

PILLAR II & PILLAR III

FOSTERING THE ATLANTIC'S BLUE ECONOMY:
SKILLS FOR MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY

This webinar addresses current and foreseen skill gaps across the four AAP Pillars and discuss how training centres are adjusting to meet these needs. Fostering the attractiveness of blue careers in Blue Schools across Europe, including vocational schools, is an important mid and long term action. At a more immediate timescale, reskilling and upskilling traditional blue economy workers will tap into valuable skills and experience while contributing to a Just Green and Digital Transition.

Jointly organized by Pillar II and Pillar III, this workshop will have a particular focus in marine renewable energies.

Programme:

- 10:00 Welcome address
Marisa Lameiras da Silva, Chair of ASC Portuguese Presidency, Director General for Maritime Policy, Portugal
Eoin Leahy, Maritime Affairs Attaché, Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine, ASC representative
Reka Rozsavolgyi, Directorate-General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- 10:15 Setting the Scene **"Skills for Marine Renewable Energy"**
Joint Presentation Pillar II and III Coordinators:
Ana Noronha, Executive Director of Ciência Viva and Pillar II coordinator, AAP
Kerrie Sheehan, Head of Research & Technology, Sustainable Authority of Ireland and Pillar III coordinator, AAP
- 10:30 Panel: **Challenges for Blue Careers in the Green and Digital Transition**
"The Next Wave" - Blue Skills Strategy, Bord Iascaigh Mhara, Irish Seafood Board "Turning The Tide"- presentation by Ian Mannix (Skills Development Services, Bord Iascaigh Mhara & Pillar II Task Force (Ireland))
"What the future of Offshore Wind means for Jobs and Skills" Ana Brito e Melo, Chief Operating Officer, WavEC Offshore Renewables and Pillar III Task Force
Moderator: Frederico Ferreira, Portugal Hub
- 10:45 Discussion with participants
- 10:55 Comfort Break
- 11.00 Keynote: **Perspectives from MATES and FLORES Projects**
Lucia Fraga, CETMAR, Project Coordinator
- 11.15 Panel: **Marine Renewable Energies: Gaps, Value Chain Actors and the Just Transition**
Peter Coyle, Executive Chairman, Irish Marine Renewable Industry Association
Lucia Fraga, CETMAR, Coordinator of MATES and FLORES projects
Céline Liret, Océanopolis, Brest, Pillar II Task Force, France
Introduction and moderation - Kerrie Sheehan, Pillar III coordinator
- 11.30 Panel discussion and Q&A
- 12.00 Wrap up by Ana Noronha, Pillar II Coordinator, AAP
- 12.15 END