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WELCOME TO THE ATLIC YOUTH SUMMIT

L'École de design Nantes Atlantique and Blue Lab are very pleased to welcome you in France for the last ATLIC Dissemination event : the Youth Summit.

Over the 21st and 22nd of April, 2026, you will meet fellow members of the ATLIC community – young people, experts, partners – all gathered with a shared intention: questioning and shaping the future of the Blue Economy in the Atlantic Area.

This Summit marks the culmination of a collective journey initiated through ATLIC – a project designed to empower young people to become active contributors to a more sustainable, innovative, and inclusive blue economy. By bringing together education, research, public institutions, and industry, ATLIC has created a unique space where ideas can emerge, be tested, and grow into concrete solutions for the challenges facing our coastal and maritime territories.

Over these two days, you will discover projects, exchange perspectives, collaborate, and co-create. More than a programme of activities, this Summit is a space for dialogue, experimentation, and connection – a moment to reflect on what has been achieved, and more importantly, to imagine what comes next.

Because the future of the Atlantic Area is not something to wait for – it is something to design, together.

We invite you to take part, to share your voice, and to dare to create.

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LOCAL CONTEXT

Located on the Atlantic coast, Nantes and Saint-Nazaire form a territory shaped by a strong maritime identity and a culture of innovation.

In Nantes, **L'École de design Nantes Atlantique** is an international design school recognized for its forward-thinking approach, where design is used as a driver for innovation and sustainable transitions. Through close links with industry and research, it explores new ways of addressing societal and environmental challenges.

Further along the Loire estuary, Saint-Nazaire embodies the region's industrial and maritime heritage. It is home to **Blue Lab**, an open innovation space and association dedicated to supporting experimentation, entrepreneurship, and the development of innovative projects, fostering collaboration between diverse stakeholders.

Together, these two complementary ecosystems provide an inspiring setting for the ATLIC Youth Summit.



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DAY 1

REGISTRATION

 **Where & When :** Accueil / Agora
8:45 - 9:15

OPENING SESSION


The event will be opened by **Anne Brochard** (President of L'Ecole de design Nantes Atlantique), **Guillaume Accarion** (President of Blue Lab), **Vera Araujo** (Câmara de Santo Tirso - ATLIC lead partner), **Cécile Levieil** (Région Pays de la Loire), **Tania Afonso** (Interreg Atlantic Area).

 **Where & When :** Salle de conférence - Prouvé
9:15 - 10:15

COFFEE BREAK & EXHIBITION

Enjoy your coffee while discovering projects developed by young people from the ATLIC community, showcased at EDNA.

- **SYNK** - a festival exploring intersections between AI, creativity, and the Blue Economy, developed by EDNA students.
- **Océan.4** - a series of projects imagining energy solutions at the heart of the future Blue Economy.
- **Rising Waters** - an immersive exhibition envisioning life in 2050 in Vendée, exploring how societies can adapt to rising sea levels.
- **Algae project** - Innovative concepts investigating the multiple uses of algae, from food to materials and beyond.
- **Blue Lab projects** - Innovative projects for blue economy, led by young people from Saint-Nazaire area.

 **Where & When :** Agora / B3-04
10:15 - 11:00

TRANSNATIONAL ROUND TABLE

The ATLIC Transnational Round Table brings together young entrepreneurs, experts, policymakers, and representatives of organizations from across the Atlantic area to discuss challenges of Blue Economy.

Moderated by Florence Bernat (L'Ecole de design Nantes Atlantique) and Namratha Vaidya (Blue Lab).

 **Where & When :** Salle de conférence - Prouvé
11:00 - 13:00

LUNCH BREAK

 **Where & When :** Agora
13:00 - 14:30

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ATLIC DECLARATION WORKSHOP

Young people come together to write the ATLIC Declaration, shaping a collective vision and defining commitments for a more innovative, sustainable and inclusive Blue Economy.

