implementation of the roadmap on the Atlantic Macro-Region. The meeting focused on assessing the possibilities for Atlantic Member Regions to apply to the open call for **Regional Innovations Valleys** (Horizon) to implement the AAC flagship project "Clean Industry Valley" included in the Roadmap for an Atlantic Macro-Region. Members agreed to further evaluate their participation in the calls. Responses are expected by Monday 21 July.

COOPERATION WITH ATLANTIC NON-EU REGIONS

A MISSION TO WALES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TRANSATLANTIC PILOT PROJECT

After a first study visit to Québec in October 2024, a second mission was organised to Wales from 12-16 May 2025 to meet with key representatives of the Welsh's economic sector. The AAC together with its partners, Forum Oceano and CEIMAR, built up a delegation of 32 representatives and stakeholders from France, Ireland, Spain, Portugal and Québec to discover the Welsh Marine Renewable Energy sector, Green corridors, and Circular Economy. Delegates visited Wrexham University, the incubator M-SPARC Industry leaders like RWE and Morlais tidal energy project, the Port of Mostyn or Bangor University's Marine Centre Wales. During the mission, the participants defined the foundations for a **declaration of intent**, that will commit them to maintain Atlantic cooperation in the field of blue economy, involving the Regions, the economic stakeholders, the ports and the research institutions. It was further discussed in Cadiz, on 3 July, in a project coordination meeting organised by CEI.MAR.



REINFORCING COLLABORATION WITH QUÉBEC & CPMR

On 8 April 2025, CPMR President **Filip Reinhag** met **Martine Biron**, Minister for International Relations & French Language of Quebec Government. It was an opportunity to discuss the outcomes of the Québec mission in November 2024 and draw avenues of collaboration on areas such as trade and maritime industry between Québec and Europe. Both politicians shared the to reinforce our willingness to cooperate in these areas while ensuring the development of green shipping corridors.



COOPERATION IN THE ATLANTIC

ATLANTIC STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING IN CORK

On the 21 May took place the Atlantic Strategy Committee (ASC) meeting in Cork. Member States expressed interest in broadening the revision of the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0 to include new thematic areas such as fisheries and coastal tourism, while also exploring links with the newly launched Pact for the Ocean. Some also showed openness to discussing governance and monitoring indicators. The Atlantic Arc Commission proposed establishing a formal revision process involving stakeholder consultations and reaffirmed its willingness to actively participate. Additionally, discussions were held on launching a Practitioners Group on Maritime Spatial Planning, taking into account the AAC's contributions. The next ASC meeting is scheduled to take place in Brussels, on 26 September back-to-back with the Macro-Region and Sea-Basin Week and the All Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance (AAORIA).



THE APPROVAL OF GRAAL, THE ATLANTIC GOVERNANCE PROJECT

The AAC won the GRAAL, a project answering the seconde call for proposal of INTERREG Atlantic Area on Better governance & cooperation in the Atlantic Area. GRAAL is the only project in the Interreg Atlantic Area to be designated as of "strategic importance", a status granted by the European Commission to showcase the most emblematic investments under the current programme framework. The AAC Secretariat and the CCDR Lisboa e Vale do Tejo joined as full partners the project led by CEREMA. GRAAL unites most prominent Atlantic organisations of the field of the Blue economy, energy, tourism and protection of the environment, and most of AAC Member Regions became associated partners of the project. A first meeting was held on 12 June with the Secretariat, the Managing Authority and the Monitoring Committee. The Kick off meeting is planned in Brest on 10-11 September.



MARITIME AFFAIRS

AAC PARTICIPATES IN THE EUROPEAN MARITIME DAYS

On 22 May 2025, Seas At Risk organised the European Maritime Day workshop "Navigating the Future: Sustainable Trade and Shipping in a Changing World." The event brought together key stakeholders to discuss the future of maritime transport in the context of climate change. Speakers included **Isabelle Ryckbost** (ESPO), **Lise Detrimont** (WindShip), and **Sian Prior** (Seas At Risk), followed by breakout discussions and a final panel. **Élise Wattrelot**, AAC Executive Secretary, moderated one of the breakout sessions focused on regional shipping, offering a valuable opportunity to connect the SMARTDEC project with other initiatives committed to greening the maritime sector.



