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#### PART A

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## Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

Note: this report covers the year 2021 where programme performance continued to be significantly affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. For a maritime based programme, there were added complexities due to restrictions faced by projects on joint working across the sea border. Whilst the Joint Secretariat (JS) has adopted a flexible approach to providing pro-active hands on assistance to project partners, inevitably some implementation delays are still occurring which are affecting expenditure profiles and progression against indicators. The Managing Authority (MA) and JS are continuing to carefully monitor the situation as the implementation cycle progresses and the JS is working closely with projects to identify and react to any issues which arise. Comments on forecast performance should be considered in the context of the impacts of the ongoing pandemic.

The programme has faced the dual challenges of the pandemic and the issues surrounding the UK's exit from the EU, but has continued to perform effectively and made significant progress. The Programme increased commitment levels to €84.4m by the end of 2021 due, in the main, to the approval of two more projects in PA 3. The progress made in accelerating take up of resources in PA 3 has left the programme with a good balance of commitment across the operational Priority Axes.

At the end of December 2021:

- 24 operations formally approved (figure includes TA project)
- €84.4m ERDF committed\*
- 107% of the ERDF allocation for the Programme committed\*

Ten operations have been approved under PA1 (Cross-Border Innovation), seven approved under PA2 (Climate change), six approved under PA3 (Cultural and Natural Resources and Heritage), and one in PA 4 (Technical Assistance).

\*Given the stage of programme implementation which had been reached, the PMC was informed at its meeting in November 2021 that the MA had agreed with its operational partners in Ireland, that the JS should conduct a specific exercise working closely with all approved project Lead Partners to take a critical look at expenditure projections so that an up to date forecast could be made. As a result the JS forecast a likely decommitment of €3.6m, which would reduce final programme expenditure to €80.8m, which equates to approximately 102% of programme allocation. The position would be monitored rigorously by the MA and JS as implementation continued into 2022 and beyond. The MA, in partnership with colleagues in Ireland, would keep under review the position regarding overcommitting funding beyond 100% of the total programme allocation.

A detailed programme situation paper was submitted to the PMC in November 2021. This reported good progress against the range of programme indicators and in particular, the Performance Framework, which the PMC noted were well on target to be met and largely exceeded. Thirteen of the nineteen Priority Axes indicators were expected to meet or exceed targets.

Joint operations approved, as at the end of December 2021, are supporting 741 enterprises.

The achievement at December 2021 of 271 enterprises and research institutions cooperating in research and innovation projects exceeds the target set for the programme.

Operations are forecast to support 78 organisations working in partnership to enhance the marine and coastal environment.

34 coastal communities were supported to enhance cultural, natural or heritage tourism along the coasts of the cross-border region by December 2021.

More than 100% of the job creation target has been achieved by approved operations at the end of December 2021.

Section 3.2 shows the progress made against the Programme's indicator targets for each Priority Axis.

#### Programme Meetings

The PMC met once in 2021:

PMC11-26th November 2021-via Microsoft Teams. PMC welcomed progress with implementation, including commitment, level of expenditure and the suite of indicators. The MA presented additional financial information relating to an exercise conducted by JS as noted above to analyse data for all approved projects to provide a forecast on monies likely to return to the programme via under-spends. PMC noted marginal over commitment with the current forecast that circa €3.5 million could be returned to the programme allowing the two PA 3 projects in the pipeline at the time, to be formally approved at the amounts requested.

#### Communications

The Ireland-Wales website has had 10,109 visitors and the Ireland-Wales Twitter account (@IrelandWales) has gained 1,665 followers, an increase of 11% compared to numbers reported last year.

Successful promotional campaigns have been run on the Ireland-Wales Twitter account celebrating achievements including:

- St Patricks Day (17 March) English / Welsh tweets highlighting the achievements of newer projects in the programme including a link to the new Ireland and Wales joint action plan creating 9,323 impressions.
- Europe Day (9 May), raising awareness of the benefits of Ireland-Wales projects collaborating to address economic, environmental and social challenges, which created 8,094 impressions. The campaign was coordinated in collaboration with Ireland-Wales projects, with a consistent approach with all projects linking to their social media activity.