 **Where & When :** B3-07 / B3-06 / B3-05 / A3-18
14:30 - 16:30

PARTNERS MEETING

Parallel presentation by French partners for ATLIC partners and external experts not involved in the Declaration workshop.

 **Where & When :** Salle de conférence - Prouvé
14:30 - 16:30

ÎLE DE NANTES VISIT

A guided visit of the Île de Nantes, led by Samoa, exploring the site's transformation and its strong historical and contemporary links to the Blue Economy.

 **Where & When :** Departure from Agora to Ile de Nantes
16:30 - 18:00

DISCOVERY WORKSHOPS

Pascal Casari (Université de Nantes) will lead a workshop on plastic pollution and recycling. Using an injection molding machine, ATLIC merchandise will be produced.

Jade, Prune and Elliot from L'Ecole de design Nantes Atlantiques will introduce innovative ways to integrate algae into our daily consumption.

 **Where & When :** Departure from Agora to Halle de Fabrication / Food Lab
16:30 - 18:00

 *Participants will participate in one of the three activities Your personal schedule will be indicated on the back of your badge.*

ATLIC DECLARATION PRESENTATION

The ATLIC Declaration, result of collective thinking from the ATLIC community will be presented and signed by a representant of each partner.

 **Where & When :** Agora
18:30 - 19:00

DINNER COCKTAIL

 **Where & When :** Agora
19:00 - 21:00

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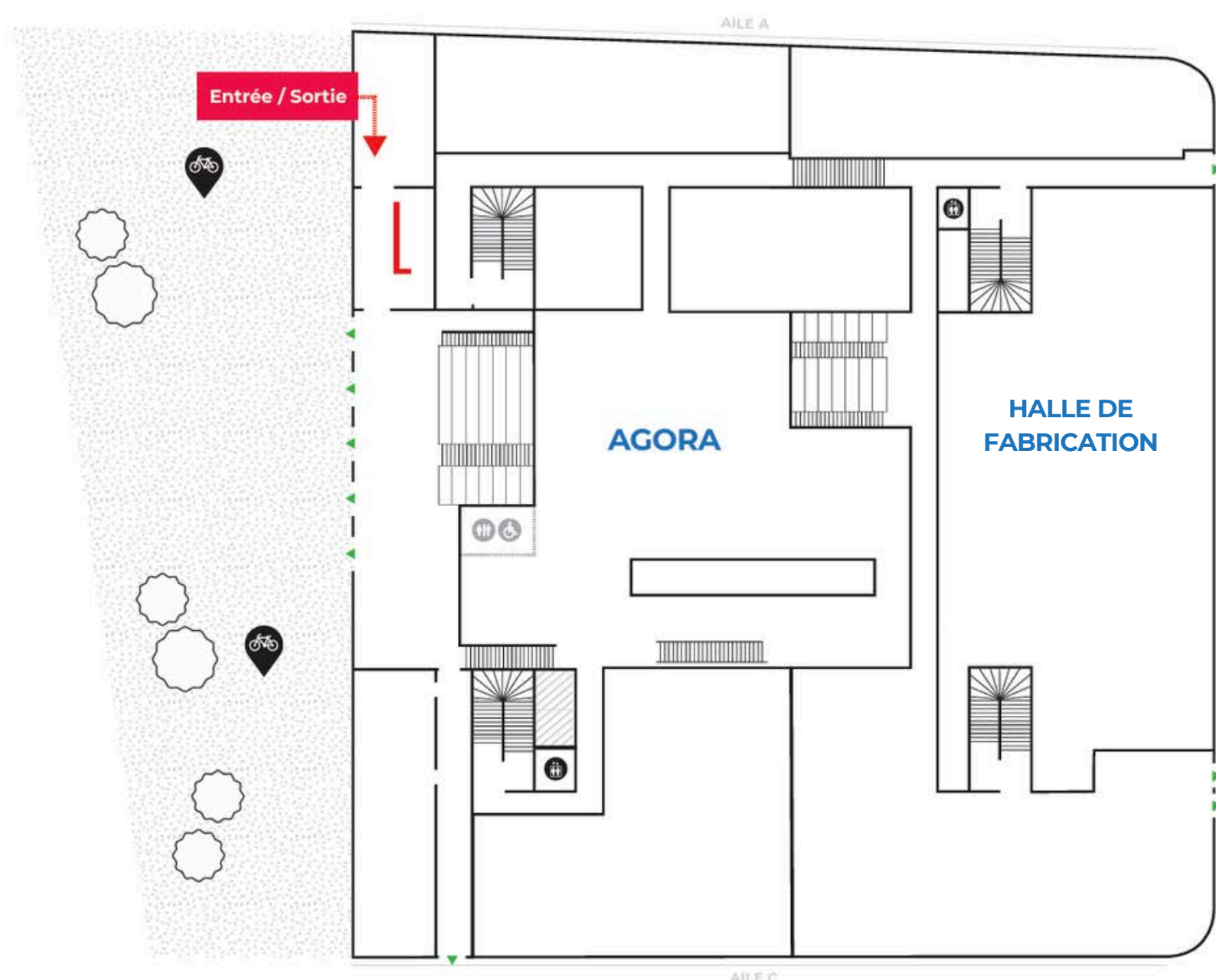


