Welcome to our official final newsletter!

MARINNONET successfully reaches the conclusion of its 36-month journey as the benchmark ecosystem for technology transfer and innovation in the Atlantic Area's Blue Biotechnology sector. Through our collaborative 'quadruple helix' framework, the network has strongly bridged the gap between scientific laboratories, commercial maritime markets, and regional authorities across Spain, France, Ireland, and Portugal. This final edition reviews our collective achievements, multi-regional forum outcomes, and the strategic roadmaps designed to ensure our Atlantic cooperation endures beyond project closure.

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The Three Transnational Priority Areas

1. **Sustainable Aquaculture:** Non-invasive welfare diagnostic tools, automated feeding metrics, and offshore seaweed scaling.
2. **Omics & Observation:** Automated optical surveillance, PlanktoScope imaging, and harmful algal bloom (HABs) tracking.
3. **Marine Bio-based Products:** High-value biomolecules for agricultural soil remediation, biosecurity, and animal nutrition.



MARINNONET policy and pilot booklet presented at BIOSPAIN 2026 (Bilbao),



Project partners gathered for the final consortium assembly at Plentzia Marine Station (PiE-UPV/EHU)

Photos courtesy of consortium partners.

Driving Tangible Atlantic Transformation

With all **16 transnational pilot demonstrations (TRL 4–7)** completed and strategic commercial exploitation roadmaps delivered, this latest edition summarises our most recent technological breakthroughs, transnational policy synergies, and our active participation across Europe's premier biotechnology and maritime forums.

Backed by a total budget of **2.32 Million Euros** (with 1.74M€ from the European Regional Development Fund - ERDF), MARINNONET concludes with all operational goals accomplished:.

- **4 Atlantic Member States:** Spain, Portugal, France, and Ireland actively collaborating.
- **30+ Partner & Associate Entities:** Leading marine universities, technology institutes, regional development agencies, and maritime clusters.
- **16 Transnational Pilots (TRL 4-7):** Real-world validation across sustainable aquaculture, marine observation, and high-value bio-based products.
- **100+ Commercial & Policy Stakeholders:** Engaged in technology audits, collaborative piloting, and technology transfer dialogues.

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2026 Regional Impact & Innovation Forums

CONNECTING BLUE BIOTECH RESEARCH WITH INDUSTRY ACROSS ATLANTIC REGIONS

REGIONAL BLUE BIOECONOMY IN ACTION

3rd Portuguese IRS Forum (Porto)

Co-organised in Porto by **BLUEBIO ALLIANCE**, 3B's Research Group (Universidade do Minho), and CIM-Universidade de Vigo, this forum brought together researchers, industry representatives, and policy makers to reinforce cross-border collaboration.

- **Pilot showcases:** Presentation of **FUNCTIONALGAE** (by Marta Conde) and **ALGAEMAT** (by Ana Cristina Carvalho), proving how marine biotechnology translates into market-ready industrial solutions.
- **Strategic legacy**: Elisabete da Costa (**BLUEBIO ALLIANCE**) delivered key recommendations from the 'Beyond MARINNONET' workshops to sustain regional ecosystems.
- **Value chains and policy**: Ruben Jorge (**WEDOTECH**) shared findings from the **BIOCHAINS** Atlantic survey, while Ismael Morán-García (Director of the Interreg Atlantic Area Joint Secretariat) and Carlos Garea Lodeiro highlighted how MARINNONET insights will inform future transnational funding priorities.

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ATLANTIC SYNERGIES BEYOND THE LAB

Concluding 3rd IRS Forum at Sea Tech Week (Brest, France)

MARINNONET wrapped up its final round of regional forums in Brest during **Sea Tech Week 2026**, joining forces with the Blue Shuttle Project to bridge research and maritime industries:

- **Transnational pilots:** Showcased the **COLORHYNCHUS** pilot (alongside Bio10neHealth, Lda) on sustainable pigments and the **AI-BIOdiv** optical observation tool with FairScope.
- **Industry connection:** Engaged French maritime clusters and international stakeholders, exploring shared solutions to overcome sector bottlenecks and take blue biotechnology beyond the lab.

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3rd Portuguese IRS Forum gathering academic, industry, and policy representatives in Porto. Photo courtesy of consortium partners.