Two Ireland Wales project announcements were made during 2021 with announcements published on Twitter @IrelandWales and @Wefowales as well as the Ireland Wales website. These are as follows:

- £2m EU funds awarded to the 'Healthy Oats' research project, led by University College Dublin, in partnership with Aberystwyth University, Swansea University and Teagasc promoting the economic and environmental benefits of oats as a crop and as a healthy food product.
- Additional £1.5m EU funds for the Celtic Routes tourism project, encouraging travellers to visit Ireland and Wales, to extend the project until 2023.

Ministerial PR opportunities that have been generated including the Deputy Minister for Climate Change providing an online opening address to attendees at the Bluefish launch Conference on 25 June 2021.

Recent examples of our support and assistance with project leads and partners on their own PR related to project milestones or project events include:

- Arranging Ministerial quotes for the press release and promotion via the Ireland-Wales twitter channel for CCAT's second virtual knowledge sharing event, aimed at sharing best practice and experience in coastal management, climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Arranging Ministerial quotes and promotion via the Ireland Wales twitter channel and for the press release on the collaboration between META and SELKIE to successfully deploy a new tool to increase understanding of the effect of tidal streams for the renewable marine energy industry.

In Ireland, operational partners in the Southern Regional Assembly regularly retweet activity from the projects and the Ireland Wales account. Newsletters/press releases/notification of webinars from the projects are also uploaded on to the SRA website.

#### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

### **3.1 Overview of the implementation**

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
PA1	Cross-Border Innovation	A commitment level of 106% has been allocated to ten operations under the Priority (€33.46m of EU funds) by the end of 2021. There were no new operations approved during 2021 and there were no proposals in the pipeline or in business planning for the Priority.
		As previously reported, the Covid-19 outbreak has led to a challenging period for all ESIF Programmes and for ETC Programmes such as Ireland Wales where there are obvious added complexities due to the cross-border nature of activity. The MA and JS are continuing to carefully monitor the situation as the implementation cycle progresses and the JS is working closely with projects to identify and react to any issues which arise.
PA2	Adaptation of the Irish Sea and Coastal Communities to Climate Change	A commitment level of 110% has been allocated to seven operations under the Priority (€30.60m of EU funds) by the end of 2021. There were no new operations approved during 2021 and there were no proposals in the pipeline or in business planning for the Priority.
		As previously reported, the Covid-19 outbreak has led to a challenging period for all ESIF Programmes and for ETC Programmes such as Ireland Wales where there are obvious added complexities due to the cross-border nature of activity. The MA and JS are continuing to carefully monitor the situation as the implementation cycle progresses and the JS is working closely with projects to identify and react to any issues which arise.
PA3	Cultural and Natural Resources and Heritage	A commitment level of 96% has been allocated to six operations under the Priority (€14.5m of EU funds) by the end of 2021. Two cross border operations were approved in 2021; CUPHAT (Coastal Uplands Heritage and Tourism) – aims to promote sustainable tourism in the coastal uplands that border the Irish sea, and PORTALIS – aims to improve engagement of our coastal communities in addressing existing knowledge gaps, creating new knowledge exchange and solidifying shared scientific and cultural understanding in order to increase the appeal of these joint regions to citizens, enterprise and in doing so increase visitor numbers.
		There were no proposals in the pipeline or in business planning for the Priority.
		As previously reported, the Covid-19 outbreak has led to a challenging period for all ESIF Programmes and for ETC Programmes such as Ireland Wales where there are obvious added complexities due to the cross-border nature of activity. The MA and JS are continuing to carefully monitor the situation as the implementation cycle progresses and the JS is working closely with projects to identify and react to any issues which arise.
PA4	Technical Assistance	By end 2021 around 97% of the total allocation available remained committed to one operation under the Priority. This operation is to enable WEFO and the Southern Regional Assembly to manage and implement the delivery of the Programme. The operation continued to progress during 2021, with indicators reported broadly in line with forecast,

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant						
		problems and steps taken to address these problems						
		as detailed on page 16 of this report, and spend currently just over 32% of the committed funds. Both have been actively monitored, and the operation supported the Joint Secretariat during 2021 in the following activities:						
		<ul> <li>Post approval monitoring and visits;</li> <li>Completing Funding Decision Reports;</li> <li>Preparing documentation for PSC members' decision;</li> <li>Drafting Offer Letters;</li> <li>Working with Lead Partners to finalise business plans/Phase 2 funding;</li> <li>Supporting the Managing Authority</li> </ul>						