SMARTDEC PROJECT: SELECTION OF INNOVATIONS

In March 2025, a call for innovation was launched under the SMARTDEC Interreg Atlantic Area project. The objective was to support the implementation and acceleration of promising solutions to decarbonise the maritime transport sector. A total of 11 innovations from France, Spain, Portugal, and Ireland were selected, covering key areas such as green alternative fuels, smart and AI-driven maritime technologies, and port electrification with renewable infrastructure. The innovative solutions will be presented at the workshop organised by the AAC on 23 September in Brussels and they will be able to pitch at the Business2Sea event in Portugal in November.

ADVANCING ON THE FLAGSHIP PROJECT ON GREEN SHIPPING CORRIDORS

Following a first meeting as part of the Mission to Wales, the AAC Secretariat met again with Ricardo Consulting on 18 May to enquire about the expertise of the company in developing pre-feasibility study for the development of **green shipping corridors**. Ricardo Consulting has been contracted by the UK Government to carry out pre-feasibility study for green shipping corridors between Ireland and the UK. They will be invited to present their work to the Regions on the occasion of a workshop organised by the AAC Secretariat as part of the SMARTDEC project **on 23 September** in Brussels. The workshop is a side event of the Green Shipping Industry Day, organised with a partner organisation, Green Marine Europe.





ATLANTIC ACCESSIBILITY & ATTRACTIVITY

MEETING WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF BORDEAUX TO ENHANCE ATLANTIC TOURISM

On 11 April, the AAC Secretariat met with the Chamber of Commerce (CCI) of Bordeaux to discuss a project idea to enhance sustainable tourism in the Atlantic Regions, linked with the path of Santiago de Compostela. The AAC Secretariat provided information on funding possibilities and contacts from AAC Regions that could be interested in supporting the project. The next Tourism & Culture Working group led by Cantabria should be another landmark to support the CCI in its project.



AN EXECUTIVE DOCUMENT ON OBSTACLES TO ACCESSIBILITY IN THE ATLANTIC

Following the AAC hubs meetings in January 2025, Member Regions agreed to draw up an executive note outlining the bottlenecks preventing a connected Atlantic area. A questionnaire was circulated to AAC Member Regions to gather their expertise on their transport network (rail, maritime transport, intermodality, etc.). Discussions were held with Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Euskadi, Cantabria, Asturias, Galicia, Alentejo and Lisboa Vale do Tejo. This note, drawn up in collaboration with the Atlantic Network of Chambers of Commerce, is intended to raise the Commission's awareness of the challenges facing the regions and the importance they attach to enhancing transport connection in the Atlantic area. It should be presented in 2026 to the new Atlantic Corridor coordinator who will shortly be taking up his duties.

COTER SEMINAR ON ACCESSIBILITY IN PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS

On 27 June, **Élise Wattrelot** participated on behalf of the CPMR Secretariat to the European Committee of the Regions COTER committee chaired by **Mr Vasco Alves Cordeiro**, and held in Brest. The COTER meeting tackled the accessibility of maritime and peripheral regions. A highly political topic linked to territorial, economic, ecological, and social transitions. There, **Élise Wattrelot** highlighted the accessibility challenges of CPMR regions and their messages with regards the future EU budget for Transport. **Frédérique Bonnard**, Councillor for Brest City, **Christophe Clergeau**, chair of the SEArica Intergroup, **Mrs Kotthaus** representing DG MOVE and **Christophe Chabert**, Director of the Port of Brest echoed CPMR messages. A dynamic debate followed with the COTER members where they value the importance of a CoR-CPMR collaboration.



FOCUS : CPMR FIRST REACTION ON THE MFF PROPOSAL

Regions at Risk in the Next EU Budget: CPMR stands ready to improve the Commission's proposal

The CPMR acknowledges the Commission's effort to maintain the size of the Multiannual Financial Framework and its intention to modernise the EU budget. Nevertheless, it raises the alarm that the current proposal represents a major step backwards in terms of structure, multilevel governance, regional ownership, territorial cohesion, and predictability for beneficiaries, such as CPMR regions.