From Regional Dialogue to Atlantic Exploitation

The series of **Innovation Regional Stakeholders** (IRS) **Forums** held across Galicia, the Canary Islands, Northern Portugal, and Brittany has been a cornerstone of MARINNONET's multi-actor approach. By actively engaging over 100 industrial partners and regional authorities, these forums successfully validated market demand, fostered cross-border technology transfer, and established the commercial foundations for out 16 pilot projects.



MARINNONET and Blue Shuttle Project partners joining forces at Sea Tech Week (Brest, France). Photo courtesy of consortium partners.

Atlantic Synergies & Cross-basin Cooperation

CAPITALISING ON BLUE BIOTECHNOLOGY ACROSS EUROPEAN SEA BASINS

CONNECTING THE ATLANTIC AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

1st Atlantic-WestMED Stakeholder Conference (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria)

MARINNONET was featured as an exemplary Interreg success story at this flagship cross-basin conference. Juan Luis Gómez-Pinchetti (BEA-ULPGC) took part in the '**Interreg projects – Successful Case Studies**' panel, sharing good practices in marine biomass valorisation, cross-border technology transfer, and collaborative governance with Mediterranean counterparts.

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Juan Luis Gómez-Pinchetti presenting MARINNONET's priority areas at the 1st Atlantic-WestMED Stakeholder Conference (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria). Photo courtesy of consortium partners.

SHARED MARINE CHALLENGES, SHARED SOLUTIONS

Interreg cooperation Days 2026 (Santigo de Compostela)

Organised by Galicia Business-University Foundation, the event gathered over 60 institutional and academic leaders. Project Manager Carlota Freiría (CIM-Uvigo/EMBRC Spain) participated in the round table 'Un mar compartido, retos compatidos', presenting MARINNONET's multi-actor methodology and demonstrating how transnational cooperation effectively bridges research with commercial blue biotech applications.

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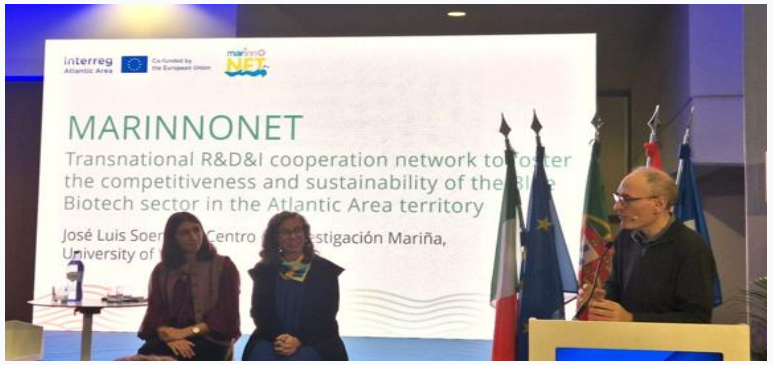


Carlota Freiría participating in the Interreg Cooperation Day round table on shared marine challenges (Santiago de Compostela). Photos courtesy of consortium partners.

EMPOWERING FUTURES LEADERS

Atlantic Youth Platform & Blue Synergies

Co-organised with the Interact Programme during the Las Palmas conference, MARINNONET actively participated in co-designing the new Atlantic Youth Platform. Through interactive breakout sessions, partners engaged next-generation researchers and entrepreneurs to define governance models and shape sustainable maritime priorities across the Atlantic basin.



José Luis Soengas showcasing MARINNONET outputs at the Interreg Atlantic Area Annual Event (Azores). Photo courtesy of consortium partners.

EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL IMPACT

Interreg Atlantic Area Annual Event (Azores)

MARINNONET was one of only four benchmark projects selected to showcase tangible results at the official Interreg Annual Event. Lead researcher José Luis Soengas (CIM-Uvigo) joined a high-level panel to highlight how cross-border cooperation between science, industry, and public authorities accelerates the green and digital blue transition

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2026 Flagship Milestones

HIGH-LEVEL MARKET POSITIONING, FINAL ASSEMBLY & ONLINE CLOSING EVENT

BIOSPAIN 2026 • Bilbao Exhibition Centre (BEC)

Putting Atlantic Blue Biotechnology on the Global Map

MARINNONET hosted a high-level panel with A4F-Algae for Future to address the critical transition from research to commercial applications, exploring European investment instruments and cross-border innovation ecosystems. The network also presented results at both the Galicia Biotechnology and PiE-UPV/EHU stands, holding targeted B2B partnering meetings.

