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## The University of Algarve launches the Blue Energy Labs within project MAESTRALE

The University of Algarve (UAlg), Portugal, through its Division of Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer (CRIA), has launched its first Blue Energy Lab (BEL), in March 15<sup>th</sup> 2018. The BELs are part of the activities of Project MAESTRALE (INTERREG MED Programme).

The BELs are composed by meetings and debates about Blue Energy, among the stakeholders of the Quadruple Helix, including companies, R&D centers, public authorities and general public.

CRIA – UAlg has joined the initiative INOVA ALGARVE 2020 with about 300 participants, from large companies, SMEs, entrepreneurs, R&D centers from UAlg, researchers, Municipalities from the Algarve, local and regional authorities, local action groups and general public.

The activity of the BELs previews 4 regional meetings along the project, in which will be identified 2 pilot projects on Blue Energy to be developed and supported by MAESTRALE project.