



THE ATLANTIC STRATEGY: SPANISH PRESIDENCY

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- Adopted in 2011 by European Commission.
- Response to repeated calls from stakeholders for a more ambitious, open and effective cooperation in the Atlantic Ocean Area
- Consistent with the EU 2020 agenda and its flagship initiatives, grouped the identified challenges and opportunities facing the Atlantic region under five main thematic headings.
- Member States with Atlantic coasts and their outermost regions



THE ATLANTIC STRATEGY: GOVERNANCE

- The Atlantic Strategy Committee (ASC): responsible for the strategic decision-making related to the review, operational coordination and implementation of the Atlantic action plan.
- the Atlantic Assistance Mechanism: to support the ASC in its tasks. The assistance mechanism provides a series of services aimed at keeping stakeholders informed of the latest news on the action plan and new funding opportunities generated under the scope of the maritime strategy.



2013-2020 ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN

- Promote entrepreneurship and innovation
- Protect, secure and enhance the marine and coastal environment
- Improve accessibility and connectivity
- Create a socially inclusive and sustainable model of regional development



MID-TERM REVIEW - A REVISED ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN 2.0

- Mid-term review in 2017 in order to assess its performance and draw lessons from its implementation
- Based on an independent study and a stakeholder consultation
- By 2017 the plan had spurred over 1200 new maritime projects and nearly 6 billion euro of investments
- Findings: the potential of the action plan to create even more impact for the coastal economy



THE REVISED ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN 2.0

- Communication of the European Commission on 23 July 2020, aligned with European Green Deal.
- Main objective: to unlock the potential of blue economy in the Atlantic area while preserving marine ecosystems and contributing to climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- The Atlantic Action Plan 2.0 is structured in four pillars integrally interconnected and transregional. The pillars aim to foster sustainable blue growth and contribute to greater territorial cooperation and cohesion in the EU Atlantic area.



ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN 2.0: PILLARS

- Pillar I: Ports as gateways and hubs for the blue economy
- Pillar II: Blue skills of the future and ocean literacy
- Pillar III: Marine renewable energy
- Pillar IV: Healthy ocean and resilient coasts



PILLAR I: PORTS AS GATEWAYS AND HUBS FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY

Goal 1

Ports as gateways for trade in the Atlantic

Goal 2

Ports as catalysts for business

PORTS AS HUBS FOR BUSINESS

Use ports as hubs for other industries such as offshore renewable energy and aquaculture.

GREEN PORTS

Development of good practice guidelines in areas of port sustainability and alternative fuels.

CONNECTIVITY

Connecting short-sea shipping routes in the Atlantic area & Develop a programme of actions to support existing routes and foster new short sea shipping routes.

DIGITALIZATION

Create a digital transport forum that can help facilitate green ports and connectivity.



PILLAR II: BLUE SKILLS OF THE FUTURE AND OCEAN LITERACY

Goal 3

Quality training and lifelong learning

Goal 4

Ocean Literacy

BLUE SKILLS OF THE FUTURE

- Best practices for matchmaking employers and jobseekers
- Blue skill gaps
- Data collection in the area of blue careers
- Business intelligence on the blue skills topics
- Existing information platforms for job opportunities

OCEAN LITERACY

- Entry points for ocean literacy in official curricula
- 25 Atlantic Blue Schools by 2025
- Ocean literacy component in relevant projects
- All-Atlantic Ocean Young Ambassadors and the EU4Ocean Youth Forum to foster dissemination on marine topics
- Engage citizens in ocean - European Maritime Day and World Ocean Day





