

ATLANTIC AREA POLICY LAB

CROSS-THEMATIC INTEGRATION WORKSHOP



 **Venue :** Room "Lado A" | Rectorate of the
University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

 **Format :** In-person workshop

Organised within the GRAAL project and its Atlantic Area Policy Lab - Community of Practice (AA Policy Lab CoP), as a side event ahead of the Atlantic-WestMED Stakeholder Conference.

The session will bring together stakeholders from across the Atlantic Area to explore shared challenges and opportunities across the five GRAAL thematic areas :



Marine
Energy



Ocean
Pollution



Disaster
Resilient Coasts



Nature
Preservation



Sustainable
Tourism

The workshop will support the transition from thematic discussions towards the identification of shared Atlantic challenges, cross-cutting priorities and possible pathways for action and policy uptake.

OBJECTIVE

To build on the discussions and emerging findings generated through the AA policy Lab CoP across the five thematic areas, identifying common policy and implementation challenges, cross-cutting priorities, enabling conditions and promising directions for joint action at Atlantic level.

PROPOSED AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	PURPOSE
15:00 - 15:05	Welcome and introduction	Welcome participants and briefly introduce the GRAAL coordinator and thematic facilitators attending the session.
15:05 - 15:15	GRAAL and the Atlantic Area Policy Lab	Brief introduction to the GRAAL project, the Policy Lab and the role of this workshop within the wider process.
15:15 - 15:45	Five thematic areas : emerging priorities and shared Atlantic challenges	Brief framing of the five GRAAL thematic areas, followed by short thematic snapshots summarising the priorities, implementation gaps and enabling conditions emerging from the five online Policy Labs, providing the basis for the subsequent cross-thematic discussion.
15:45 - 16:35	Cross-thematic integration exercise	Participants work in groups to identify recurring challenges across thematic areas, shared solutions and enabling conditions, and possible coordinated pathways for action at Atlantic level.
16:35 - 16:50	Group reporting and prioritisation	Groups share their main conclusions and highlight the cross-cutting priorities they consider most relevant at Atlantic level.
16:50 - 17:00	Conclusion and next steps	Summary of the main messages and explanation of how the results will feed into next stages of the AA Policy Lab CoP.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The workshop is expected to contribute to :

- Identification of **shared cross-cutting priorities** across the five thematics areas
- Identification of **common policy and implementation gaps**
- Identification of **potential solutions and enabling conditions for adressing theses gaps**
- Initial identification of **actors, pathways and next steps** that could support implementation, transfer or policy uptake.

These results will feed into the next stages of the AA Policy Lab CoP.

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