



Sustainable Blue
Economy Partnership

General Information Webinar

2023 First Joint Transnational Co-Funded Call

The way forward: a thriving sustainable blue economy for a brighter future

02 March 2023, 2PM-4.30PM CET



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Webinar Instructions

- ▶ The webinar is recorded and will be available on replay
- ▶ Audio available to Speakers only
- ▶ Several Q&A Sessions 
- ▶ Please ask your questions using the Webex 
 - ▶ Your question(s) must be related to the ongoing topic session
 - ▶ If you have question(s) related to your National/Regional Funding Organisation, please consult the ANNEX B and/or contact your national/regional contact points
 - ▶ For any other specific questions about the call, please contact the Joint Call Secretariat:
sbep.call-secretariat@agencerecherche.fr



14h-14H05

Welcome and Introduction

by Margherita Cappelletto (MUR)



14h05-14H15

Introduction to the First Co-funded Call *by Carolina Torres (FRCT)*



The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership aims to boost the transformation towards a climate-neutral, sustainable, productive, and competitive blue economy by 2030, while creating and supporting the conditions for healthy oceans for the people by 2050.

Vision





Background of the call

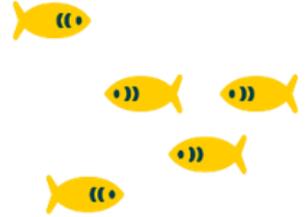


- ▶ COVID-19 pandemic accentuated the vulnerabilities in the EU economy and the need for greater autonomy in terms of production and supply chains of food, services, and workforce. And the blue economy sectors were not an exception.
- ▶ Unique opportunity to tackle the challenges presented by the pandemic to achieve a more resilient and sustainable recovery of the blue economy.



The way forward: a thriving sustainable blue economy for a brighter future

- ▶ This first co-funded call aims to support transnational research and innovation projects with a duration of **36 months**.
- ▶ Projects in this Co-funded call **must be impact-driven contributions** to the transformation into a blue economy for a more resilient future and towards carbon neutrality targets, following an impact pathway approach.
- ▶ Projects must be developed at a pan-European level and in the different European sea basins: **the Mediterranean, the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea, the North Sea, and the Atlantic Ocean** and establish close **cross-sectorial cooperation** in the science, innovation, and economic sectors.





SBEP

The Green Deal

Digital Europe

Recovery Package

EU POLICIES

European Ocean Observing System (EOOS)
Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP)
Water Framework Directive (WFD)
Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)
Maritime Spatial Planning Directive (MSPD)
Farm to fork
Circular Economy Action Plan
Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)
European Data Strategy
Biodiversity Strategy



Priority areas



Planning and managing
sea-uses at the regional level



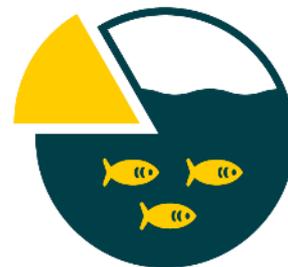
Development of **offshore marine multi-use infrastructures** to support the blue economy



Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient **Blue Food and feed**



Green transition of **'Blue Food' production**



Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea basins and the Atlantic Ocean

Participating Countries and Research Funding Organisations



23 Countries, 36 RFOs responsible for funding R&I actions in the blue economy with financial support from the European Commission:

- ▶ 19 Member-States: Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands
- ▶ 4 Associated Countries: Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway, Türkiye

Consult the Annex B of the Call Announcement

New funders from Brazil will join the call, more info soon in Annex B!



