

## **Environmental Screening of Operational Programme revision 21 November 2011**

Priorities and objectives	Original General assessment -2007 (1)	Impact of revision - 2011
<b><i>Priority 1 : Promote transnational entrepreneurial and innovation networks</i></b>		
Obj 1.1: Develop knowledge transfers between companies and research centres	No significant environmental impact	No Impact
Obj 1.2: Enhance competitiveness and innovation capacities in maritime economy niches of excellence	No significant environmental impact	No Impact
Obj 1.3: Stimulate economic conversion and diversification by promoting the regional endogenous potential	No significant environmental impact	No Impact
<b><i>Priority 2 : Protect, secure and enhance the marine and coastal environment sustainably</i></b>		
Obj 2.1: Improve maritime safety	Positive indirect marginal contribution	No Impact
Obj 2.2: Sustainable management and protection of the resources of marine spaces	Positive direct marginal contribution	No Impact
Obj 2.3: Exploit the renewable energy potential of the marine and coastal environment	Positive indirect marginal contribution	No Impact
Obj 2.4: Protect and promote natural spaces, water resources and coastal zones	Positive direct marginal contribution	No Impact

<b>Priority 3 : Improve accessibility and internal links</b>		
Obj 3.1: Promote interoperability and continuity of existing transport networks, and sea/road/rail/air intermodality	No significant environmental impact	No Impact
Obj 3.2: Promote short-sea shipping and cooperation between ports	The projects financed under this priority will not have significant environmental effects themselves due to their “soft” nature. However, projects specifically aiming to promote short-sea shipping should be required to consider the possible environmental effects that this short-sea shipping activity would have if implemented. The studies financed by the previous Atlantic Area Programmes have certainly included environmental considerations in their assessment of the viability of short-sea shipping routes. For this reason, the evaluator is confident that environmental considerations will remain a core factor within the projects under this priority.	No impact
<b>Priority 4 : Promote transnational synergies in sustainable urban and regional development</b>		
Obj 4.1: Pool resources and skills in the field of sustainable urban and rural development	Positive direct marginal contribution	No Impact
Obj 4.2: Make cities and regions more influential and attractive through networking	No significant environmental impact	No Impact
Obj 4.3: Conserve and promote Atlantic cultural heritage of transnational interest	No significant environmental impact	No Impact

## Conclusion

It can be concluded that the potential environmental impact on each of the four priorities of the Atlantic Area Operational programme will not change significantly as a result of the revision proposed and will remain as follows:

- **Priority 1** – No significant environmental impact.
- **Priority 2** – Positive direct marginal contribution to the environment.
- **Priority 3** – No significant environmental impact.
- **Priority 4** – No significant environmental impact.

(1) –Atlantic Area 2007-2013 Operational Programme Strategic Environmental Assessment Report – 29 January 2007

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