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- New activity 2.5 in Horizon 2020 Specific programme: "crosscutting marine and maritime research"
- Adopt a strategic approach to cross-cutting marine and maritime research to underpin Integrated Maritime Policy and Blue Growth Strategy
- Catalyse efforts of different Societal Challenges or H2020 priorities to address complex cross-cutting marine and maritime research questions that could not be tackled by a single Societal Challenge
- Take stock of and go further the FP7 experience "The Ocean of Tomorrow" (31 projects, €195M) on cross-thematic marine and maritime research

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What is the Blue Growth Focus Area in H2020 ?

- Large and complex cross-cutting initiatives in 5 priority areas :
- 1. Sustainably exploiting the diversity of marine life
- 2. New offshore challenges
- 3. Exploitation of deep sea resources deep sea mining (not covered in 2014-2015)
- 4. Ocean observation technologies/systems
- 5. Socio-economic aspects



Blue Growth Call 2014-2015

- First Blue Growth Call just launched 145M€ for 2014-2015
- o 10 topics in 2014 and 6 topics in 2015
- Involvment of SC2 (Sustainable Food Security), SC5 (Climate Action), SC4 (Transport) and SC3 (Energy)
- o Strategic approach to international Cooperation

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International cooperation: The Transatlantic Ocean Research Alliance



Launched in May 2013 (Galway Statement) under Irish Presidency with Commissioners Geoghegan-Quinn & Damanaki

Goal: To better understand the Atlantic Ocean and to promote the sustainable management of its resources. The work will also study the interplay of the Atlantic Ocean with the Arctic Ocean, particularly with regards to climate change.

In WP 2014-2015: Several topics are identified as relevant for the Galway Statement.

Research and Innovation

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AREA 1: Sustainably exploiting the diversity of marine life (56 M€)

BG 3 – 2014: Novel marine biomolecules (Research & Innovation action – 20 M€)

BG 4 – 2014: Potential of marine-derived enzymes (Innovation Action – 6 M€)

BG 1 – 2015: Atlantic marine ecosystems (Research & Innovation action – 20 M€)



BG 2 – 2015: Effects of climate change on

fisheries and aquaculture (Research & Innovation action - 10 M€)

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AREA 2: The new offshore challenge (26 M€)

BG 5 – 2014: Innovative offshore economy (Coordination and Support Action - 2 M€)

BG 6 – 2014: Sub-sea technologies (Research and Innovation action - 16 M€)



BG 7 – 2015 : Response capacities to oil spills and marine pollutions (Research and Innovation action-8M€)

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