#### 3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

#### Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	PA1 - Cross-Border Innovation
Investment	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in
priority	particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation,
	networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions,
	advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering
	investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services

#### Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA1.1b

(1) ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	Enterprises	1,200.00	425.00	
S CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	Enterprises	1,200.00	741.00	
F CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	1,200.00	425.00	
S CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	1,200.00	741.00	
F CO08	Productive investment: Employment increase in supported enterprises	Full time equivalents	35.00	34.00	
S CO08	Productive investment: Employment increase in supported enterprises	Full time equivalents	35.00	76.00	
F CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	70.00	259.00	
S CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	70.00	236.00	
F CO27	Research, Innovation: Private investment matching public support in innovation or R&D projects	EUR	791,984.00	4,668,580.00	
S CO27	Research, Innovation: Private investment matching public support in innovation or R&D projects	EUR	791,984.00	1,138,000.00	
F CO28	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the market products	Enterprises	30.00	31.00	
S CO28	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the market products	Enterprises	30.00	40.00	
F CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	Enterprises	600.00	87.00	
S CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	Enterprises	600.00	194.00	
F CO41	Productive investment: Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Enterprises	50.00	277.00	
S CO41	Productive investment: Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Enterprises	50.00	220.00	
F CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	45.00	18.00	
S CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	45.00	28.00	
F PS01	Number of new or enhanced cross-border innovation networks	Networks	6.00	7.00	
S PS01	Number of new or enhanced cross-border innovation networks	Networks	6.00	11.00	
F PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	Completed pilot projects	3.00	3.00	
S PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	Completed pilot projects	3.00	3.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	329.00	259.00	89.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	719.00	738.00	598.00	479.00	341.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	329.00	259.00	89.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	719.00	738.00	598.00	479.00	341.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO08	Productive investment: Employment increase in supported enterprises	18.00	11.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO08	Productive investment: Employment increase in supported enterprises	75.00	61.00	57.00	47.00	21.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	109.00	75.00	46.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	213.00	62.00	60.00	60.00	46.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO27	Research, Innovation: Private investment matching public support in innovation or R&D projects	558,000.00	558,000.00	9,203.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO27	Research, Innovation: Private investment matching public support in innovation or R&D projects	1,138,000.00	658,000.00	558,000.00	558,000.00	558,000.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO28	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the market products	20.00	15.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO28	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the market products	39.00	25.00	22.00	20.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	45.00	30.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	191.00	164.00	161.00	141.00	72.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO41	Productive investment: Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	115.00	75.00	46.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO41	Productive investment: Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	197.00	62.00	66.00	54.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	14.00	12.00	17.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	24.00	22.00	20.00	18.00	14.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS01	Number of new or enhanced cross-border innovation networks	4.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS01	Number of new or enhanced cross-border innovation networks	10.00	9.00	8.00	6.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	PA1 - Cross-Border Innovation
Investment	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in
priority	particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation,
	networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions,
	advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering
	investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services
Specific	SO1 - To increase the intensity of knowledge transfer collaborations involving research organisations and SMEs in line with the shared priorities of the smart specialisation
objective	strategies

#### **Table 1: Result indicators - PA1.1b.SO1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement	Baseline value	Baseline	Target value	2021	2021	Observations
		unit		year	(2023) Total	Total	Qualitative	
RI01	Levels of investment in R&D and innovation arising from cross-boder collaboration in shared priorities as specified in smart specialisation strategies	TBC	0.00		0.00			
RI01A	Levels of investment in R&D and innovation arising from cross-border collaboration in shared priorities as specified in smart specialisation strategies	% increase	1,493,568,970.00	2015	1.00			
RI01B	Business spend on R&D (BERD)	% increase	2,451,253,000.00	2013	0.20			Data not yet available for 2021. Data for Wales for 2018 and 2019 converted from Sterling to Euros based on £1/€1.17 and at £1/€1.1 for 2020.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020	2019 Total	2019	2018 Total	2018	2017	2017
			Qualitative		Qualitative		Qualitative	Total	Qualitative
RI01	Levels of investment in R&D and innovation arising from cross-boder								
	collaboration in shared priorities as specified in smart specialisation strategies								
RI01A	Levels of investment in R&D and innovation arising from cross-border					120,700,038.00			
	collaboration in shared priorities as specified in smart specialisation strategies								
RI01B	Business spend on R&D (BERD)	3,934,565,000.00		3,798,005,000.00		3,282,018,000.00			

