



# CPMR BALKAN & BLACK SEA COMMISSION

**COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA  
2021 - COORDINATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

**Regional Webinar on Greening the Maritime Transport &  
Preparedness for Marine Pollution Prevention in the Black Sea Region**

***“Atlantic Smart Ports Blue Acceleration Network (AspBAN) Project”***

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# AspBAN project

## Diversification of ports activities



The CPMR participates in the AspBAN project through its **Atlantic Arc Commission (AAC)**



**Acceleration services platform for EU Atlantic ports**



**Connecting actors of the EU Blue Economy & bringing in private investors**



**Close connection with EEA, transatlantic and EU & non-EU sea basins**



ATLANTIC SMART PORTS  
**BLUE ACCELERATION NETWORK**



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# Main goals



- 1. Identify 10 common blue economy challenges in the Ports community**
- 2. Attract 450 startups for the Acceleration program**
- 3. Achieve a final pool of 30 innovative start-up solutions that will develop pilots in 30 Atlantic ports**
- 4. Attract 6M€ in direct private investment for the final pool of startups**
- 5. Mobilize 5B€ of potential private investment (Dubai Ports World has a private fund of 4,5B USD for investing in ports and maritime infrastructures)**
- 6. Achieve a reduction of at least 100.000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> in the operations of 30 ports**

# AspBAN Partners



coordinator:



# AspBAN Strategic Partner Network



The Atlantic Smart Ports Blue Acceleration Network (AspBAN) has the support of a large and representative pool of **137 strategic partners** and a **total universe of 391 ports, from EU Atlantic, Norway, USA, Canada, Colombia, Morocco, Mauritania, India (Goa) and China (Macau)**



**Support from UN Secretary General Special Envoy for the Ocean, Ambassador Peter Thomson**

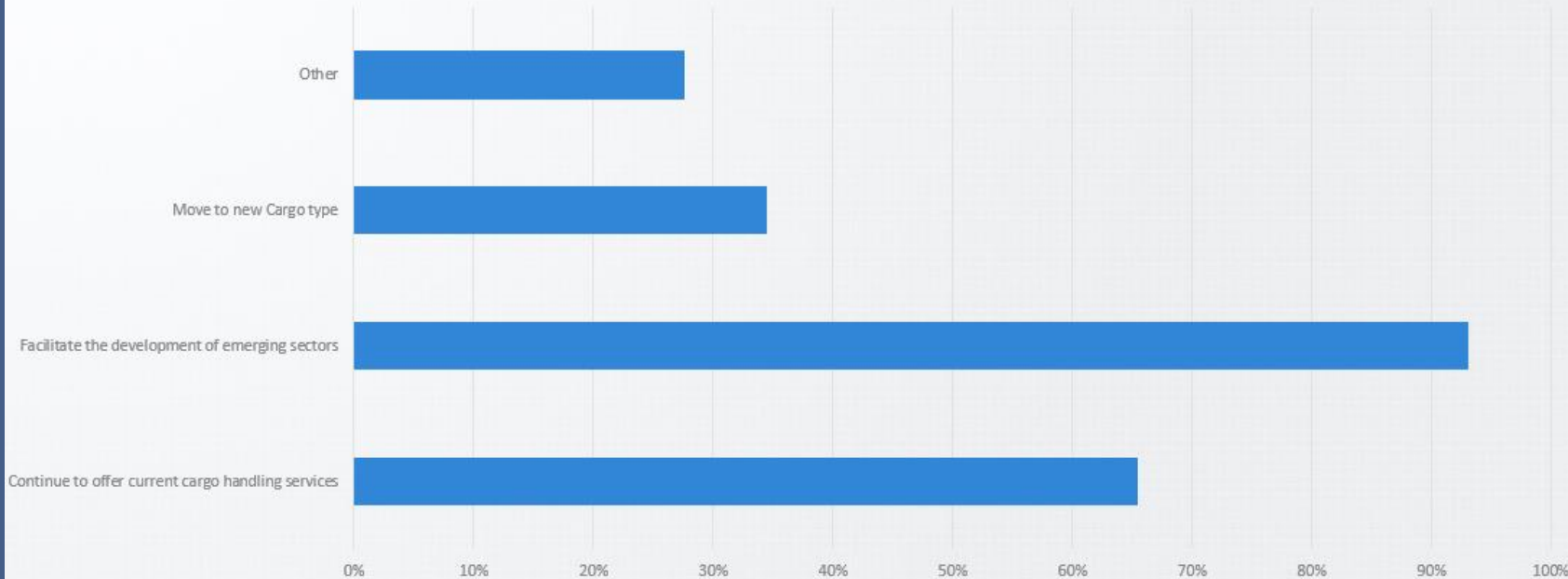


**Support from Portugal's Minister of State, Economy and Digital Transition, Pedro Siza Vieira**

# AspBAN is here for ramping up the sustainable blue economy !



## Focus of Port Development in 5 years and beyond



'Other' responses included Decarbonisation and investing to increase value added Port operations

**90% ports** (~40) consider their prime goal is to be hubs for blue economy in the new emergent sector

**20 ports** have identified their 5 main innovation challenges for startups and SMEs. They were mainly small and medium size



# AspBAN is here to overcome current barriers!



## Why have these advances not been realised today?



**-The BE emerging sectors had no specific port facilities**

**-The BE sectors see the ports as a cost centre and not as a solution provider**

**- The ports do not have the bandwidth to unlock the innovation capacity, neither do the BE emerging sectors**

# How do we give access to the small / medium sized ports the same innovation capacity bigger ports can tap into?



## 2 Innovation Programmes



1. Acceleration Services Programme (Year 1) – closed
2. Acceleration Scheme - Open Innovation Programme (Year 2)

## Ecosystem development - Platform



- Ports Database
- Experts & Mentors Database
- Investors Database
- Funds for pilot projects
- CPMR Blue Accelerator Network

## 2 Business models

- Ports
- Accelerators



# Role of CPMR – Transfer AspBAN practices to its members



**June 2021**

Creation of CPMR Blue Acceleration Network

**December 2021**

CPMR Workshop with Islands Commission

**January 2022 (tbc)**

CPMR Workshop with North Sea Commission

**April 2022**

Meeting of the CPMR Blue Accelerator Platform

**July –December 2022**

**1) Balkan and Black Sea Commission**  
Event under the Georgian CMA Coordination

**2) Intermediterranean Commission**

**December 2022**

Policy Recommendations

**February 2023**

SEArca Intergroup event

Final Conference



**Ports can now get together in clusters to gather business and interest.**

**Ports working together bring the real value!**

**Not only cooperation of the Member States of the Atlantic Strategy  
but also beyond! This is an effective way for ports  
from non-EU countries to cooperate.**

**Black Sea Regions interested can join as Strategic Partners.**



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***Thank you for your attention!***

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