Filip Reinhag, CPMR President, stated: "We acknowledge the Commission's effort to maintain a robust budget envelope. However, we are deeply concerned by the proposed shift in governance, which risks sidelining regions and weakening the link between EU programmes and citizens. CPMR regions fully understand the need to modernise and invest better and we have identified areas improving the EU budget on all aspects affecting territories. The current proposal will not equip regions, and by extension the EU – to properly address future challenges. The CPMR now stands ready to work constructively with Member States and the EU Institutions to improve the proposal because #TerritoriesMatter".

The apparently bigger budget is in fact similar in real terms to the present MFF without the recovery programme and after deducting the repayments for the Next Generation EU. As a result, headline declarations of increased funding must be scrutinised carefully to assess what is missing or at risk of disappearing.

The CPMR understands that this MFF proposal is a major centralisation and nationalisation exercise.

It warns that some key programmes and funds, such as the EMFAF and ERDF, ESF+ among others, face potential cancellation, unclear re-organisation and absorption under top-down single national plans. This creates major uncertainties regarding the programming and stability of policies under shared management, as well the EU funds under direct management from which regions currently benefit.

While the CPMR recognises that it is fundamental to have flexibility in the MFF, it cautions against unilateral flexibility steered only by Member states and the EC, which goes against what CPMR members have long advocated. The Commission's notion of competitiveness as something that falls outside the national and regional plans is also troubling. The CPMR believes that competitiveness is an issue for all.

The lack of a clarity regarding the treatment of regions facing specific handicaps is particularly concerning. The CPMR observes for example that previously acknowledged references to islands and outermost regions have disappeared from the CEF along with the principle of territorial accessibility. Despite the MFF proposal's strong focus on mitigation and disaster response, the CPMR is also concerned that the EU Budget is lacking ambition to enhance climate adaptation on the ground, an area where CPMR regions offer significant EU added value. While continued support to Horizon Europe is considered positive, the lack of clarity on the future of EU Missions is yet another cause for concern.

Check out the full CPMR Press Release [here](#).

IN THE EYE OF ANDALUSIA

Let's get to know more about Andalusia!



AAC Flash Info aims at giving the floor to its Member Regions, to express their views on their priority topics in the framework of the CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission and share new regional initiatives. This month, we interviewed **Arturo Bernal Bergua, Consejero de Turismo y Andalucía Exterior**:

Arturo Bernal holds a degree in Economics from the University of Málaga, an MBA from IE Business School, and an Executive MBA from Instituto San Telmo, with additional training at PwC/IE and Harvard Kennedy School. Before becoming minister in 2022, he served as Managing Director of Extenda, the Andalusian Agency for Foreign Promotion. As minister, he focuses on international connectivity, sustainable tourism, and strengthening Andalucía's global presence through initiatives like Andalusian Crush.

The Junta of Andalusia hosted the 2025 General Assembly of the Atlantic Arc Commission in Sevilla. Why was it important for Andalusia to welcome the AAC? And how do you see your involvement in the network benefiting your Region?

Andalusia has a historical relationship with the Atlantic, through which it has maintained important cultural, economic, and social ties with both the Americas and Africa. Therefore, it is important for us to continue strengthening these relations and to highlight the significance that the Atlantic maritime basin holds for Andalusia. A clear example of this is Andalusia's membership in the Atlantic Arc Commission and the honor of having hosted one of its General Assemblies in such a symbolic place in Atlantic history as the Exploraterra Space.

Andalusia also takes advantage of its membership in the Atlantic Arc Commission through the opportunities it provides for accessing cooperation programs and working groups, where Andalusia can bring forward its concerns and perspectives on European Union policies that most affect the Atlantic front. We especially value the efforts being made to strengthen cooperation with economic and social stakeholders and to promote transatlantic relations.



IN THE EYE OF THE REGIONS

The European Union is currently rethinking its Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). As a Region with a strong fishing tradition, what needs would you like to highlight?

