



THE SPANISH ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE ATLANTIC STRATEGY: THE BLUE ITI FOR THE ESI FUNDS

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POSITION PAPER FROM THE COMMISSION. October 2012

Planning and implementation of ESI funds have to develop a strong integrated approach for mobilizing synergies and achieving optimal impact ...

...notably in the frame of strategies such as the Atlantic strategy.

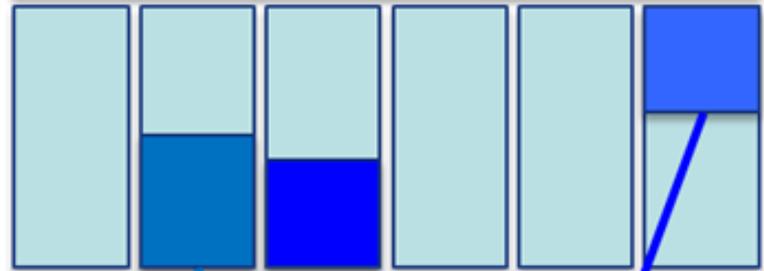
The Commission proposes to take on board the priorities that will result from the on-going Atlantic Forum and will request Spain to outline its plans on how it intends to contribute to the Atlantic Maritime Strategy

THE BLUE ECONOMY IN THE PA

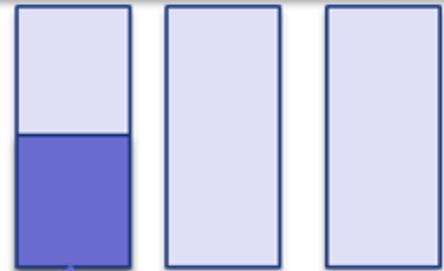
- **In Spain** → the maritime sectors are of great importance in our economy
- **4.872 km** of coasts in the Iberian Peninsula
- **Two archipelagos:** The Balearic and the Canary Islands
- **3.011 km** of coasts in these islands
- **80%** of the Spanish perimeter is surrounded by the sea.
- **The blue economy** represents > **2,7%** of the Spanish GDP.
- Generates > **480.000 employments**
- **Indirect effects** make these figures higher (around **9%** of GDP)



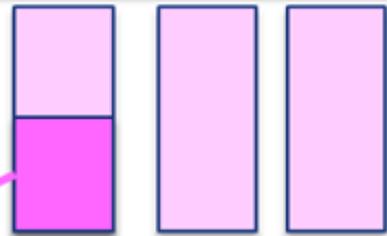
National ERDF OPs



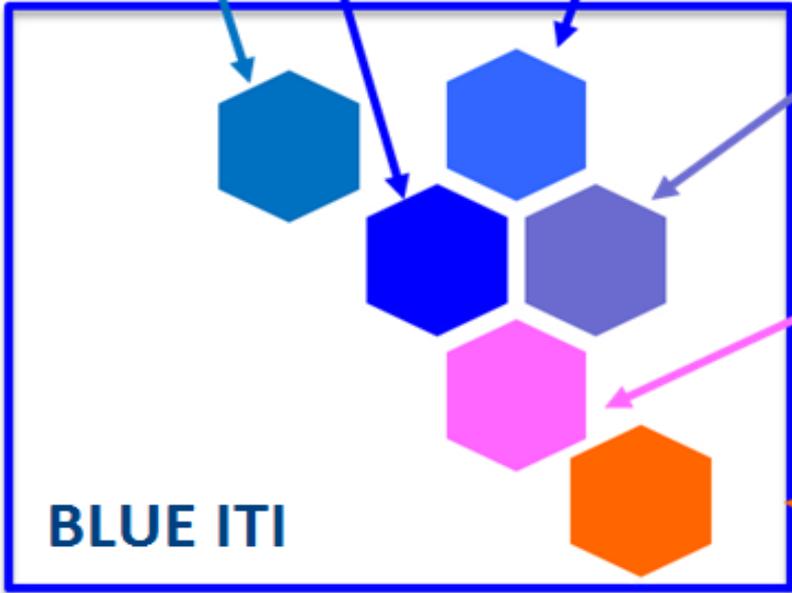
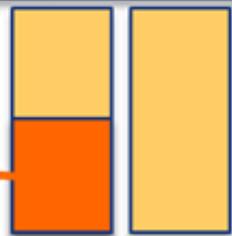
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ETC OPs



