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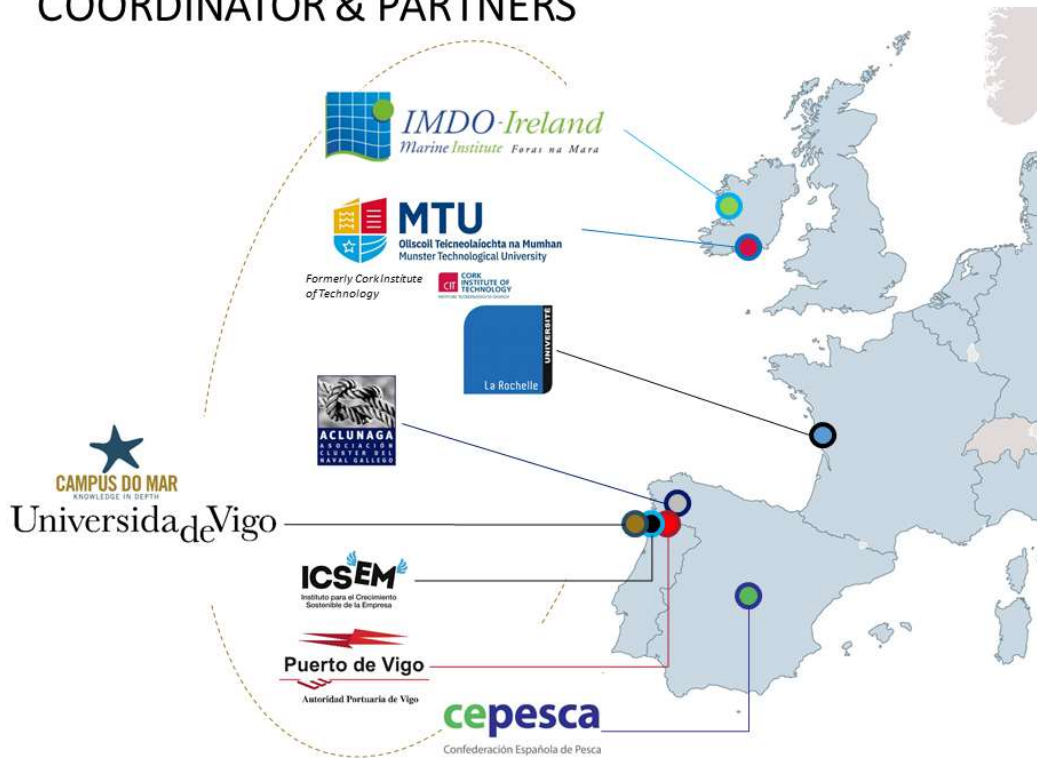
## THE PROJECT

The project aims at strengthening the cooperation between maritime businesses and academia and consolidate this alliance by setting the Northwest European Atlantic Maritime Network to be made up by training centres and the related industry. Further information:

<http://www.marenet.org/home/index.php/about-us/objective/>

The MareENet consortium is formed by public entities and private companies from the Atlantic arch:

## COORDINATOR & PARTNERS



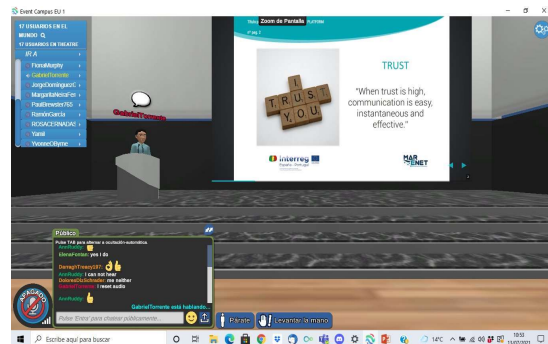
## DEVELOPED ACTIVITIES



### Blue Entrepreneurship Programme

The Blue Entrepreneurship Programme was launched on April with 15 participants, and 5 external trainers and mentors. Participants received training and support from experts and mentors to develop their business ideas now finishing the training and mentoring phase

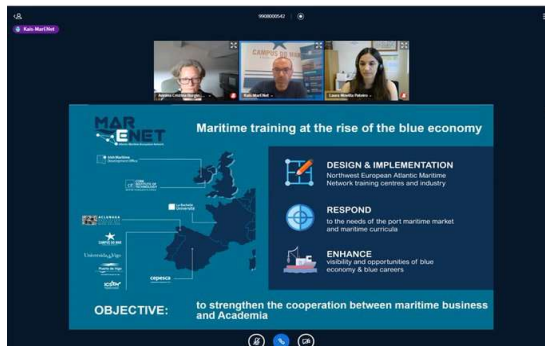
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### Winners of the BEP competition phase participated in the Blue Hackathon

Successful participants in the BEP entered the MarENet Blue Hackathon in July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Originally planned as an in-person event, COVID-19 restrictions forced a change to a virtual event through the Virbela platform, which recreated in a virtual world the real experience of a meeting venue.

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## Reskilling and upskilling courses launched

As part of WP3, the training needs detected were considered to design new training actions for active and prospective workers in the Blue Economy. Courses in Industry 4.0, EU Green Deal, Governance and the Law of the Sea, Technical Design in SolidWorks, Anthropogenic Noise and Marine fauna, Materials for Shipbuilding, and Added Value of Blue By-products have already been launched.

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## "Captain!" MarENet educational game released in French, English and Spanish

MarENet is proud to announce the release of the educational game Captain!, developed by students at La Rochelle University, our French partners. The game is intended for children aged 8-12, and simulates a fishing trip from the planning phases until the selling at port, including playing with different fishing techniques, species and locations.

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## MARENET EVENTS COMING SOON

### Pre-incubator phase of the Blue Entrepreneurship Programme

Sealife cruises, Mareira Bizi, and IMTA SEACOYMA were the three business initiatives selected by the Selection Committee of the Blue Hackathon as part of MarENet Blue Entrepreneurship Programme. These participants will enter the pre-Incubator phase of the Programme, where they will receive expert support in finding funding for their business ideas.

### New courses to improve your skills in the Blue Economy Online and in-person.

In addition to the courses already released, new training opportunities will be offered shortly, including Ports Logistics, GIS applied to the Marine Environment, Port Regulations, Fish Auction Operator, etc. Stay tuned for future announcements of free courses offered by the MarENet consortium in the Shipbuilding, Ports, Logistics and Services, Fishing, and Emerging Sectors such as Biotechnology and Aquaculture. Follow us on Twitter, LinkedIn or Facebook to stay informed!

## PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

### MarENet participated in #EMDInMyCountry

MarENet has been involved in the In My Country actions associated with the European Maritime Day 2021. Partners in Spain presented their catalogue of courses offered in the upcoming months, while the French partners made presentations of the projects activities to children in their schools.

### **MarENet was present at the meeting of the Atlantic Cities Network to discuss Maritime Jobs and Skills.**

Yvonne O'Byrne, our colleague with MTU, represented the project at the Atlantic Cities Network meeting in March to discuss Maritime Jobs and Skills, the challenges facing Atlantic areas and the EU Projects working to provide solutions.

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### **Ongoing activities**

- Creation of the Atlantic Maritime Knowledge Centre and incorporation of new members
- Implementation of courses in Shipbuilding, Ports, Logistics & Services, Fishing, and Emerging sectors.
- Updates on the courses catalogue and Blue careers on the web.
- Organize workshop to disseminate MarENets results among the public, professionals, industry, and policy makers.
- Organize Blue Careers EXPO.

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