

Press release

AIVP becomes strategic partner of the Atlantic Smart Ports Blue Acceleration Network (ASPBAN)



The AIVP has officially become Strategic Partner of the Atlantic Smart Ports Blue Acceleration Network (ASPBAN), a project funded by the European Union. ASPBAN focuses on developing a dynamic acceleration platform, helping EU Atlantic ports work as blue economy hubs.

The AIVP will cooperate with the consortium, contributing to the implementation of the project, supporting the dissemination as well the engaging our network for achieving the following major objectives:

- To establish a network between EU Atlantic ports for developing sustainable blue economy;
- The development of a blue accelerator scheme for Atlantic ports to stimulate innovative businesses in an innovation ecosystem to foster a sustainable blue economy in line with the European Green Deal.
- Propel the blue economy development and acceleration as central dimension of the city-port relations ecosystem in the Smart Ports policy deployment.

The project identified 10 key challenges for ports and launched call for start-ups capable of providing innovative solutions. A jury selected in 2022 the 40 finalists that will move forward to the ASPBAN Bootcamp in January (23rd to 26th) at Instituto Hidrográfico in Lisbon. This event will be the perfect moment for concrete matches and synergies between startups, investors, entrepreneurs, mentors and partners, with full-on collaboration days.

More information can be found in: <u>ASPBAN – ATLANTIC SMART PORTS BLUE ACCELERATION NETWORK</u> <u>Atlantic Smart Ports Blue Acceleration Network: Posts | LinkedIn</u>

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