EMFF OP



KEY ELEMENTS OF AN ITI

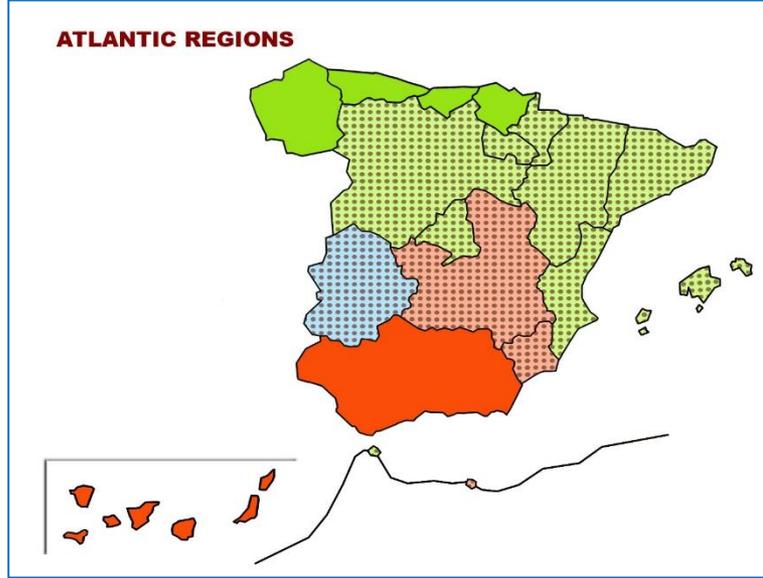
A designated territory

An integrated territorial development strategy

A specific problem/challenge to be addressed

Governance arrangements to manage the ITI

- Thematic scope:**
- TO 1: R&D&innovation
 - TO 2: ICT
 - TO 3: Competitiveness of SMEs
 - TO 4: Low carbon economy
 - TO 5: Climate change and risk prevention
 - TO 6: Environment and efficiency of resources
 - TO 7: Sustainable transport



FUND	OPERATIONAL PROGRAM
ERDF	Regional OPs: Galicia, Asturias, Cantabria, País Vasco, Canarias, Andalucía National OPs: Smart Growth, Sustainable Growth
ERDF-ETC	All
EMFF	National OP
ESF	None

PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES IN THE ACTION PLAN

Priority 1: Promote entrepreneurship and innovation

- OEA0101: sharing knowledge between higher education organisations, companies and research centres
- OEA0102: enhancement of competitiveness and innovation capacities in the maritime economy of the Atlantic area
- OEA0103: fostering adaptation and diversification of economic activities by promoting the potential of the Atlantic area

Priority 2: Protect, secure and develop the potential of the Atlantic marine and coastal environment

- OEA0201: improving maritime safety and security
- OEA0202: exploring and protecting marine waters and coastal zones
- OEA0203: sustainable management of marine resources
- OEA0204: exploitation of the renewable energy potential of the Atlantic area's marine and coastal environment

Priority 3: Improve accessibility and connectivity

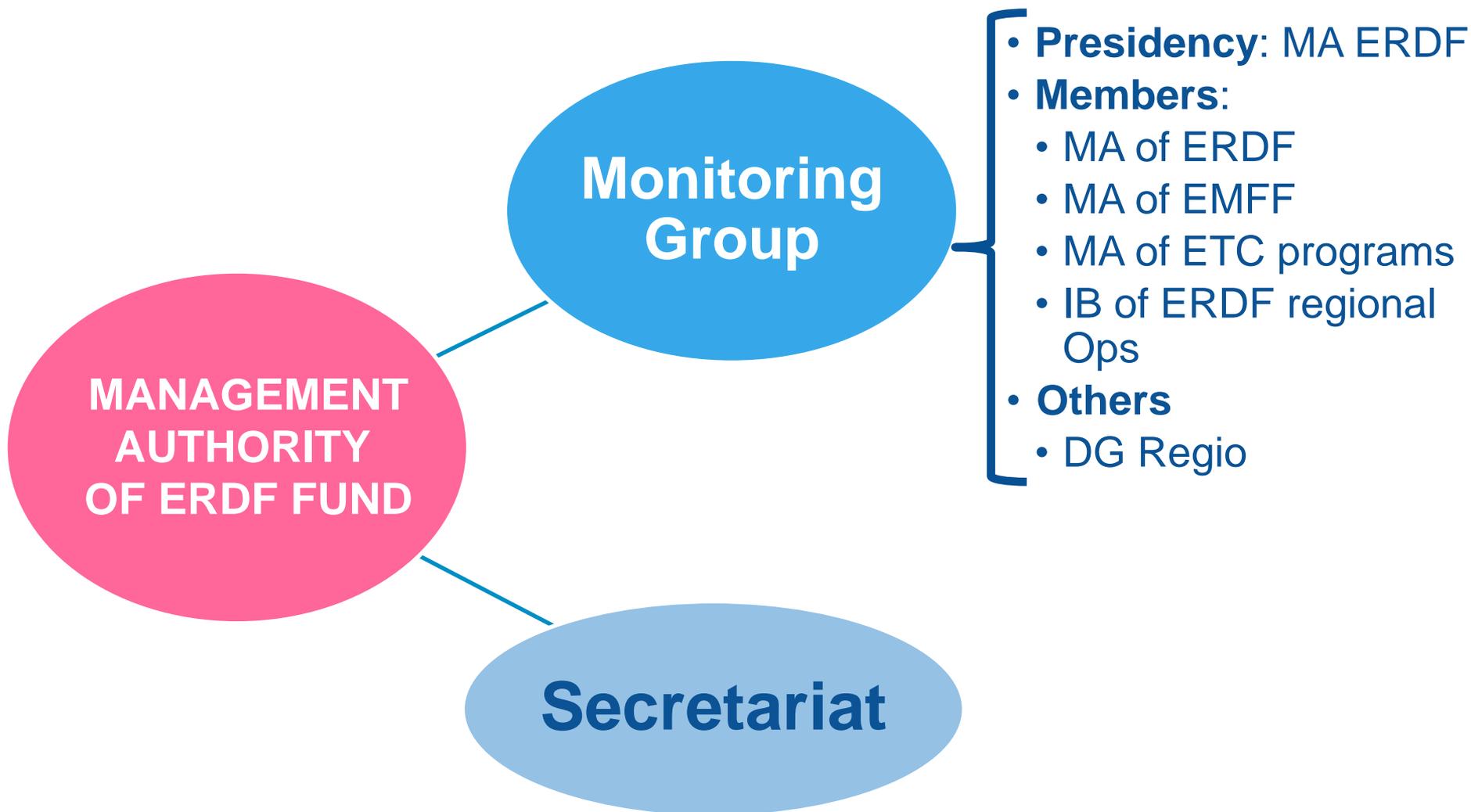
- OEA0301: promoting cooperation between ports