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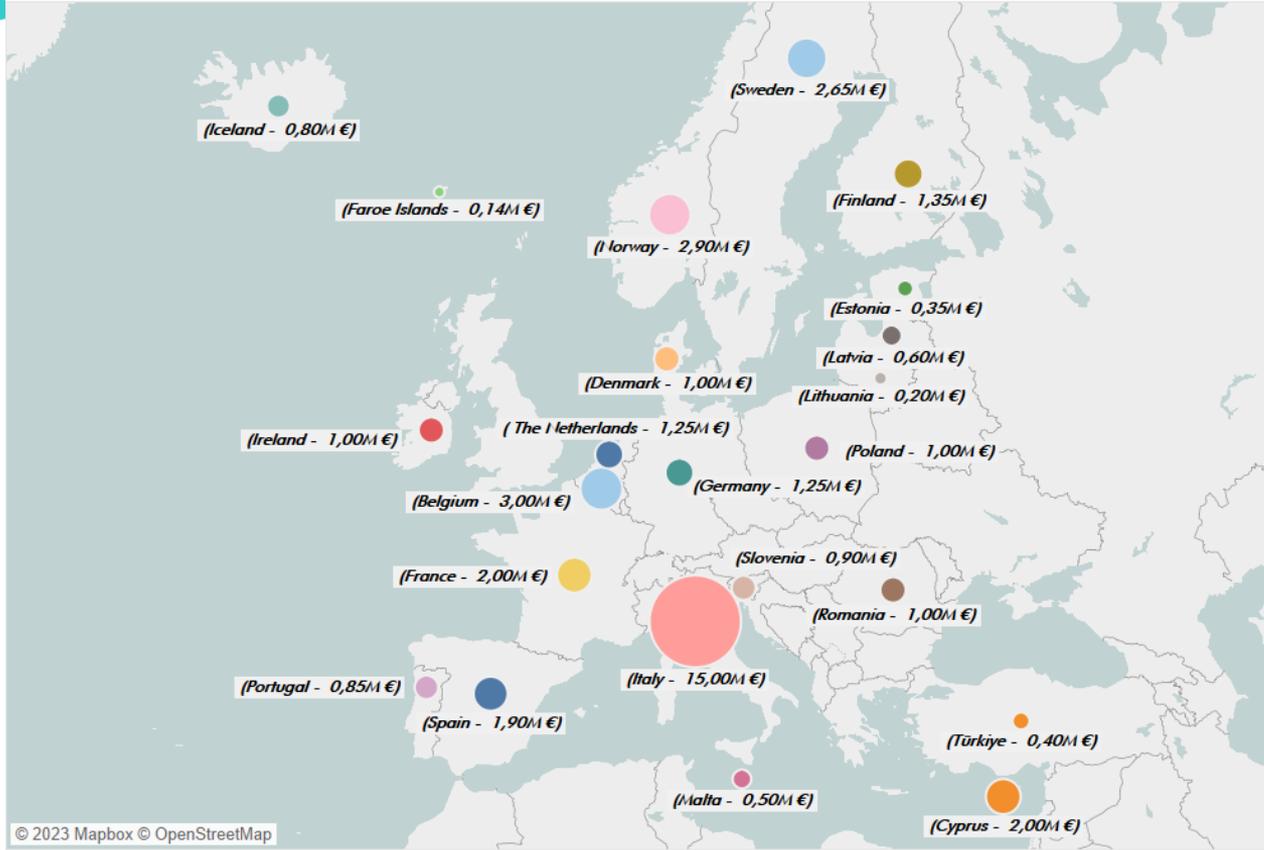


