

**NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR A MORE
COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BLUE
GROWTH IN THE ATLANTIC AREA**

ABOUT ACCESS2SEA

Aquaculture has the potential to boost economic development and job creation especially in the seafood sector by the sustainable exploitation of the Atlantic Area natural assets. Creating new sustainable farms is a key element for the blue economy in the region.

ACCESS2SEA improves the attractiveness of the Atlantic shore for aquaculture SMEs by enabling new business opportunities and providing sustainable and easier access to it.

WHO IS CARRYING OUT THIS ACTION?

Údarás na Gaeltachta and WestBIC are carrying out this pilot project.

Údarás na Gaeltachta is the industrial development agency for Ireland's Gaeltacht, regions where Gaeilge is the everyday language of communication. Much of Ireland's Gaeltacht is located along the western seaboard and so the blue economy is of particular cultural and economic significance.

WestBIC is the official EU (BIC) Business and Innovation Centre for the West/ North West Region of Ireland providing a whole range of business planning supports to early stage entrepreneurs and SMEs including Idea Generation, Market Research, Financial Planning and preparation for Investor readiness.



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PILOT 3 COLD STORAGE SOLUTIONS





ABOUT THIS PILOT ACTION

Wild shellfish are fished rather than farmed, stock levels are enhanced by sustainable aquaculture techniques and exclusively fished under an aquaculture license. Secure storage enables supply continuity and market access and thereby added and increased value.

The innovation/technology transfer is increasing value at the end of the value chain by adding and increasing value to the product. In other words, ensuring continuity and regularity of supply by enabling fishers to sell their product at market price.

The project dovetails with other ongoing research, monitoring and stock management through national institutions and European projects.



Cill Chiaráin Bay is situated in west Galway and its aquaculture license covers 144,000 hectares of water (including Beirtreach Bay Bay) and is managed by a local cooperative



HOW WILL IT BE CARRIED OUT?

It is planned to build a seaweed and shellfish cold storage and processing unit using a novel live storage technology.



EXPECTED RESULTS

Texto pendiente