ID	Indicator	2016	2016	2015	2015	2014	2014
		Total	Qualitative	Total	Qualitative	Total	Qualitative
RI01	Levels of investment in R&D and innovation arising from cross-boder collaboration in shared priorities as specified in smart						
	specialisation strategies						
RI01A	Levels of investment in R&D and innovation arising from cross-border collaboration in shared priorities as specified in smart						
	specialisation strategies						
RI01B	Business spend on R&D (BERD)						

Priority axis	PA2 - Adaptation of the Irish Sea and Coastal Communities to Climate Change
Investment priority	5a - Supporting investment for adaptation to climate change, including ecosystem-based approaches

#### Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA2.5a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	10.00	24.00	
S	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	10.00	23.00	
F	PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	Completed pilot projects	2.00	0.00	
S	PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	Completed pilot projects	2.00	1.00	
F	PS03	Number of new awareness raising initiatives targeting coastal communities	Awareness raising initiatives	60.00	70.00	
S	PS03	Number of new awareness raising initiatives targeting coastal communities	Awareness raising initiatives	60.00	99.00	
F	PS04	Number of organisations cooperating in enhancing the marine and coastal environment	Organisations	24.00	63.00	
S	PS04	Number of organisations cooperating in enhancing the marine and coastal environment	Organisations	24.00	78.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	18.00	12.00	15.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	23.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS03	Number of new awareness raising initiatives targeting coastal communities	40.00	17.00	16.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS03	Number of new awareness raising initiatives targeting coastal communities	99.00	75.00	56.00	44.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS04	Number of organisations cooperating in enhancing the marine and coastal environment	53.00	26.00	23.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS04	Number of organisations cooperating in enhancing the marine and coastal environment	78.00	54.00	47.00	37.00	4.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>(1)</sup> S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	PA2 - Adaptation of the Irish Sea and Coastal Communities to Climate Change
Investment priority	5a - Supporting investment for adaptation to climate change, including ecosystem-based approaches
Specific objective	SO2 - To increase capacity and knowledge of Climate Change adaptation for the Irish sea and coastal communities

#### **Table 1: Result indicators - PA2.5a.SO2**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline	Baseline	Target value (2023)	2021	2021	Observations
			value	year	Total	Total	Qualitative	
RI02	Levels of knowledge of adaptation to climate change amongst communities and businesses	TBC	0.00		0.00			
RI02A	Levels of knowledge of adaptation to climate change amongst communities and businesses	% of communities and businesses	64.00	2015	70.00			Data not yet available for 2019 / 2020 / 2021.

ID	Indicator	2020	2020	2019	2019	2018	2018	2017	2017
		Total	Qualitative	Total	Qualitative	Total	Qualitative	Total	Qualitative
RI02	Levels of knowledge of adaptation to climate change amongst communities and								
	businesses								
RI02A	Levels of knowledge of adaptation to climate change amongst communities and					59.00			
	businesses								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI02	Levels of knowledge of adaptation to climate change amongst communities and businesses	0.00		64.00		0.00	
RI02A	Levels of knowledge of adaptation to climate change amongst communities and businesses			64.00			

Priority axis	PA3 - Cultural and Natural Resources and Heritage
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

#### Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA3.6c

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	CO08	Productive investment: Employment increase in supported enterprises	Full time equivalents	10.00	0.00	
S	CO08	Productive investment: Employment increase in supported enterprises	Full time equivalents	10.00	8.00	
F	PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	Completed pilot projects	2.00	0.00	
S	PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	Completed pilot projects	2.00	0.00	
F	PS05	Number of new tourism networks promoting cultural, natural or heritage assets	Cross-border networks	12.00	2.00	
S	PS05	Number of new tourism networks promoting cultural, natural or heritage assets	Cross-border networks	12.00	14.00	
F	PS06	Number of coastal communities participating in cross-border cooperation around cultural, natural or heritage tourism	Communities	20.00	11.00	
S	PS06	Number of coastal communities participating in cross-border cooperation around cultural, natural or heritage tourism	Communities	20.00	34.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO08	Productive investment: Employment increase in supported enterprises	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO08	Productive investment: Employment increase in supported enterprises	8.00	8.00	6.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS02	Number of pilot projects completed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS05	Number of new tourism networks promoting cultural, natural or heritage assets	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS05	Number of new tourism networks promoting cultural, natural or heritage assets	14.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS06	Number of coastal communities participating in cross-border cooperation around cultural, natural or heritage tourism	11.00	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS06	Number of coastal communities participating in cross-border cooperation around cultural, natural or heritage tourism	34.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>(1)</sup> S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	PA3 - Cultural and Natural Resources and Heritage
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
Specific objective	SO3 - To sustainably realise the potential of natural and cultural assets in increasing visitor numbers to coastal communities in the Programme area

