

## Regional Partnerships: Partner regions & cities

### In search of a Framework for Cooperation in the Atlantic Area

**Open Days Seminar by the Atlantic Alliance Consortium**

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**10.00 am – 12.30 pm**

**Fundacion Galicia Europa, Rue de la Loi 38, Brussels**

Europe's Atlantic regions across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal have been working together for many years, facilitated more recently by the EU Territorial Cooperation programmes, notably the Atlantic Area programme, in policy fields such as fisheries, transport, energy, ports and marine research.

This workshop will reflect on lessons learnt through this cooperation and will open a debate on future territorial cooperation post-2013.

**The workshop will seek to address a number of questions including:**

What has been the impact of trans-national funding in the Atlantic Area in fostering cooperation in the past and what role can it play in the future?

How can the most effective interaction between Territorial Cohesion and Integrated Maritime Policy be assured?

How can regions in the Atlantic Area best advance the application of maritime spatial planning in the EU and what are the barriers to an integrated approach?

Is the EU's Atlantic seaboard a viable space to develop a future framework for cooperation?

In doing so, the workshop will also examine the process behind new governance models for co-operation between regions, drawing heavily on the experiences of the Baltic Sea area, to determine their relevance and potential transferability to the Atlantic Area.

The aim of the workshop is to identify the most appropriate framework and tool(s) for future cooperation between regions on the Atlantic seaboard.

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**Moderator:**  
Mr. Eddy HARTOG,  
Head of Unit, Arctic and Atlantic Ocean, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

**Welcome:**  
Mr. Salvador FERNÁNDEZ MOREDA  
President, Corunna County Council

**Panellists:**  
"Overview of the future direction of territorial co-operation - a role for macro-region"  
Mr. Colin WOLFE  
Head of Unit, Territorial Cooperation, DG Regional Policy

"Challenges facing co-operation in the Atlantic Area - actions required to meet future needs"  
Ms Ana Teresa LEHMANN  
Vice-President, Norte Region

"Experiences of co-operation in the Baltic Sea - transferable lessons for the Atlantic area?"  
Professor Esko ANTOLA  
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