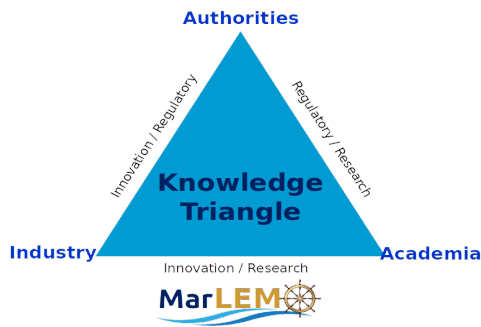


## Press Release

### AKT – Atlantic Knowledge Triangle – Upcoming Workshop



AKT – Atlantic Knowledge Triangle, is a platform that brings together industry, authorities and academia to create knowledge and enhance innovation in the maritime-port field.

Officially launched on 15 October 2022, its **mission** is to promote, design and implement research, development, innovation, training, standardization and related initiatives to provide appropriate skills , in line with the competencies required by stakeholders, contributing to the strengthening of EU maritime capabilities.

AKT's **vision** is to become a recognized Collaborative Platform, focused in the Atlantic Area, that promotes effective initiatives and opportunities for Knowledge creation and dissemination. By aggregating entities from Academia, Authorities, and Industry, AKT will become the adequate space for creating ideas, raising consortia, launching projects, and boosting, as a final purpose, the competitiveness of Atlantic Blue Economy.

Its **scope** of operation is extensive (includes, among other potential fields of intervention, Maritime Engineering and Management, Digital Blue, Logistics, Ports and Transport, the Naval Industry, Environment and Ocean Energy, Defense and Security, Safety at Sea, Sea-Shore Interaction, Resilience and Sustainability of the Maritime-Port Communities).

The challenges and the opportunities are also vast. One of these challenges is the role of Maritime Clusters, which are the strongest industrial networks where gaps can be identified and integrated solutions for sustainable maritime development can be identified and applied, focusing on opportunities while addressing their social, economic and environmental challenges.

So far, these networks are the main vehicle for dissemination across the industry, seeking collaboration with government authorities and establishing cooperation with education and training institutions, as well as with research and innovation centres. However, most of the time this is done on a case-by-case basis and through ad-hoc processes. AKT is positioned as a Collaborative Platform that allows overcoming these limitations, which raises several questions, such as



- How can the AKT expand cooperation between Maritime Cluster organizations to identify common innovation challenges, engage key stakeholders and exploit collective capabilities in the Atlantic Area?
- How can the dialogue between Industry, academia and governance entities integrate and increase the impact of Atlantic Maritime Clusters?
- How can the AKT Collaborative Platform
  - Move from "one-way dissemination" to "multidirectional enhanced communication"?
  - Stimulate new cross-border consortia and projects to develop solutions aligned with the EU Green Deal, exploiting the growth of maritime digitalisation?
  - Boost the competitiveness of the Blue Atlantic Economy?

The AKT, in the context of the development of its future actions, will hold a workshop with the aim of obtaining answers to these questions. The details of the workshop will be announced very soon.

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