#### **Table 1: Result indicators - PA3.6c.SO3**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline	Baseline	Target value (2023)	2021	2021	Observations
			value	year	Total	Total	Qualitative	
RI03	Total number of overseas visitors to the coastal	Number of overseas	6,902,000.00	2012	7,040,040.00			Latest data relates to 2017 as this is the latest year for
	communities of the Programme area	visitors						which data are available.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
RI03	Total number of overseas visitors to the coastal communities of the Programme area							10,483,492.00	

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI03	Total number of overseas visitors to the coastal communities of the Programme area			6,902,000.00		6,902,000.00	

#### Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis PA4 - Technical Assistance	Priority axis	PA4 - Technical Assistance
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#### Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA4. Technical Assistance

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	PS07	Number of training events held	Training Events	4.00	3.00	
S	PS07	Number of training events held	Training Events	4.00	4.00	
F	PS08	Number of project visits and participations in project events by JS	Project visits	300.00	103.00	
S	PS08	Number of project visits and participations in project events by JS	Project visits	300.00	300.00	
F	PS09	Number of PMC meetings	PMC meetings	14.00	9.00	
S	PS09	Number of PMC meetings	PMC meetings	14.00	15.00	
F	PS10	Number of press releases	Press releases	10.00	9.00	
S	PS10	Number of press releases	Press releases	10.00	10.00	·
F	PS11	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number of FTEs		11.00	
S	PS11	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number of FTEs		11.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	PS07	Number of training events held	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS07	Number of training events held	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS08	Number of project visits and participations in project events by JS	87.00	80.00	49.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS08	Number of project visits and participations in project events by JS	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS09	Number of PMC meetings	9.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS09	Number of PMC meetings	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS10	Number of press releases	9.00	9.00	9.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS10	Number of press releases	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
F	PS11	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00
S	PS11	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>(1)</sup> S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

## 3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2021	Observations
PA1	F	FI01	Total amount of eligible expenditure entered into the accounting system of the certifying authority and certified by the authority	EUR	4,751,906	39,599,224.00	20,939,956.19	
PA1	I	IS01	Number of projects approved with enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Number of projects	5		7.00	
PA1	0	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	0	70.00	259.00	
PA2	F	FI02	Total amount of eligible expenditure entered into the accounting system of the certifying authority and certified by the authority	EUR	4,157,919	34,649,320.00	21,794,302.06	
PA2	I	IS02	Number of projects approved with organisations cooperating on a cross-border basis to enhance the marine and coastal environment	Number of projects	4		7.00	
PA2	0	PS04	Number of organisations cooperating in enhancing the marine and coastal environment	Organisations	0	24.00	63.00	
PA3	F	FI03	Total amount of eligible expenditure entered into the accounting system of the certifying authority and certified by the authority	EUR	2,257,156	18,809,632.00	3,609,892.25	
PA3	I	IS03	Number of projects approved involving coastal communities participating in cross-border cooperation around cultural, natural or heritage tourism	Number of projects	4		4.00	
PA3	О	PS06	Number of coastal communities participating in cross-border cooperation around cultural, natural or heritage tourism	Communities	0	20.00	11.00	