Co-funded by
the European Union

SBEP 2023 Call
Total budget allocated by FOs
42,035M €

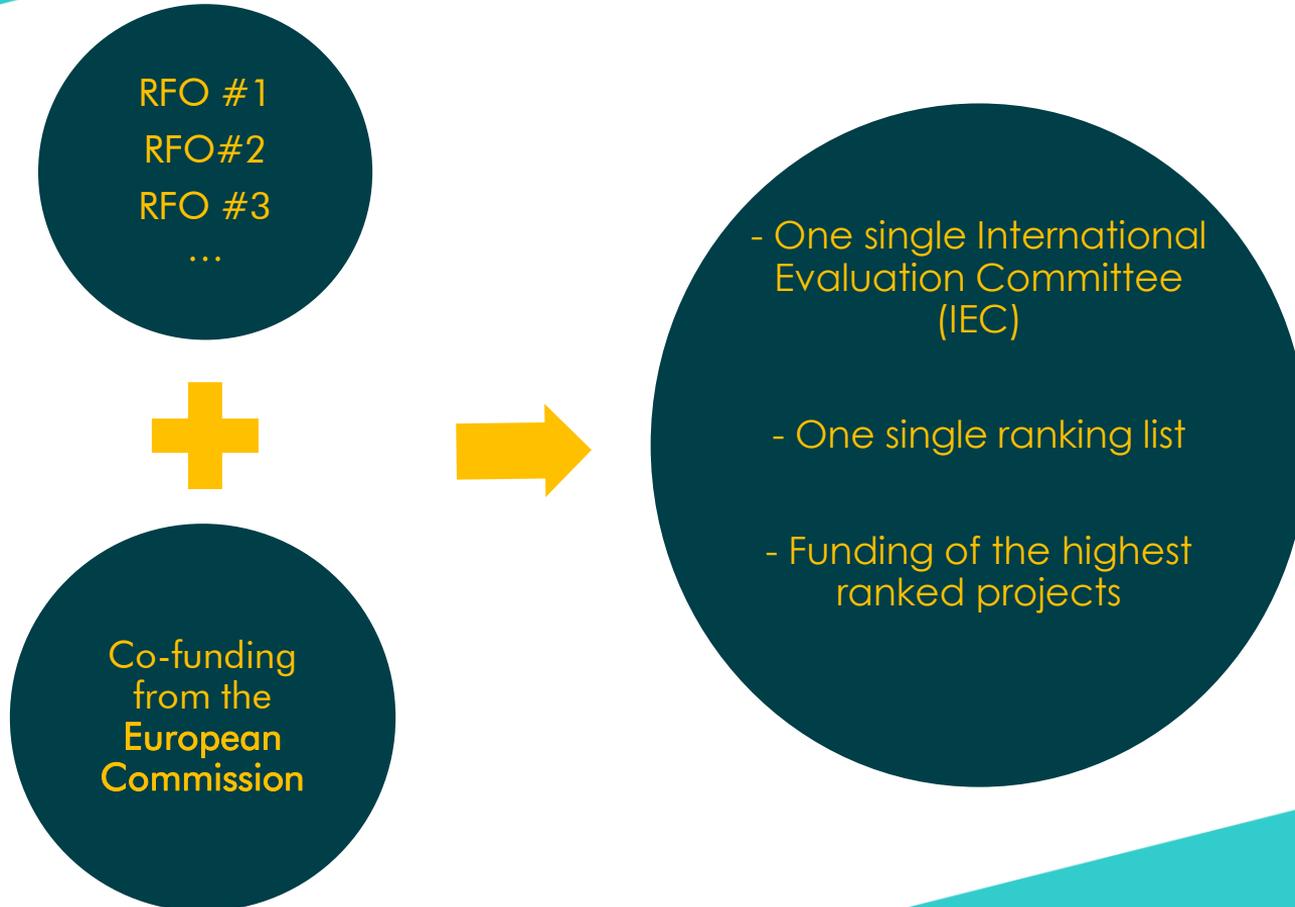
+12M€ from EU
Total 54M€

Total budget per Participating Country





How does the call works?