The objective of the current CFP is to achieve the sustainability of the three pillars on which it is based: environmental, social and economic. However, the environmental pillar has clearly prevailed over the other two, which has generated many tensions in coastal areas highly dependent on fishing, where small-scale fishing is the main activity.

The review should adequately balance the importance of the three pillars by improving the current situation, whereas recognising the specific needs of small-scale fisheries, ensuring a fair and sustainable allocation of fishery resources, while adapting the financial instrument, EMFAF, accordingly. In this frame, it is important to underline the particular challenges faced by Mediterranean fleets, especially in relation to bottom trawling. At the same time, the revised CFP should support generational renewal and encourage innovation and digitalisation in the fisheries sector.

Blue economy issues occupy a central place in the EU's current priorities, with initiatives such as the Ocean Pact, the Maritime Industry Strategy and the EU Ports Strategy. What is Andalusia's position on the blue economy, and how does the region plan to cooperate with the Atlantic Arc Commission on this issue?

We are firmly committed to a sustainable and inclusive blue economy. The Region has adopted its own Sustainable Blue Economy Strategy, which aims to integrate economic growth, environmental protection, and social inclusion across marine and coastal sectors.

This strategy includes actions in fisheries, aquaculture, renewable marine energies, maritime transport, and marine tourism. Andalusia is committed to promoting port competitiveness, digital transition, and sustainable maritime industries. Cooperation with the Atlantic Arc Commission is a strategic opportunity to position us as a key player in transnational initiatives, particularly in areas such as smart ports, marine biodiversity protection, and low-emission maritime transport and working together with the Commission will help to amplify regional voices in shaping EU strategies and foster partnerships that deliver real benefits to coastal regions.

Andalusia's vision of the blue economy is rooted in the sustainability of marine ecosystems and the prosperity of coastal communities.

In his speech to the General Assembly, the President of the Junta recalled Andalusia's geostrategic position and its potential for wind power, solar energy and green hydrogen. How does the region plan to develop these resources to meet current and future energy challenges?

2024 was a record-breaking year for Andalusia in terms of new renewable electricity capacity, with the addition of 2,670 MW of new green power. The data is so positive that we have exceeded all our expectations. Thus, in our own 2030 Energy Strategy, we have gone from setting a goal of reaching 75% renewable electric power generation capacity by 2030 to raising it to 82% in the same year. To continue promoting and developing these resources, we are also working together with the private sector, promoting new vectors: the Andalusian Green Hydrogen Alliance, which has a green hydrogen roadmap; and the Andalusian Biogas Alliance, which will soon have its roadmap. Additionally, administrative simplification is being worked on in the region to accelerate the processing of these projects.

IN THE EYE OF THE REGIONS

The President of the Junta evoked in the General Assembly the opportunities of an EU-Mercosur cooperation. The CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission has integrated as associate member, Québec in 2023. What are your views with regards the potential of transatlantic cooperation at regional level?

Andalusia is in a privileged position to strengthen transatlantic relations, especially with Latin America and North America. Its commitment to foreign action is reflected in its active participation in initiatives such as the EU-LAC Agenda and the "Global Gateway" investment strategy, which open new opportunities for Andalusian companies in key sectors such as renewable energy, agribusiness, and technological innovation.

Andalusia's development cooperation has had a clear focus on Latin America, with nearly half of its funds between 2020 and 2023 directed toward projects in the region. This bond is further reinforced through academia: over 40% of foreign students in Andalusian universities come from Latin America and the Caribbean.



In addition, Andalusia exports agricultural products and industrial machinery to countries such as Mexico, Brazil, and Colombia, and has intensified its tourism promotion efforts in the U.S., Mexico and Canada, aiming to attract high-spending visitors and diversify its tourism offerings.

All of this shows that transatlantic relations are not just a priority, but a great opportunity to position Andalusia as a global player in sustainability, innovation, and international cooperation.