PILLAR III: MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY

Goal 5

Promote Carbon neutrality through marine renewable energy





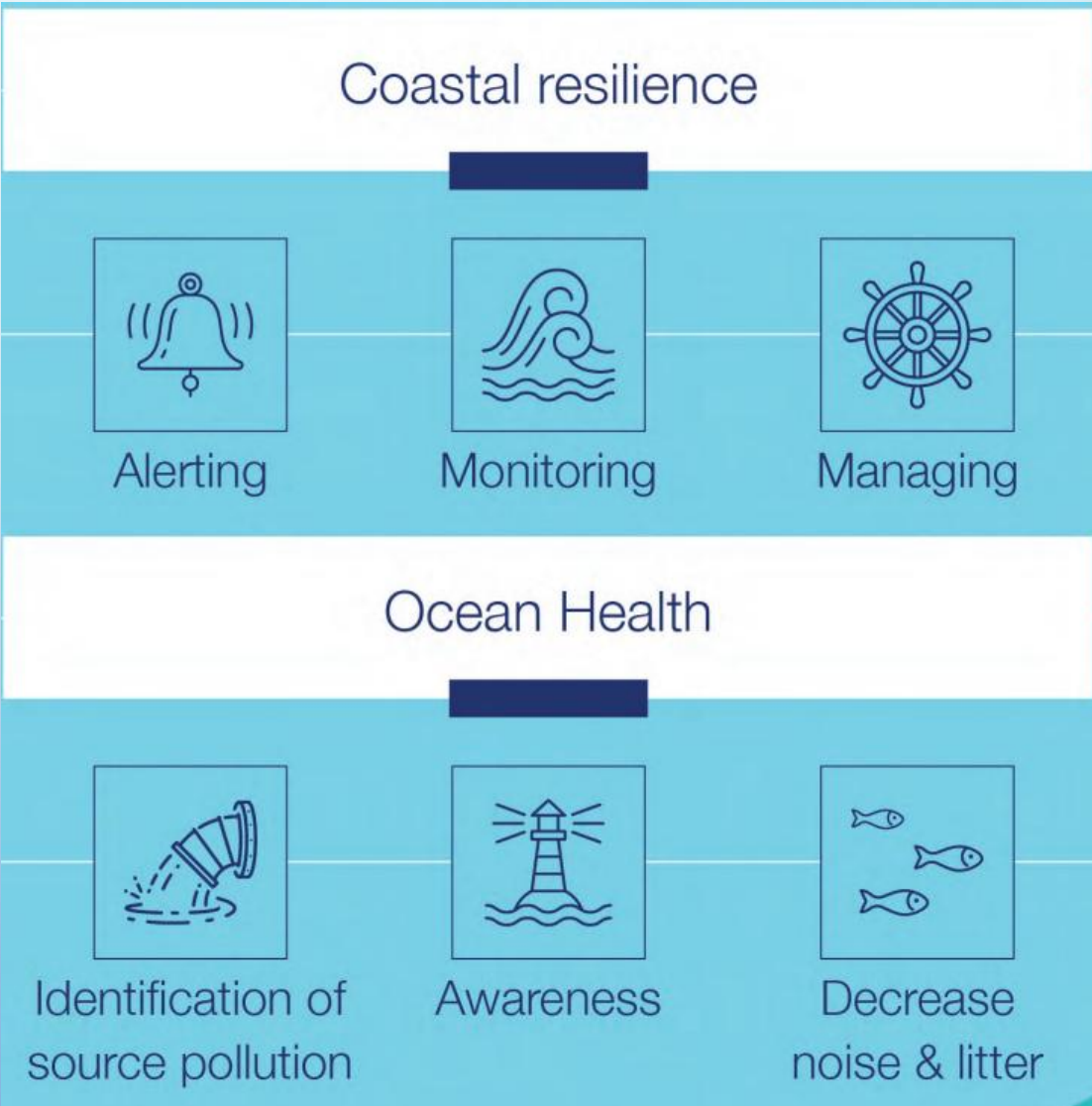
PILLAR IV: HEALTHY OCEAN AND RESILIENT COASTS

Goal 6

Stronger coastal resilience

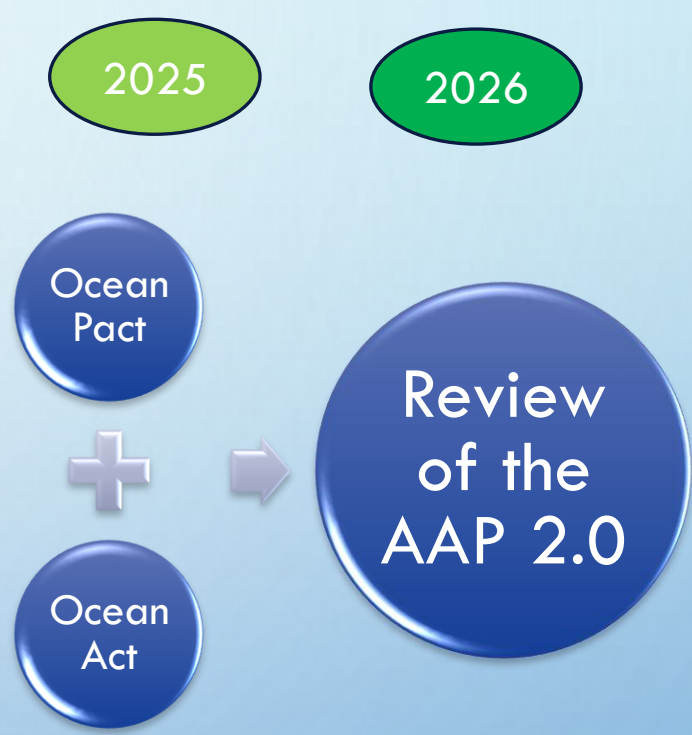
Goal 7

The fight against marine pollution





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SPANISH PRESIDENCY: SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Establish the debate on the review of the current Atlantic Action Plan 2.0, bringing in the importance of maritime sectors such as fishing and tourism which may not have been completely considered up to now.
- Develop and move forward with the Atlantic Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) community of practice, following the initiative launched at the end of the Irish Presidency.
- Initiate discussions for the launch of a Marine Observation and Data Collection community of practice, in parallel with the WestMED Initiative. This is a new development, closely linked to the proposals of the EU Ocean Pact, which will be included in the Ocean Act planned by the end of 2026.



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