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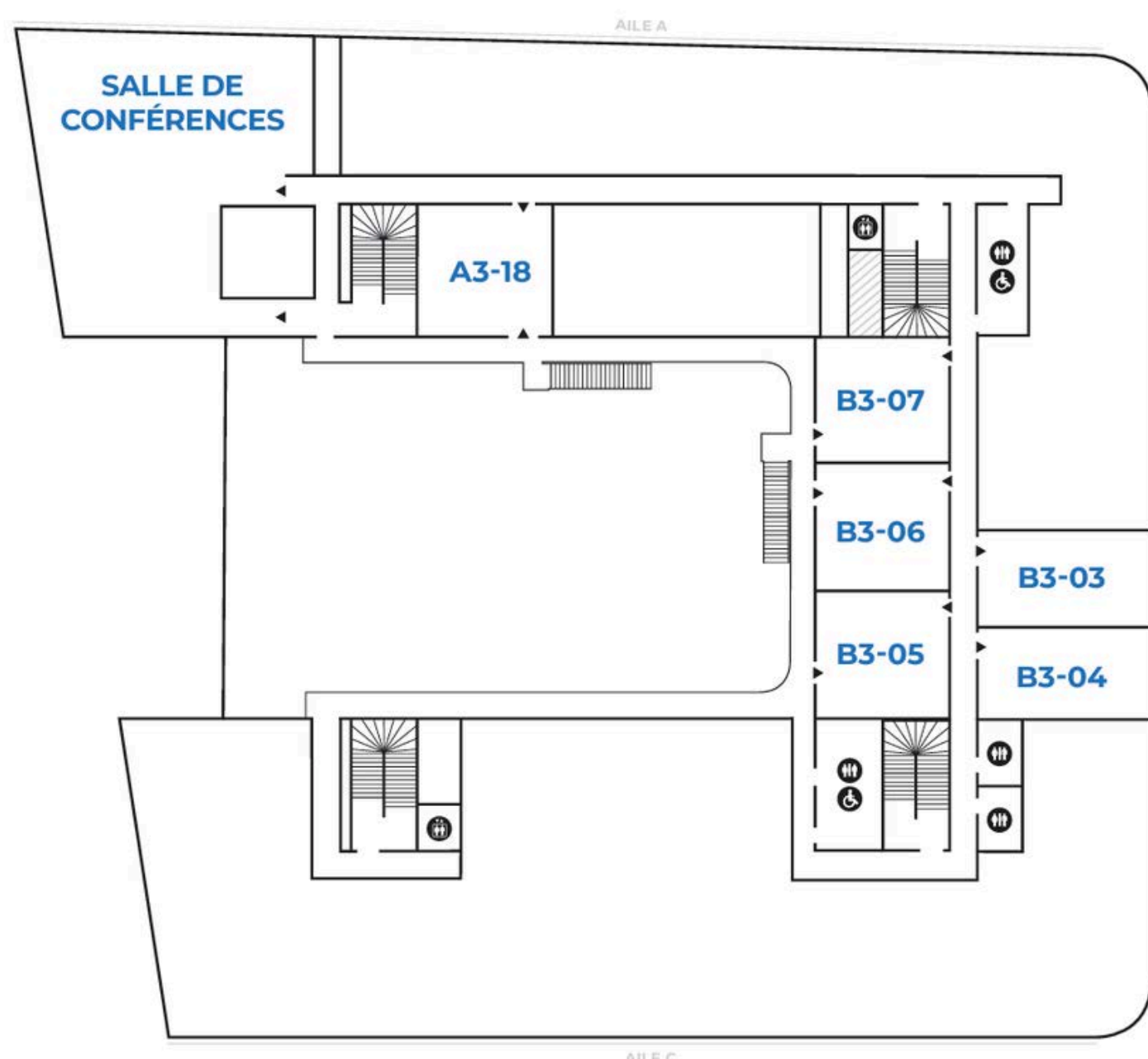
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Wifi** : You can connect to "Wi-Fi_Partenaaires" and follow the online procedure to register yourself.
- **Cloakroom** : Everyone is autorised to leave their stuff in B3-03. However, this room will stay unlocked and EDNA is not responsible for any misplaced, stolen, or damaged personal belongings.
- No computer needed for the young people for this day.