Priority	Ind	ID	Indicator	Measurement	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
axis	type			unit					
PA1	F	FI01	Total amount of eligible expenditure entered into the accounting system of the certifying authority and certified by the authority	EUR	14,480,306.82	9,006,383.83	4,913,090.51	254,355.00	0.00
PA1	Ι	IS01	Number of projects approved with enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Number of projects	6.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	0.00
PA1	0	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	109.00	75.00	46.00	11.00	0.00
PA2	F	FI02	Total amount of eligible expenditure entered into the accounting system of the certifying authority and certified by the authority	EUR	15,655,422.34	7,434,318.06	3,850,163.37	199,653.00	0.00
PA2	I	IS02	Number of projects approved with organisations cooperating on a cross-border basis to enhance the marine and coastal environment	Number of projects	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	0.00
PA2	0	PS04	Number of organisations cooperating in enhancing the marine and coastal environment	Organisations	53.00	26.00	23.00	15.00	0.00
PA3	F	FI03	Total amount of eligible expenditure entered into the accounting system of the certifying authority and certified by the authority	EUR	702,704.00	290,044.32	12,628.00	0.00	0.00
PA3	Ι	IS03	Number of projects approved involving coastal communities participating in cross-border cooperation around cultural, natural or heritage tourism	Number of projects	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	0.00
PA3	О	PS06	Number of coastal communities participating in cross-border cooperation around cultural, natural or heritage tourism	Communities	11.00	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2015	2014
PA1	F	FI01	Total amount of eligible expenditure entered into the accounting system of the certifying authority and certified by the authority	EUR	0.00	0.00
PA1	I	IS01	Number of projects approved with enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Number of projects	0.00	0.00
PA1	О	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	0.00	0.00
PA2	F	FI02	Total amount of eligible expenditure entered into the accounting system of the certifying authority and certified by the authority	EUR	0.00	0.00
PA2	I	IS02	Number of projects approved with organisations cooperating on a cross-border basis to enhance the marine and coastal environment	Number of projects	0.00	0.00
PA2	О	PS04	Number of organisations cooperating in enhancing the marine and coastal environment	Organisations	0.00	0.00
PA3	F	FI03	Total amount of eligible expenditure entered into the accounting system of the certifying authority and certified by the authority	EUR	0.00	0.00
PA3	I	IS03	Number of projects approved involving coastal communities participating in cross-border cooperation around cultural, natural or heritage tourism	Number of projects	0.00	0.00
PA3	О	PS06	Number of coastal communities participating in cross-border cooperation around cultural, natural or heritage tourism	Communities	0.00	0.00

#### 3.4. Financial data

#### Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co- financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
PA1	ERDF	Total	39,599,224.00	80.00	41,768,757.69	105.48%	40,746,008.84	22,215,988.64	56.10%	10
PA2	ERDF	Total	34,649,320.00	80.00	38,281,710.00	110.48%	37,359,767.00	22,843,764.02	65.93%	7
PA3	ERDF	Total	18,809,632.00	80.00	12,854,176.00	68.34%	12,577,783.00	3,609,892.25	19.19%	4
PA4	ERDF	Total	5,939,883.00	80.00	5,735,197.00	96.55%	5,735,197.00	1,913,059.95	32.21%	1
Total	ERDF		98,998,059.00	80.00	98,639,840.69	99.64%	96,418,755.84	50,582,704.86	51.09%	22
Grand			98,998,059.00	80.00	98,639,840.69	99.64%	96,418,755.84	50,582,704.86	51.09%	22
total										

Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)

Not applicable to the Programme

Not applicable to the Programme.		

#### Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
PA1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		02	UKL12	1,181,142.61	1,174,459.24	1,181,142.61	1
PA1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		11	IE021	4,429,295.00	4,429,295.00	2,818,422.93	1
PA1	ERDF	062	01	03	07	01		03	IE021	2,733,197.00	2,733,197.00	0.00	1
PA1	ERDF	062	01	05	07	01		22	IE024	1,460,728.00	1,460,728.00	302,683.32	1
PA1	ERDF	062	01	05	07	01		22	IE025	5,270,000.00	5,085,000.00	772,843.21	1
PA1	ERDF	064	01	01	07	01		24	IE021	1,146,174.72	916,939.07	1,146,174.72	1
PA1	ERDF	064	01	03	07	01		02	IE024	2,259,966.00	2,259,966.00	1,804,102.02	1
PA1	ERDF	064	01	05	07	01		20	UKL18	18,829,450.00	18,234,843.00	10,321,113.08	1
PA1	ERDF	064	01	05	07	01		24	UKL14	4,458,804.36	4,451,581.53	3,869,506.75	2
PA2	ERDF	087	01	01	07	05		22	IE021	1,590,573.00	1,551,579.00	984,621.09	1
PA2	ERDF	087	01	01	07	05		22	IE023	6,093,417.00	6,093,417.00	3,931,714.51	1
PA2	ERDF	087	01	05	07	05		02	IE024	5,410,225.00	5,410,225.00	2,165,800.44	1
PA2	ERDF	087	01	05	07	05		02	UKL12	6,472,214.00	6,263,840.00	5,861,937.91	1
PA2	ERDF	087	01	05	07	05		22	IE021	9,181,249.00	9,181,249.00	4,829,887.36	1
PA2	ERDF	087	01	05	07	05		22	UKL12	3,359,476.00	3,014,705.00	1,096,646.73	1
PA2	ERDF	087	01	05	07	05		22	UKL14	6,174,556.00	5,844,752.00	3,973,155.98	1
PA3	ERDF	091	01	02	07	06		23	UKL14	3,905,034.00	3,905,034.00	1,430,948.80	1
PA3	ERDF	091	01	05	07	06		23	IE024	3,249,536.00	3,249,536.00	1,047,864.12	1
PA3	ERDF	091	01	05	07	06		23	UKL14	2,373,657.00	2,175,050.00	581,832.27	1
PA3	ERDF	094	01	01	07	06		24	IE025	3,325,949.00	3,248,163.00	549,247.06	1
PA4	ERDF	121	01	07	07			18	UKL1	5,735,197.00	5,735,197.00	1,913,059.95	1

Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area

1.	2. The amount of ERDF	3. Share of the total financial	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF	5. Share of the total financial
Operation	support(1) envisaged to be	allocation to all or part of an	support incurred in all or part	allocation to all or part of an
(2)	used for all or part of an	operation located outside the	of an operation implemented	operation located outside the
	operation implemented	Union part of the programme	outside the Union part of the	Union part of the programme
	outside the Union part of the	area (%) (column 2/total amount	programme area declared by	area (%) (column 4/total amount
	programme area based on	allocated to the support from the	the beneficiary to the managing	allocated to the support from the
	selected operations	ERDF at programme level *100)	authority	ERDF at programme level *100)
Catalyst	9,478.72	0.01%	24,043.73	0.03%

<sup>(1)</sup> ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

<sup>(2)</sup> In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

#### 4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

As mentioned in the previous AIR, the <u>Ireland Wales Territorial Cooperation Programme 2014 to 2020:</u> <u>mid-term evaluation</u> was published in May 2020. The recommendations that came out of the evaluation can be found in last year's AIR.

#### 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

#### (a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

Note: this report covers the year 2021 where programme performance continued to be significantly affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. For a maritime based programme, there were added complexities due to restrictions faced by projects on joint working across the sea border. Whilst the Joint Secretariat (JS) has adopted a flexible approach to providing pro-active hands on assistance to project partners, inevitably some implementation delays are still occurring which are affecting expenditure profiles and progression against indicators. The Managing Authority (MA) and JS are continuing to carefully monitor the situation as the implementation cycle progresses and the JS is working closely with projects to identify and react to any issues which arise. Comments on forecast performance should be considered in the context of the impacts of the on-going pandemic.

The programme has faced the dual challenges of the pandemic and the issues surrounding the UK's exit from the EU, but has continued to perform effectively and made significant progress. The Programme increased commitment levels to €84.4m by the end of 2021 due, in the main to the approval of two more projects in PA 3. The progress made in accelerating take up of resources in PA 3 has left the programme with a good balance of commitment across the operational Priority Axes.

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(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

#### 6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

#### 8.1. Major projects

#### **Table 7: Major projects**

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I	roject CO	I Status of	Total	Total	Planned	Date of tacit	it agreement/	Planned s	start of	Planned	Priority Ax	is/ Current state of realisation -	<ul> <li>financial progress (% of</li> </ul>	Current state of realisation — physical progre	ss Main	Date of signature of first	Observations
	.,			oligible goete	notification/submission date			implementati		completion date							
		IVII	investments	engible costs	notification/submission date	approvar by Co	Jiiiiiissioii	impiementati	ion	completion date	investment priorities	expenditure certified to Commiss	sion compared to total engine	Main implementation stage of the project	outputs	works contract (1)	
												cost)					

(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

#### Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them

Not applicable to the Programme.

#### Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

Not applicable to the Programme.

#### 8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

Not applicable to the Programme.		

## **Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)**

Title of the	CCI Stage of implementation of	f Total elig	gible Total	public OP contribution	to Priority	Type	of [Planned] submission to the	e [Planned] start o	f [Planned]	Main outputs and	Total eligible expenditure certified to the	Observations
JAP	JAP	costs	support	JAP	axis	JAP	Commission	implementation	completion	results	Commission	

# Not applicable to the Programme.

Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation
(EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axis	PA1 - Cross-Border Innovation
Priority axis	PA2 - Adaptation of the Irish Sea and Coastal Communities to Climate Change
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Priority axis	PA3 - Cultural and Natural Resources and Heritage
Priority axis	PA4 - Technical Assistance
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9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

## 9.3. Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

# 9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

Priority axis	Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)	Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)
PA2	30,625,369.10	110.48%
Total	30,625,369.10	38.67%

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9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Ro	egulation
(EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)	)

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

10. OBLIGATORY	<b>INFORMATION</b> A	AND ASSESSMENT	ACCORDING TO	) <b>ARTICLE</b> 14(4),
<b>SUBPARAGRAPH 1</b>	(a) AND (b), OF R	EGULATION (EU) N	o 1299/2013	

10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations

Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)

10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme

11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF

# As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS: All three operational Priorities have some alignment with the Atlantic Strategy and its Action Plan although clearly the geographical reach of the Ireland Wales cross-border programme covers only part of the Sea

11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

Basin territory.

The Programme's selection process requires an assessment of the extent that joint operations fit with each of its mine selection pritorie. These are smilt into three core criterie analysed at a Cotayyay 1 stage and a first han

its nine selection criteria. These are split into three core criteria analysed at a Gateway 1 stage and a further six selection criteria analysed at Gateway 2 – detailed business planning stage. One of the three core criteria addresses strategic fit including an assessment of the alignment of the cross-border operation with the Atlantic Strategy, where this is relevant.

Ш	EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
	EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
	EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
	EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)

#### ATLSBS

### **Priority(s)** and objective(s) that the programme is relevant to:

	Priority	Objective		
$\overline{\checkmark}$	1 - Promote entrepreneurship and innovation	1.1 - Sharing knowledge between higher education		
		organisations, companies and research centers		
$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	1 - Promote entrepreneurship and innovation	1.2 - Enhancement of competitiveness and innovation		
		capacities in the maritime economy of the Atlantic area		
	1 - Promote entrepreneurship and innovation	1.3 - Fostering adaptation and diversification of		
		economic activities by promoting the potential of the		
		Atlantic area		
	2 - Protect, secure and develop the potential of	2.1 - Improving maritime safety and security		
	the Atlantic marine and coastal environment			
	2 - Protect, secure and develop the potential of	2.2 - Exploring and protecting marine waters and coastal		
	the Atlantic marine and coastal environment	zones		
	2 - Protect, secure and develop the potential of	2.3 - Sustainable management of marine resources		
	the Atlantic marine and coastal environment			
$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	2 - Protect, secure and develop the potential of	2.4 - Exploitation of the renewable energy potential of		
	the Atlantic marine and coastal environment	the Atlantic area's marine and coastal environment		
	3 - Improve accessibility and connectivity	3.1 - Promoting cooperation between ports		
	4 - Create a socially inclusive and sustainable	4.1 - Fostering better knowledge of social challenges in		
	model of regional development	the Atlantic area		
$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	4 - Create a socially inclusive and sustainable	4.2 - Preserving and promoting the Atlantic's cultural		
	model of regional development	heritage		

A. Are the Sea Basin Strategic coordinators (mainly National Coordinators, Priority Area Coordinators or members, and/or Objective coordinators or members) participating in the Monitoring Committee of the programme?
Yes □ No ☑
B. In selection criteria, have extra points been attributed to specific measures supporting the ATLSBS?
Yes □ No ☑
C. Has the programme invested EU funds in the ATLSBS?
Yes □ No ☑
Does your programme plan to invest in the EUSAIR in the future? Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)
Currently, there are no plans to invest in ATLSBS
D. Obtained results in relation to the ATLSRS (n.a. for 2016)

Actions or mechanisms used to better link the programme with the Atlantic SBS

n.a.

#### 13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

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## 14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

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