



Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities

SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(November 2011 – July 2013)

Saint-Nazaire, 3rd July 2013



Context and summary of Activities 2011- 2013

- **CAAC Executive Bureau CVAA of Lisbon and launch of the maritime atlantic strategy in November 2011**

Presidency of the SUD Commission by Brest métropole océane

- **Lobbying in the framework of the TEN-T revision**
- **Contribution to the Atlantic forum workshops of the European Union**
- **Support to the workshop coordinated by Saint-Nazaire: « port cities »**

Workshop dedicated to « climate change » : no activity (Cardiff)

Workshop dedicated to « sustainable mobility » and CIVITAS (Poitiers)



TEN-T :The European Commission's proposal dated 19th October 2011

“ The main goal : a core transport network to be established by 2030 to act as the backbone for transportation within the Single Market. Transport financing under the Connecting Europe Facility (for the period 2014–2020) will also focus on this core transport network, filling in cross-border missing links, removing bottlenecks and making the network smarter. “

Ports chosen to be part of the
CORE network
within neighboring countries are more evenly distributed.

Only 3 French ports selected on the long Atlantic Channel coast in France



Core		Core		Core	
	Conventional rail / Completed		High speed rail / Completed		Ports
	Conventional rail / To be upgraded		To be upgraded to high speed rail		RRT
	Conventional rail / Planned		High speed rail / Planned		



CPMR* requested for additional ports to the Core Network

* Proposal 12 February 2012



On the Atlantic area, CPMR asks to add : **Brest** and **Vigo** to the Core network

For the Atlantic area, None of these proposed ports joins the Core network,

But some others were added : **Milford Haven** and **Huelva**



Agreement between the Commission, the Council and the Parliament, dated 10 June



Improve accessibility and connectivity : One of the four priorities of the Action Plan for a Maritime Strategy in the Atlantic area

Specific objectives of the priority 3 include: promoting cooperation between ports that is facilitating the development of **ports as hubs of the blue economy** by:

- (a) facilitating upgrades of infrastructure to improve connectivity with the hinterland, enhance intermodality and promote fast turnaround of ships through measures such as provision of shore side electricity, equipping ports with liquefied natural gas refuelling capacity and tackling administrative bottlenecks;
- (b) enabling ports to diversify into new business activities such as the maintenance of offshore renewable energy installations or tourism;
- (c) analysing and promoting port networks and short-sea shipping routes between European ports, within archipelagos and to the coast of Africa through initiatives such as Motorways of the Sea to increase **seaborne traffic**.

