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Letter in support to the iFADO proposal to the Interreg Atlantic 2016 call

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Dear Ramiro Neves,

Thank you very much for informing us about your proposal entitled *Innovation in the Framework of the Atlantic Deep Ocean* (iFADO) for the Interreg Atlantic 2016 call in the Specific Objective 1.2 "Strengthening the transfer of innovation results to facilitate the emergence of new products, services and processes" from Priority Axis 1 "Stimulating innovation and competitiveness and the specific objective".

As coordinator of the Horizon 2020 project AtlantOS (BG08) I would like to express that AtlantOS is supportive of the proposal. The proposed approach, with cooperation and sharing of knowledge and technologies with other Atlantic Area countries and coastal managers, is a relevant strategy to enhance the development of innovative products in the implementation of the MSFD. In AtlantOS we aim for a better integration of the Atlantic observing and also conduct scientific research in the area of observing system optimization. In this respect, we are interested in contributing actively to discussions, workshops, and studies conducted by iFADO.

We are happy to provide any additional information on our commitment to the project upon your request or request of the European Commission and co-founders.

We are looking forward to start cooperating with you all in this exciting project!

Yours sincerely,



(Prof. Dr. Martin Visbeck)

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