Carlingford Lough
NORTHERN IRELAND

Located on the East Coast of Ireland straddling the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The case study is a coastal embayment surrounded by mountains.

Couesnon Catchment and Estuary
FRANCE

The Case Study includes the Couesnon river catchment located in North-Western France in the Armorican massif. This small river catchment discharges into the bay of Mont-Saint-Michel.

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4 KEY DEMONSTRATION SITES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC AREA

Paiva River
PORTUGAL

Paiva river is a tributary of the Douro, situated in Northern Portugal and it is considered one of the least polluted in Europe.

Pas, Miera & Asón Catchments
SPAIN

The study case encompasses Pas, Miera and Asón river basins and estuaries, located in Northern Spain. The basins are enclosed in the oriental part of the Cantabrian Cordillera.

Where we want to go
GOALS

Contribute to a common methodology to assist local and regional actors with coastal and inland landscape management.

- Designing Blue-Green Infraestructure Networks (BGINs)
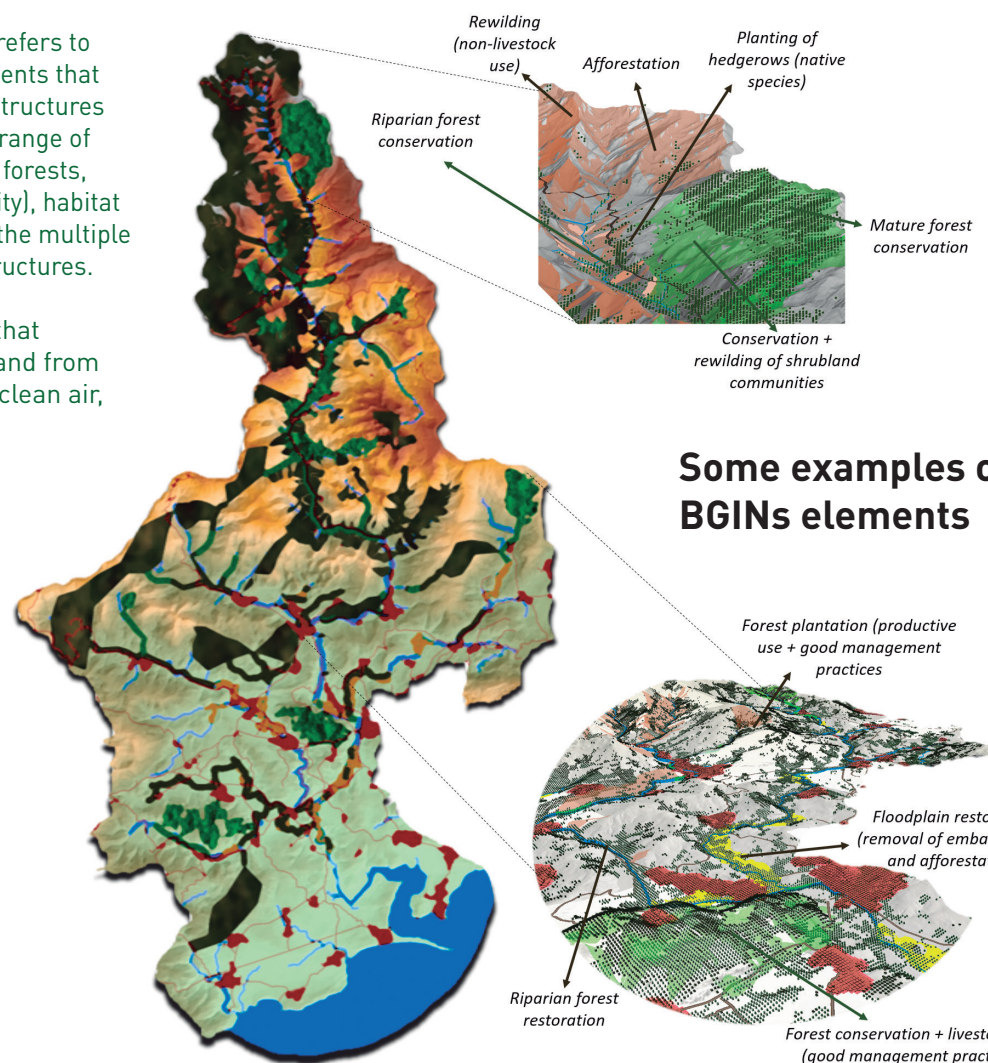- Developing methods to model multiple ecosystem services
- Identifying economic and social barriers on BGINs investments

Blue-Green Infrastructure Network (BGIN) refers to all natural and semi-natural landscape elements that can form a green-blue network. These infrastructures are designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services. Restoration of coastline forests, retention of nutrients (to improve water quality), habitat improvement for target species are some of the multiple functions provided by blue and green infrastructures.

Ecosystem Services (ES) are the benefits that humans obtain from natural environment and from properly-functioning ecosystems, such as clean air, purified water and food provision.

BGIN elements

To be conserved
Hillside ecosystems
Riparian and other lineal habitats

To be restored
Hillside areas
Foodplains
Riparian areas

Water bodies
Water courses

Population centre
Road

Rewilding (non-livestock use)
Afforestation
Planting of hedgerows (native species)
Riparian forest conservation
Mature forest conservation
Conservation + rewilding of shrubland communities

Some examples of BGINs elements

Forest plantation (productive use + good management practices)
Floodplain restoration (removal of embankments and afforestation)
Riparian forest restoration
Forest conservation + livestock use (good management practices)

How are we getting that
MEANS

Integrate social, economic and environmental analytical tools and models.

- Satellite images, GIS data and modelling frameworks
  MAPPING AQUATIC AND TERRESTRIAL FORMATIONS
- Multi-model platform
  ENHANCING THE PREDICTIVE CAPACITY
- Social learning
  BETWEEN RESEARCHERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Improving the management of ATLANTIC LANDSCAPES: accouting for biodiversity and ecosystem services

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ALICE partners will work across the four case studies and project work packages, ensuring the use of local knowledge and making models and approaches comparable across countries:

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_ **5 countries of the Interreg Atlantic region: Portugal, Spain, France, UK and Ireland.**

_ **14 research centres, NGOs and private companies with skills in Earth and Social Sciences, Economics and Resource Management.**

_ **4 key demonstration sites across the Atlantic area.**

An integrative landscape management approach incorporating socioeconomic and climate change scenarios is critical to ensure the suitable investments in Blue-Green Infrastructure Networks and maximise their benefits.

ALICE will identify and provide solutions to overcome the economic and social barriers that may limit investment in Blue-Green Infrastructure Networks and will improve the characterisation of biodiversity and ecosystem services at the land-sea interface of the Atlantic Region and beyond.

OUTPUTS

Practical guidance on Blue-Green Infrastructure Networks (BGINs) investment in coastal, rural and urban planning to increase Ecosystem Services (ES) delivery;

User-friendly integrative modelling platform that facilitates ES evaluation by managers, stakeholders and business communities;

New methods for habitat mapping and conservation monitoring using remote sensing and ecological modelling tools;

Guidance to identify thresholds controlling ES delivery under realistic scenarios of global change;

Innovative participatory approaches for decision support to realistically inform environmental policy;

Practical guidance for developing an integrated EU policy agenda such as:

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