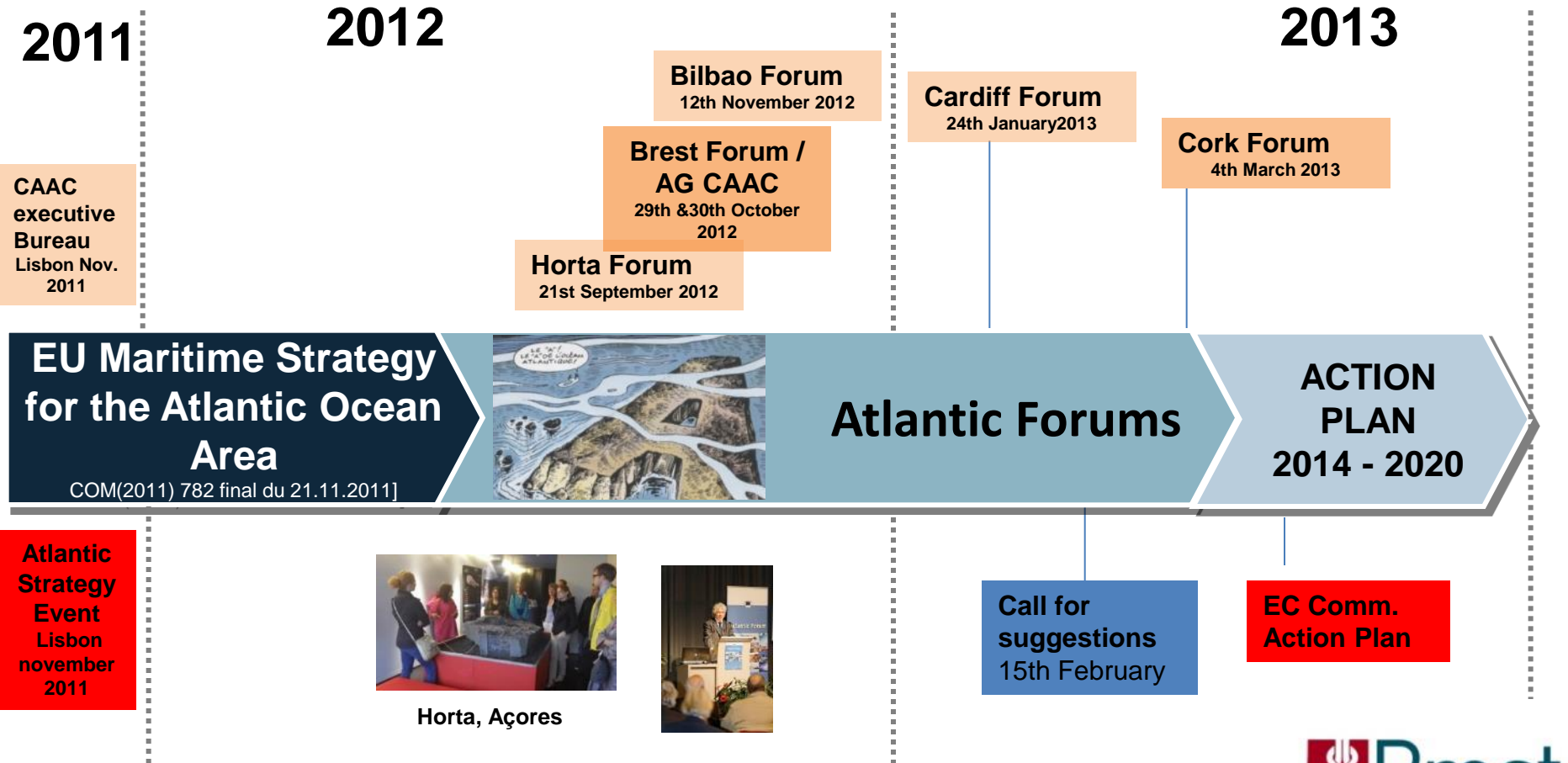


Atlantic Strategy : The C.A.A.C. at the heart of Atlantic Forums





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Horta, Açores



Brest Atlantic Forum 29 & 30 October 2012

« Our territories in the European spotlight ! »



Atlantic Forum, Brest, October, 29th – 30th 2012

« INNOVATION, A CATALYST TO REDUCE EUROPE'S CARBON FOOTPRINT »

In the context of the blue economy, part of the EU 2020 strategy, a priority will be given to its driving force: innovation facilitated by synergies between research and development activities in the marine science and technologies field on the one hand and operational applications on the other hand, in the objective to support an industrial sector.

The concentration of skills in marine research and development – Brest is relevant example – is a facilitator to meet two challenges: ensure an economic growth and comply with climate change requirements.

Based on this knowledge, could be suggested a support to the development of sustainable economic activities such as:

- Marine Renewable Energies sector, including approved technologies such as fixed wind farms or more experimental ones such as wind power floating devices, current marine turbines, wave energy devices, or Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion. It's a key industrial sector complying with the main challenges of Europe considering energy, growth and employment. This is a relevant issue for Atlantic Areas regions.
- Maritime sustainable transport, promoted by initiatives such as ships of the future, reducing energy consumption and waste emissions; the port of the future; motorways of the Sea of which various projects concern the Atlantic areas; intermodality and accessibility issues in maritime regions.
- Maritime safety and security framework, improved by technology such as the advanced ICT, help to navigation systems, satellite imaging.... This is a topic issue in various Atlantic areas coastal regions.





