Blueskilling Innovation Closing Event Agenda

Date: 10 November 2026
Venue: Bizkaia Aretoa – EHU - Abandoibarra Etorbidea, 3 - 48009 Bilbao

09:00 - 09:20
Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:20 - 09:30
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Sarai Blanc - Managing Director - Basque Maritime Cluster

09:30 – 09:45
The Atlantic Macro-Region: A Strategic Framework for Regional Development
Mikel Antón Zarragoitia - Director for European Affairs - General Secretariat for External Action and Global Basque Country - Basque Government

09:45 - 10:30
Blueskilling Innovation: Project Overview and Main Achievements
Ana Mendibil - Training and Employment Manager - Basque Maritime Cluster

- Project objectives, partnership, key results and impact

10:30 - 11:30
Partners' Presentations (Short interventions from each partner)

- Implemented activities, pilot courses, lessons learned and success stories.

11:30 - 12:00 - **Coffee Break & Networking**

12:00 - 12:45
Round Table: Skills for the Future Blue Economy

- Participants: Human resource responsibles from associated companies of the cluster, students, VET centres, Universities…

12:45 - 13:15
Interreg Atlantic Area Perspective
Carlos Garea - Interreg Atlantic Area Project Officer

- Project evaluation, impact of transnational cooperation and future prospects

13:15 - 13:30
Closing Remarks and Future Cooperation – **Basque Maritime Cluster**

13:30 - 15:00
Networking Lunch

15:00 – 17:00
Bilbao Estuary Boat Tour - Boat trip with Bilbao River Company from the Guggenheim Museum to the Vizcaya Bridge (Puente Colgante).