

Multi-use Platforms in the Atlantic: Financing and Route-to-Market





During the last week of November PLOCAN organised the third working meeting of the European Project "Enabling Technologies and Roadmaps for Offshore Platform Innovation" (ENTROPI) on "Multi-use Platforms in the Atlantic: Financing and Route-to-Market".

This ambitious project is led by the British organisation Marine South East, with PLOCAN as a partner, and with more than fifty participants from the European Atlantic coast, including Ireland, United Kingdom, France, Portugal and Spain. The project partners collaborate to identify and promote the innovation in offshore priority capacities, to strengthen existing cooperation networks, and to combine their efforts for the benefit of the shared goals.

Several of the main key actors in offshore innovation attended this international event, including MSE, PMBA, Forum Oceano, Halpin Centre, Enerocean, Grupo Enhol, Bureau Veritas, Zabala Innovation Consulting, Atlantic Bass, among others.

The meeting agenda was focused on conferences and round table discussions with the experts in the different interest areas. The meeting aimed to obtain key information to develop robust investment strategies, to continue promoting the multi-use platforms capacities, to highlight those areas where innovation can mean a significant cost reduction, and to continue its action in defining investment proposals to turn these innovations into reality.

ENTROPI has set the objectives of identifying and developing investment strategies for critical capacities through the value chain of the Multi-use Platforms; promoting the participation of SMEs in the value chain innovations; focusing on the potential for the deployment in the Atlantic sea-basin, which has powerful industries in sectors that could benefit from multi-use facilities, and aligning the investment strategy with the regional and national investment priorities, the specialization (RIS3) and the financial resources.

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