
The CleanAtlantic* project, in which Cedre is a key contributor, wins a 2021 Atlantic Project Award.

The European project CleanAtlantic (Tackling Marine Litter in the Atlantic Area) is the winner of the “Healthy oceans and resilient coasts” category in the 5th edition of the Atlantic Project Awards.

Awards under the Atlantic Action Plan

The awards ceremony took place during the 8th Atlantic Stakeholder Platform Conference (ASPC) on 21st October in Dublin. These awards are designed to honour outstanding success stories, achieved by projects in the geographical area covered by the Atlantic Strategy that showcase relevance to the implementation of the Atlantic Action Plan.

A European project in which Cedre is a key contributor

The CleanAtlantic project, funded by the European Interreg Atlantic Area programme, aims to protect biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Atlantic Area by improving capabilities to monitor, prevent and remove (macro) marine litter. It also contributes to raising awareness and changing attitudes among stakeholders and to improving marine litter managing systems. Coordinated by CETMAR (*Centro Tecnológico del Mar*) in Vigo, it involves 13 partners from 5 European countries: Ireland, United Kingdom, France, Spain and Portugal.

Cedre is heavily involved in the project and this award crowns 4 years of hard work during which the team devoted to studying and monitoring aquatic litter has been greatly invested in a marine litter impact assessment action, in particular with research into the behaviour and impact of cotton buds and cigarette butts in the marine environment. The team also drew up an inventory of innovative initiatives across the five project countries, conducted a study into litter hotspots on the French coastline, produced a good practices guide for shoreline clean-up and invented an awareness-raising game on discarded cigarette butts.

Garnering European recognition

The Interreg Atlantic Area programme congratulated the CleanAtlantic project team for “the great work they have been doing to protect biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Atlantic Area”. This award also boosts Cedre’s recognition on the European scene as a major player in combating aquatic litter. A new team was formed in January of this year to fully focus on this issue (see attached photo taken in front of Cedre’s man-made beach and technical facilities - By order of appearance: Stéphane Doll, Director; Silvère André, engineer; Camille Lacroix, Aquatic Litter Monitoring and Studies Department Manager; Marine Paul, engineer).

* The CleanAtlantic project consortium is composed of 13 project partners: CETMAR (leader), INTECMAR, USC and IEO (Spain); CEFAS (United Kingdom); IE (Ireland); DGRM, IST, DROTA, ARDITI (Portugal); CRPM, Ifremer and Cedre (France), as well as five associated partners: 4 ministries (DHPLG, Irel.; CEFAS, UK; DGSCM-; MTE/DEB Fr.; MAPAMA, Sp.) and one international convention (OSPAR).

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Cedre snapshot

Field of work: advice and expertise in the management of accidental water pollution.

Activities: response support, contingency planning, training, testing, research, documentation.

Geographical coverage: France and worldwide

Workforce: 50 including nearly 30 engineers, researchers and technicians

Annual budget: €5 million

Date of creation: 25 January 1979

Location: 715 rue Alain Colas, Port du Moulin Blanc, Brest, France



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