

Regeneration across generations

Socially Inclusive & Sustainable Development of the Atlantic Seaboard

SUPPORT TEAM for the
ATLANTIC ACTION PLAN

Atlantic Project Awards 2017 candidate



Project description

Circular Ocean is a three year project (2015-2018) aiming to inspire Communities to realise the hidden economic opportunities of discarded fishing nets and ropes in the Northern Periphery & Arctic region.

As increasing levels of marine litter is particularly pertinent to the NPA region, the Circular Ocean project will act as a catalyst to motivate and empower remote communities to develop sustainable and green business opportunities that will enhance income generation and retention within local regions.

Through transnational collaboration and eco-innovation, Circular Ocean will develop, share and test new sustainable solutions to incentivise the collection and reprocessing of discarded fishing nets and assist the movement towards a more circular economy.

Outcomes of the project

Interact with the project

- **Seabirds and marine plastic debris in the northeastern Atlantic:** A synthesis and recommendations for monitoring and research, highlighted in a motion in Scottish Parliament.
- Pilot testing using **marine litter in 3D printing**, in **waste water treatment**, and reinforcing **building materials**, to provide locally relevant, sustainable solutions.
- Creation of a '**regional showcase for circular economy innovation**' and knowledge exchange.

Lead partner



North Highland College UHI:
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