

# 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

**GREBE** will focus on the challenges of peripheral and arctic regions as places for doing business and help develop renewable energy (RE) business opportunities provided by extreme conditions. It will support successful development of SMEs and start-ups in this sector through analysis of advanced RE options, expert business mentoring, transnational models of successful growth strategies, policy analysis and information on funding mechanisms for businesses and support agencies.

Challenges including a lack of critical mass, dispersed settlements, poor accessibility and vulnerability to climate change effects are well recognised. GREBE will equip SMEs and start-ups with the skills and confidence to overcome these challenges and use place based natural assets for RE to best sustainable effect.

## Outcomes of the project

## Interact with the project

- An **Entrepreneur Enabler Scheme (EES)** was developed as a mentoring tool designed for the Renewable Energy (RE) business sector. Initially piloted in Northern Ireland with 12 diverse RE businesses were supported. The EES is currently being rolled out into other regions to support 33 additional businesses.
- An **online knowledge platform** hosting a Virtual Energy Ideas Hub where businesses can share ideas, experiences and best practice examples.

Lead partner



Western Development Commission

Social media

