

MARINNONET Newsletter

Welcome to our official newsletter!

A summary of the project's key activities and milestones, along with an overview of [upcoming events, calls, and news of interest](#) in Blue Biotechnology across the Atlantic Area.

About the project

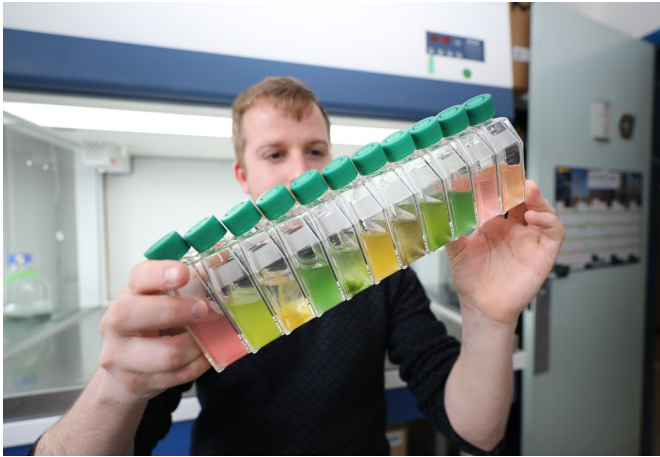
Our aim is to build a new international R&D&I network to strengthen the Atlantic Area's Blue Biotech sector. Through pilot projects and community building initiatives, we'll highlight the diverse and exciting ways our network can drive innovation in Blue Biotechnology.

The project involves **4** European Countries, **8** Atlantic Area Regions, **10** partners, **9** associated partners for **36** months and 2,320,286.69 € co-funding 75% by **Interreg AA program 2021-2027**.

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The three priority areas

MARINNONET focuses on three main priority areas:

- 1. Innovations for an efficient, sustainable, and resilient aquaculture.
- 2. Omic and observation technologies for preserving marine biodiversity and restore ocean health.
- 3. Marine-derived products for industrial applications.

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2024 Summary

During the first year of the project, we have achieved diverse milestones that help us continue growing our network.



On January 25th MARINNONET's consortium meets at Vigo, Galicia, hosted by UVigo-CIM, to ultimate details to start project activities.

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On June 4th all partners gathered at Brest, France in a progress meeting hosted by PMBA, to review the progress and prepare ahead from the workshops and Pilot Projects call.

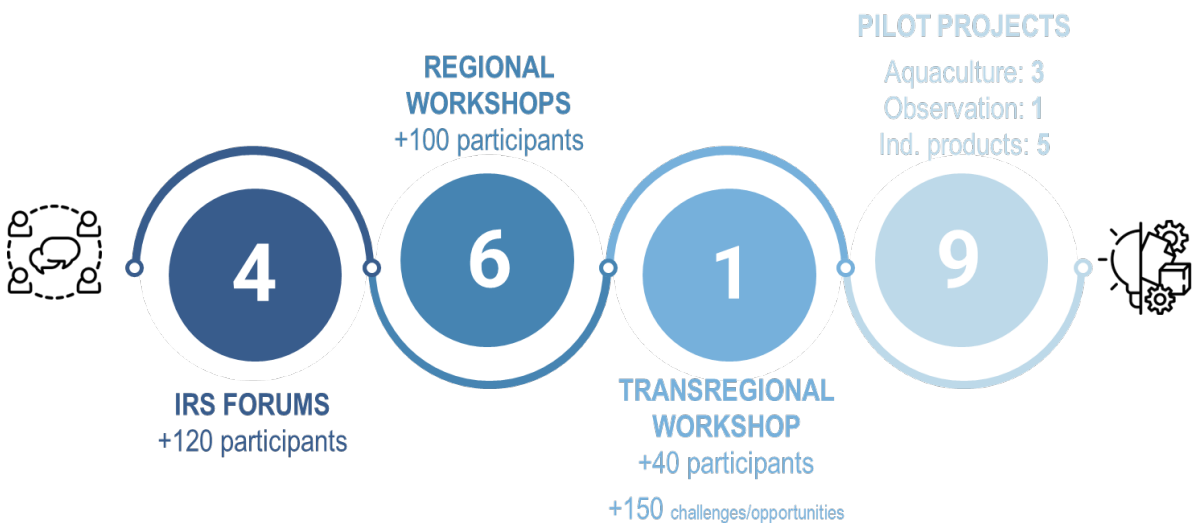
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On December 10th PIE-UPV/EHU hosted the next progress meeting in Bilbao, Spain. All partners presented the results harvested during the initial phase and outline next steps for 2025.