*Thank you Mr Bernal Bergua
for your commitment to the
Atlantic Arc Commission!*





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



CPMR/ AAC EVENTS

10-11 September 2025, Brest. Kick off of GRAAL project

23 September 2025, Brussels. SMARTDEC workshop on Green Shipping and Regional Policies

24 September 2025, Brussels. AAC participation in Green Shipping Industry Day

24-25 September 2025, Brussels. AAC participation in Macro-Region and Sea-Basin Days

25-26 September 2025, AAC Participation in All Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance presenting the Transatlantic pilot project

26 September 2025, Brussels. AAC participation in the Atlantic Strategy Committee

14 October 2025, Brussels. Breakfast at the European Parliament on the Atlantic Macro-Region

17-18 November 2025, Peer Learning review on the Alignment of Funding to Atlantic Flagship projects

19-21 November 2025, Barcelona. CPMR General Assembly & AAC Plenary Session

December 2025, Transatlantic pilot project Final event

EXTERNAL EVENTS

13-15 October 2025, Brussels: European Week of Regions and Cities

14 October 2025, Annual event of the Atlantic Network of Chambers of Commerce

12 November 2025, Galway. INTERREG Atlantic Area Annual Event.

13 November 2025, Galway. Atlantic Strategy Annual Event.

THE AAC REGIONS IN THE PRESS

Comisión Arco Atlántico: el Director de Asuntos Europeos, Mikel Anton, participa, en representación de la presidencia vasca, en el Bureau Político que la Conferencia de Regiones Periféricas Marítimas (CRPM) ha celebrado en La Haya (Países Bajos) - [Euskadi.eus](#) - 07.07

CRUSOE y la Comisión del Arco Atlántico impulsan una red universitaria en la futura macrorregión atlántica - [Diario de Santiago](#) - [El Bierzo Digital](#) - 25.06

Acuerdo para impulsar la creación de una red de universidades en la macrorregión atlántica - [ZA49](#) - 25.06

Andalucía apuesta por la Macrorregión Atlántica y coordinar iniciativas comunes ante instituciones europeas - [Expreso-info](#) - 09.06

El Puerto de Algeciras reivindica su papel estratégico en la Asamblea del Arco Atlántico celebrada en Sevilla - [El Estrecho Digital](#) - 07.06

La Junta apuesta por crear una Macrorregión Atlántica para coordinar iniciativas comunes en la UE: "No es una utopía" - [Europa Press](#) - 06.07

Firma de la Declaración Conjunta para el Desarrollo Territorial del Espacio Atlántico - [El Canal Marítimo y Logístico](#) - 10.06

Minister Mrs Amaia Barredo encourages young people to "have a special understanding of and care for the seas for the sustainability and future of the planet" - [Irekia](#) - 07.06

La Comisión Arco Atlántico, en la asamblea general que preside por 6ª vez el Gobierno Vasco, abordará la hoja de ruta hacia la Macrorregión, y políticas de la UE como la del presupuesto 2028-34 o la portuaria - [Euskadi](#) - 06.06

Agüeros defiende en Sevilla el proyecto de Macrorregión Atlántica como elemento "urgente, estratégico y más necesario que nunca" - [Cantabria](#) - 6.06

La Xunta defiende un futuro de la política de cohesión descentralizado y la creación de la Macrorregión Atlántica - [Xunta de Galicia](#) - 06.06

Eusko Jaurlaritza da Arku Atlantikoko Batzordearen 2025eko Batzar Nagusiaren buru - [Irekia](#) - 05.06

Moreno apuesta por consolidar la cooperación, promover las relaciones transatlánticas y lograr mayor cohesión - [Junta de Andalucía](#) - 05.06

Las Cámaras de Comercio del Arco Atlántico participan en la Asamblea General de la Commission del Arco Atlantico en Sevilla - [Cámara de Comercio de Bilbao](#) - 05.06

El Gobierno Vasco preside la Asamblea General 2025 de la Comisión Arco Atlántico - [Irekia Eusko Jaurlaritza](#) - [Gobierno Vasco](#) - [Euskadi.eus](#) - 5.06

Juanma Moreno ve "ridículo y absurdo" utilizar un pinganillo en la Conferencia de Presidentes: "No son gratis" - [Diario de Sevilla](#) - 05.06

CEI-MAR recibirá a los socios europeos del Transatlantic Project en el marco de su cooperación académica - [El Estrecho Digital](#) - 27.05