Priority 4: Create a socially inclusive and sustainable model of regional development

- OEA0401: fostering better knowledge of social challenges in the Atlantic area
- OEA0402: fostering better knowledge of social challenges in the Atlantic area

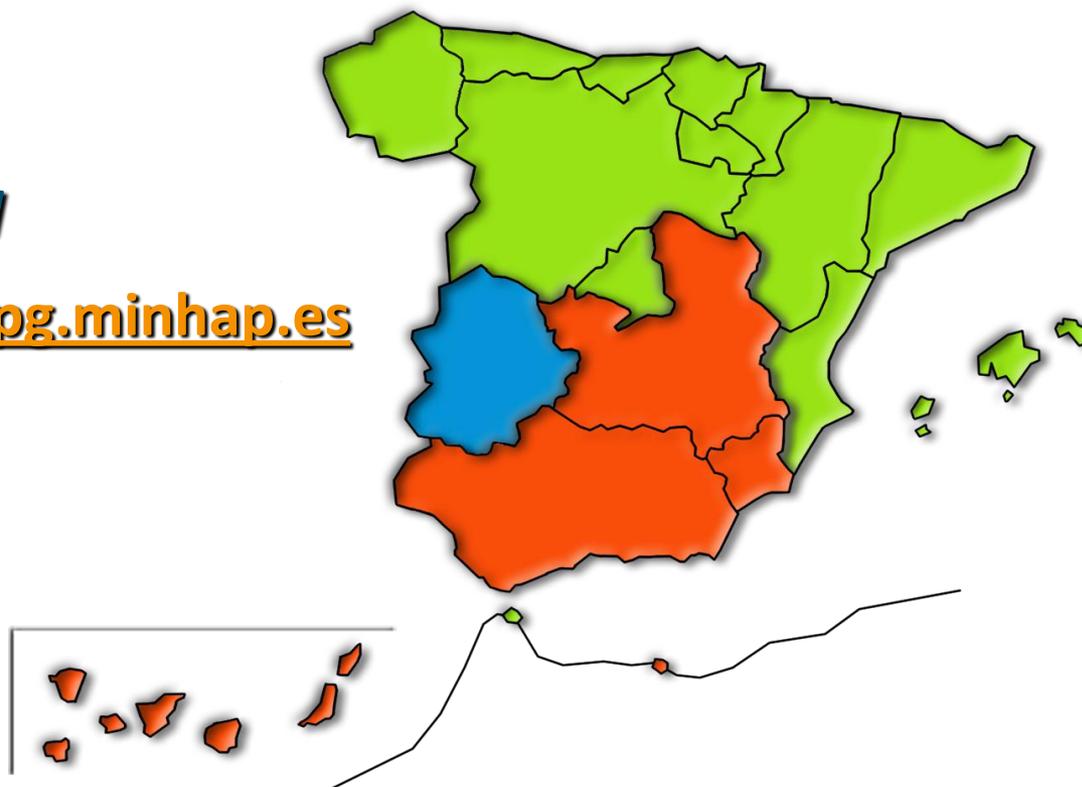
- **R&D&innovation:** R&D infrastructures in Atlantic regions.
R&D projects in marine or maritime fields.
- **ICT:** projects to improve processing, labeling, traceability and certification of fisheries and aquaculture products. Surveillance and observing mechanisms of the ocean.
- **SMEs:** projects to support SMEs in the following sectors:
 - marine sport, marinas and nautical leisure activities;
 - port services, cruise passengers;
 - cultural and natural attractions of the Atlantic seaboard;
 - tourist, coastal and underwater cultural attractions and maritime heritage sites, with archaeological, ecological or historical value .
- **Low carbon economy:** interconnections of electrical systems in the Canary Islands. R&D in the field of renewable energies.
- **Risk management and climate change:** risk management projects, actions to address climate change → to enhance safety and security of coastal populations and ecosystems.
- **Natural resources and environment:** natural, cultural and touristic heritage projects. Water treatment projects.
- **Sustainable transport:** projects on ports

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Thank you

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