

# Success Stories from the Atlantic

SUPPORT TEAM for the  
ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN



## MSc in Coastal & Marine Environments



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The MSc programme 'Coastal and Marine Environments: Physical Processes, Policy and Practice' is a full-time, 1 year MSc started in September 2014 which quickly became a flagship Masters' programme for NUI Galway. With 6 taught and 1 independent research dissertation module, the curriculum offers training in marine spatial planning and policy, coastal processes, coastal risk management and prevention, sampling and analytical methods as well as marine biodiversity.

This programme was established as a response to the need for an innovative programme providing students with academic qualifications addressing new coastal and marine policies at national and European levels, such as the "[Ocean Wealth](#)" programme, the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the achievement of Good Environmental Status by 2020, all of which require personnel trained in science and policy, a combination of skills rarely offered in traditional educational programmes.

### Outcomes of the project

- Successful programme attracting foreign students from EU and US ([testimonial](#)),
- Shortlisted for [Marine Industry Awards 2016](#), for "Excellence in Marine Education and Training Award,
- Improved participation of students in blue growth career events such as [SMARTskills 2015](#).

### Interact with the project

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