

MOSES

Maritime, Ocean Sector and Ecosystem Sustainability: fostering blue growth in Atlantic industries

MOSES is an EU multinational research project involving eight partners representing the five member states of the Atlantic Area.

MOSES seeks to understand and quantify the sustainability dimension of Blue Growth with respect to the potential environmental impacts of key strategic marine sectors, and will result in the development of integrated marine sustainability assessment toolkits and sustainable transition plans using case studies.

PROJECT OUTLINE

In the last decade, Europe's ocean economy has received increasing policy attention, as evidenced in the publication and ongoing implementation of the EU's Blue Growth Strategy, the Atlantic Strategy and its Action Plan, the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, among others. These initiatives are all aimed at fostering the sustainable development of the EU's marine resources. The impact of current and potential human activities on marine and coastal ecosystems will therefore be a key determinant of ocean health and of the benefits received through ecosystem goods and services. With this in mind, the objective of this project is to examine the Blue Growth path for sustainable development of the major sectors operating in the Atlantic space as envisaged by the Atlantic Action Plan.

The project will build on the experience gained in the EU INTERREG Atlantic IV Project (MARNET). The programme will comprise of four major blocks, as highlighted on the right.

WORK PROGRAMME

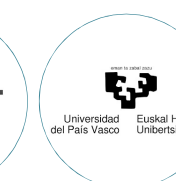
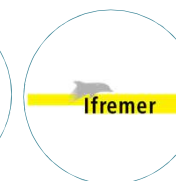
Evaluate the evolution of the Atlantic marine sectors using the MARNET framework

Examine the sectoral pressures on the Atlantic marine environment in order to identify best management practices

Assess the vulnerability of coastal and marine areas/features of the marine sector to the identified sectoral pressures

Using case studies, develop sustainable transition plans to Blue Growth for key marine sectors and test policies for efficacy to meet marine spatial planning and Marine Strategy Framework Development goals

The multinational partners of **MOSES** (universities, marine research institutions, and regional bodies) include representatives from **France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom.**



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