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AA-BSN Report: All-Atlantic Blue School Annual Meeting – Year 1



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ALL-ATLANTIC JOINT PILOT ACTIONS

Following a year-long collaborative process among more than 70 stakeholders at the Atlantic level, the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Multi-Stakeholder Platform, divided into 5 sub-multi-stakeholders platforms, identified more than 1000 initiatives towards strengthening marine research and innovation collaboration at the Atlantic level, 56 gaps and 79 needs/recommendations to achieve the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance ambition, guided by a total of 20 Strategic Objectives, 20 Operational Objectives, and 10 Key Performance Indicators.

Based on these findings and on the idea of collaboration, alignment, and use of existing resources, they have developed six ambitious and long-term collaborative Joint Pilot Actions:

- [All-Atlantic Training Platform \(AA-TP\)](#)
- [All-Atlantic Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform \(AA-ATiP\)](#)
- [All-Atlantic Marine Biotechnology Initiative \(AA-BIOTECMAR\)](#)
- [All-Atlantic Data Enterprise 2030 \(AA-DATA2030\)](#)
- [All-Atlantic Blue Schools Network \(AA-BSN\)](#)
- [All-Atlantic Marine Research Infrastructure Network \(AA-MARINET\)](#)

This report is developed by the **All-Atlantic Blue Schools Network (AA-BSN)** Joint Pilot Action, that aims to connect schools from the Atlantic countries to rise and promote Ocean Literacy and society awareness, with no geographical, cultural, social, or language boundaries. The All-Atlantic Blue Schools Network is promoting a bottom-up process where each school builds its own project based on its socio-cultural-economic reality. Linking all schools together will enhance knowledge exchange and create synergies.

This report is a deliverable in scope of All-Atlantic Blue Schools Network (AA-BSN) Task 5 - All-Atlantic Blue School Annual Meeting – Year 1 that aimed at gathering AA-BSN coordinators, educators and school ambassadors. It was expected that in this meeting the national experts identify opportunities and challenges of the development of a common transatlantic network and select the coordinator of the All-Atlantic Blue School Network for the next year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this task was changed to the support of the coordinator to attend other meetings related to the AA-BSN implementation.



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The first AA-BSN Annual Meeting planned to be hosted in during the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Forum in the Azores did not occurred due the pandemic restrictions. Therefore, this Task was changed covering the participation of the AA-BSN Coordination in the All-Atlantic AA-BSN Governance Board meeting in Portugal, during the UN Ocean Conference where other National Coordinators were present without costs to the AA-BSN and also to attend the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Forum in Washington in July 2022, as previously agreed with the AANChOR Coordinator and the AANChOR EU Project Officer.





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2. Report

The outputs of integration of countries and evaluation of the advances, challenges and next steps of the AA-BSN initially proposed for the Task 5 were achieved by a different strategy due the pandemic restrictions. While in the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Forum in Azores (2021) the AA-BSN was represented by the coordinator with an online presentation and other national coordinators attended online, the interaction among national coordinators and with stakeholders occurred in person during July 2022 in two opportunities:

- a) during the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon, we had an opportunity for a meeting among 7 National coordinators and other representatives from WP6 and the All-Atlantic AA-BSN Advisory Board, allowing a in person meeting to discuss the advances. At the same time, it was important to attend the workshop hosted by the Portuguese Blue School Network that was interacting online with other countries;
- b) during the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Forum – Ministerial Event in Washington D.C., where the AA-BSN coordinator presented the advances, interacted with the All-Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassadors (AAOYA), other National Coordinators present at the event (Argentina and Canada) and members of other WP and AANChOR coordination and participated of the launch of the AAOYA booklet produced in collaboration with the AA-BSN.

AAOYA booklet:

- Find the English version [HERE](#)
- Find the Spanish version [HERE](#)
- Find the Portuguese version [HERE](#)
- Find the French version [HERE](#)





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