Atlantic Strategy & Action Plan : Undertaken actions

- Contributions to SG Mer, EP, EC...
- Involvement in the Atlantic Arc Commission (CPMR), Open Days 2012
- Application & Co-organisation of the French Atlantic Forum workshop and CAAC General Assembly on 29 & 30 October 2012
- Attendance to the other Atlantic Forum Workshops
- Speech by Mr Labbey for the CAAC to the final Cork Forum, March 2013



Atlantic Strategy & Action Plan :

Some major priorities we supported

***Our cities at the heart of innovation, « hubs of the blue growth »
For a sustainable, smart and inclusive growth***

- Promotion of innovative maritime territories networks including R&D and innovative companies support (sciences & marine technologies, MRE development, ports & diversification policies,...)
- Support to **connections** improvement between Atlantic cities (motorways of the sea) and recognition of the **Atlantic corridor** ; **support to accessibility between atlantic territories with the heart of EU**; Improvement of **land-sea interface** & support to ports sustainable development
- Support to the improvement of maritime security (aids to navigation, monitoring means, telecommunications at sea, legislative reinforcement) , environmental protection & risks management
- Promotion and development of the sailing industry, as an innovative economic industry, efficient and creating jobs, factor of attractivity and social stakeholder throught maritime and sailing education
- Promotion and development of tourism activities (cruises, maritime events)
- Support to a network of Atlantic Aquariums, cultural centres for marine sciences diffusion
- Recognition of local authorities and the expertise developed by our cooperation networks : **towards a coordinating platform for the Atlantic Maritime Strategy**



Publication of the Action Plan, 13 May 2013

4 priorities in the Action Plan for a Maritime Strategy in the Atlantic area

- Priority 1: Promote entrepreneurship and innovation
- Priority 2: Protect, secure and develop the potential of the Atlantic marine and coastal environment
- Priority 3: Improve accessibility and connectivity
- Priority 4: Create a socially inclusive and sustainable model of regional development



Growth through the development of the Blue Economy

Perspectives for 2014 - 2016 :

Brest has applied again for the presidency of the « **Sustainable development and blue growth** » commission.

Our main concerns :

- The essential role of atlantic cities in the sustainable development of EU territories
- For port cities, the sea represents a major stake of innovation, of economic and social development, of security, safety and environmental protection
- Synergies between research, training and industry and new governance models have to be supported





Sustainable Development and Blue Growth

Brest métropole océane wants to renew its commitment within the Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities, through the Presidency of one thematic commission untitled 'Sustainable Development and Blue Growth':

	Activities	Calendar
Lobbying	Follow-up of the Maritime Atlantic Strategy Action Plan	2014 - 2016
	Update on the European activities concerning sustainable development and blue growth	2014 - 2016
	Update on the international activities concerning sustainable development and blue development of the relations across the Atlantic	2014 - 2016
Working groups	Follow-up of the « Port cities » working group activities	2014 - 2016
	Follow-up of the « urban mobility » working group activities	2014 - 2016
	Invitation to join an enhancing study on our Atlantic maritime cities, as hubs of Blue Growth	2014 - 2016
European Projects	Encouraging CAAC member cities to develop European projects	2014 - 2016
	Reinforcing the involvement of the CAAC secretariat in the European projects led by member cities (communication/diffusion, for instance)	2014 - 2016
	Follow-up of running European projects	2014 - 2016



Commission Sustainable Development & Blue Growth (2014-2016) : some detailed actions

Benchmarking study on maritime territories

- Comparative study in cooperation with European partner cities/territories
- Focus on Blue Growth
- Beyond traditional maritime sectors, the study should include different components (from R&D to services related to maritime security)
- First step: Selection of the most relevant indicators

The Commission « Sustainable Development & Blue Growth » remains open to other initiatives or workshops :

- Fisheries policy / « Blue Fish » Project (Lorient)
- Renewable Marine Energies
- (...)



Thank you for your attention !