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MARINNONET Milestones



IRS FORUMS

Innovation Regional Stakeholders Forums

Back in April, 4 online IRS Forums were hosted in Ireland, Spain, France and Portugal with **+120 online participants** from all across Europe. These forums serve as a public presentation of the project and introduction of our priority areas and activities.

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Agenda

- 14:00 - 14:15: Bienvenue - PMBA
- 14:15 - 14:45: Introduction du projet MARINNONET
- 14:45 - 15:00: Q&A
- 15:00 - 15:15: Pause
- 15:15 - 15:45: Introduction des priorités thématiques
- 15:45 - 16:00: Q&A
- 16:00 - 16:20: Ateliers sur les biotechnologies bleues innovantes du futur (B2)
- 16:20 - 16:30: Q&A et fin de la session

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B2I WORKSHOPS: Blue Biotech Innovation Workshops

During June and September, a series of **6 regional workshops** were held in Galicia, Pais Vasco, Canarias, France, Portugal and Ireland including key companies from MARINNONET's partners ecosystem.

More than **100 participants**, including **13 Universities**, **32 companies**, **11 public entities** and **6 representants of public society** participated in these events, gathering more than 150 challenges/opportunities.

These workshops aimed at understanding the needs of industrial and academics, society and public entities working in the Blue Biotech towards developing connections and future projects and boost innovation. The workshops ended with an online **transregional workshop** where our experts explained all inputs gathered in the regional events.



MARINNONET Pilot Projects

With the challenges, contacts and knowledge gathered in the workshops, MARINNONET launched its first call for Pilot Projects, covering our three priority areas. Selected Pilot Projects will be R&D&I activities in the TRL3-7 range (max 12 months duration), corresponding to feasibility studies, exploitation or demonstration projects.

A total of **9 projects were approved** each one composed by minimum 2 organizations of the consortium and a company, **3** aligned with the thematic priority related to Aquaculture, **1** related to Omic Technologies and Observation and **5** to Industrial products.

Projects are starting January of 2025, great things lay ahead for MARINNONET!

2025 Next steps

MARINNONET team is making steady progress with concrete actions to enhance our network and build this new community.

The 2025 plan is structured around community actions and the second call for Pilot Projects:

- ❖ **May 2025:** IRS Forums and Workshops, regional and transregional events.
- ❖ **September 2025:** next 2nd call for Pilot Projects.

Stay tuned to our website and social media to know more!

Blue Biotechnology around the Atlantic Area

Events, calls and other information related to Blue Biotechnology.

Calls

[Interreg Atlantic Area 3rd Call for Projects](#)

Status: OPEN, Deadline: 14/02/2025

[EMFAF: Regional flagships projects supporting sustainable blue economy in EU sea basins Call for Projects](#)

Status: OPEN, Deadline: 18/02/2025

[2nd open call for marine biodiversity \(monitoring\) data](#)

Status: OPEN, Deadline: 28/02/2025

[POCTEP 2021-2027 6th call for projects](#)

Status: OPEN, Deadline: 14/03/2025

[Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking Call for projects](#)

Status: Open 04/04/2025, Deadline 17/09/2025

3rd April: [CBE JU Info Day 2025](#)

Relevant information

[Horizon Europe strategic plan 2025-2027](#)

Upcoming dates and events

MARCH

3rd -7th [European Ocean Days 2025](#)

3rd -7th [Mission Ocean and Waters Forum and related events](#)

MAY

21st -23rd [European Maritime Day 2025](#)

JUNE

9th -13th [One Ocean Science Congress OS2025](#)

6th -7th [Regional Sustainable Economic Development around the Globe workshop](#)

SEPTEMBER

15th -18th [Annual Science Conference ICES 2025](#)

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