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Final Consortium Meeting • Plentzia Marine Station

Auditing Achievements and Defining the Network's Future

Marking almost 36 months of collaboration, partners gathered at PiE-UPV/EHU to review deliverables, audit pilot KPIs, and define the final reporting roadmap. The assembly set the foundations to ensure the transnational cooperation dynamics established across Spain, France, Ireland, and Portugal continue beyond project end.

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Online Final Event • MARINNONET Closing Webinar

Connecting the Atlantic: Project Achievements & Legacy Showcase

As a culmination of the project's journey, MARINNONET hosted its official Final Online Event, bringing together consortium partners, maritime clusters, SMEs, and policy makers from across Europe. The session showcased key results from the 16 transnational pilots, presented the commercial exploitation roadmaps, and highlighted practical pathways for continued Atlantic blue biotech collaboration.



MARINNONET consortium members at the Galicia biotechnology stand during BIOSPAIN 2026 (Bilbao)



Consortium partners and international stakeholders gathered during the MARINNONET Final Online Event

Photos courtesy of PiE-UPV/EHU & BIOSPAIN.

Blue Biotech Agenda, Legacy & Resources

GLOBAL EVENTS, OPEN FUNDINGS OPPORTUNITIES & NETWORK LEGACY BEYOND 2026

Key Upcoming Events & Maritime Fora (2026-2027)

30 NOV 2026	**BEAP-MAR Final Event** ● Closing conference of the Interreg Atlantic Area project focused on marine biomass valorisation and sustainable blue bioeconomy (Online/Atlantic Area)
08 - 11 DEC 2026	**AlgaEurope 2026** ● International conference co-organised with EABA connecting over 400 stakeholders on algae production, scaling, and commercialisation (Valletta, Malta)
13 - 14 JAN 2027	**Horizon Europe Cluster 6 Info Days** ● European Commission information sessions presenting upcoming 2027 funding calls for circular bioeconomy, aquatic resources, and healthy oceans (Brussels, Belgium & Online)
07 - 09 APR 2027	**2027 Ocean Decade Conference** ● Global marine science and policy forum co-organised by IOC-UNESCO to advance ocean sustainability solutions (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
20 – 21 MAY 2027	**European Maritime Day (EMD) 2027** ● Flagship annual EU blue economy meeting uniting maritime clusters, policymakers, and innovative SMEs (Santander, Spain)

Join our community!

Explore all 16 pilot profiles, booklets, and project outputs:

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Open Opportunities & Legacy

This is Not the Finish Line: Our Network Moves Forward

Although MARINNONET concludes its official Interreg granny cycle, out transnational ecosystem remains fully active. Connecting over 30 partner organizations and 100+ commercial stakeholders, the collaborative dynamics and research platforms established across the Atlantic Area will continue driving sustainable blue biotech innovation.

Horizon Europe • Cluster 6 & EU Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters'

2027 collaborative funding calls for circular bioeconomy, marine resource valorisation, and sustainable blue value chains across Atlantic consortia.

MSCA 2027 calls ● Researcher Mobility & Staff Exchanges

Upcoming 2027 Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions funding for international postdoctoral fellowships, doctoral networks, and academia-industry staff exchanges in marine sciences.

Open Project Deliverables & Infrastructure Access

Public technical booklets, pilot summary sheets, and policy guides remain openly accessible. Partner marine experimental stations and testing facilities continue welcoming collaborative SME trials.

Looking for International Partnerships & Funding? (OPI UVigo)

The International Project Office (Universidade de Vigo) provides comprehensive proposal support, matchmaking, and advisory services for Horizon Europe, Interreg, and European blue economy funding bids.
Contact: opi@uvigo.gal | **Visit**: opi.uvigo.gal

Thank you for joining our journey!

Though MARINNONET concludes its Interreg grant cycle, our transnational Blue Biotechnology network continues through bilateral pilot commercialisation and shared research infrastructure.