Floor 0/1



Floor 3

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REGISTRATION


Everyone will meet at the ferry terminal on time, to ensure smooth embarkment on the boat. Breakfast will be served during an opening speech for the day.

 **Where & When :** Gare Maritime, Quai Ernest Renaud, 44100 Nantes
9:00 - 9:30

BOAT CRUISE

Participants will travel by boat from Nantes to Saint-Nazaire, with a guided tour exploring port activities, local history and heritage, and the link between both cities through the Blue Economy.

Antoine Adam (Nantes Saint-Nazaire Développement) and **Philippe Gonin** (Pornic Agglo - Associated partner of ATLIC) will present blue economy projects developed along the Loire River and its estuary.


 **Where & When :** La Loire
9:30 - 12:00

THE BLUE WALK: FROM HERITAGE TO INNOVATION

A guided walk through Saint-Nazaire, starting at the Eco-Museum, where the city's deep connection to the sea is brought to life. The route includes a stop at the Espadon submarine, a striking symbol of local naval history and technological expertise, followed by a pass by the School of Fine Arts, where creative practices offer a fresh perspective on maritime identity. The walk concludes at EPF, representing the future of technology and innovation.

 **Where & When :** From Saint-Nazaire port to l'EPF
12:00 - 12:30

LUNCH BREAK

 **Where & When :** EPF
12:30 - 14:00

OPENING OF THE ATLIC TALENT SHOW

Beatrice Priou and Marie Collet-Sassère (Saint-Nazaire Agglo) and delegates from Saint-Nazaire City will present projects on Blue Economy developed at the local scale.

 **Where & When :** EPF
13:45 - 14:30

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ATLIC TALENT SHOW

Young people from the ATLIC community will present their innovative project, developed during the Innoblué Labs. Each group will have five minutes to share their work with the audience.

Moderated by ATLIC partners.

 **Where & When** : EPF, Saint-Nazaire
14:30 - 17:30

ATLIC AWARDS CEREMONY

After deliberating, a jury composed of expert and partner will deliver the ATLIC Awards to young people, driving innovation in the Blue Economy across Atlantic communities.

Presented by ATLIC partners.

 **Where & When** : EPF, Saint-Nazaire
17:45 - 18:15

BUS BACK TO NANTES

 **Where & When** : EPF, Saint-Nazaire
18:30 - 20:00

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