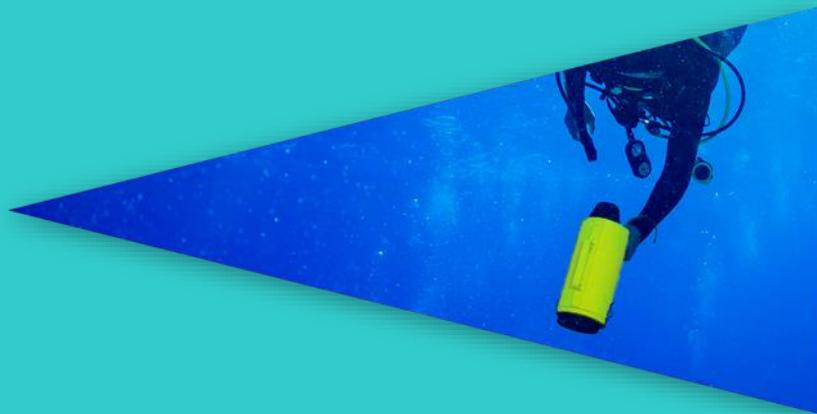




Call Timeline

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January 2023	Pre-announcement
13 February 2023, 15:00 CET	Official launch – Call Publication
14 April 2023, 15:00 CEST	Deadline for submission (pre-proposals)
Early-May 2023	First eligibility check by Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) and national contact points (NCPs)
Early-July 2023	Results of the pre-proposal evaluation Invitation to submit full proposals
Early- to mid-July 2023	Period for appeal
Mid-July to early-August 2023	Evaluation of the appeals and communication of decisions to the applicants
Mid-July to early-August 2023	Evaluation of the appeals and communication of decisions to the applicants
13 September 2023, 15:00 CEST	Deadline for submission (full proposals)
Early-October 2023	Second eligibility check by JCS and NCPs
November 2023	Results of full proposal evaluation (ranked list of proposals)
Early-December 2023	Projects recommended for funding by CSC Communication of results to applicants
Early- to mid-December 2023	Period for appeal
Mid-December 2023 to mid-January 2024	Evaluation of the appeals and communication of decisions to the applicants
1 February to 31 May 2024	Start of funded projects



14h15-14H45

**Presentation of the Priority Areas of
the first call (scientific content)**
by Maurice Héral (ANR)



1- Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level



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Planning and managing (MSP) sea-uses, to avoid conflicting uses and minimize respective impacts on marine ecosystems, promoting a new approach with integration at the regional level that takes into account the 4D evolution of coastal environments

- ▶ **Open to the different regional Sea basins**
- ▶ Codesign with competent authorities local, regional and national, monitors and define the relevant scale
- ▶ Cross-boarder cooperation for a consensual integrated MSP at the basin or sub-basin scale
- ▶ Changing Environmental Scenarios: climate change, SLR and coastal flooding scenarios, impact of extreme events, erosion, sedimentation, biogeochemical cycles and changes in nutrients...



1- Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level

- ▶ Integrated approach of marine biodiversity conservation: MPAs and ecological corridors for connectivity
- ▶ All activities including marine and maritime space management: fisheries management, aquaculture zone, navigation, gravels and sand extraction, offshore wind farms, oil and gas extraction...but also on coastal zone: harbors, cities, tourism, MPAs and sustainable aquaculture...
- ▶ Cumulative and respective impacts including inputs from watershed to the coastal zone
- ▶ Develop new Decision Support Tools including socio-economical components
- ▶ Propose different scenarios to competent authorities, facilitation and negotiation to obtain agreements for future evolutions in 30/50 years at the regional scale



2- Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy



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Blue generation marine multi-uses offshore infrastructures for more sustainable multi-purpose offshore structures

- ▶ **Open to different geographical locations and marine conditions**
- ▶ Feasibility to create new wind farms and decommissioning / reuse of existing platforms and exhausted gas and oil reservoirs
- ▶ Technology development of associated uses
- ▶ Associate construction of marine renewable sources (wind, waves, currents ...) integrated with photovoltaic or other renewable production systems
- ▶ Hydrogen production (and transport) from renewable energy



2- Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy

- ▶ Combining with aquaculture facilities (fish cages, shellfish longlines including fish and shellfish processes) with existing offshore platform
- ▶ Production of fresh water resources with desalination of sea water minimizing the impact on the ecosystems
- ▶ Develop Marine Protected Areas (30%), increase benthic biodiversity (NbS and/or artificial reefs) or NTZ
- ▶ Model the environmental conditions and interactions between the different uses
- ▶ Win-win approach of the co-use including economical mutual benefit
- ▶ Social acceptance and competition between the different users



3- Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed



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'Blue Food' targets sustainable management of ocean bioresources to produce a sustainable, productive, competitive and climate neutral marine food

- ▶ **Open to different geographical locations and marine conditions**
- ▶ Reducing / Avoiding bycatch (including by developing innovative fishing gears) and discards to develop more sustainable fisheries, restricting the fishing of undersize and non-commercial species
- ▶ Promoting of alternative technologies to demersal trawlers and dredges which are causing detrimental effects on benthic biodiversity
- ▶ Recycling marine wastes for innovative use as for healthy and sustainable feed



3- Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed

- ▶ Integrated assessment of the limits / trade-off to increased production of low trophic level marine species, to increase fisheries and aquaculture production and develop their sustainability
- ▶ Increase our knowledge on biological characteristics (growth, reproduction, spawning, nursery ...) and on ecosystem role (food web, carbon pump) of mesopelagic potential resources
- ▶ Assessment of the sustainability of mesopelagic fisheries from the biological, ecological and socio-economical perspectives, complementarity with MEESO



4- Green transition of Blue Food production



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Green transition of 'Blue Food' production, targets the technological, digital, smart, and just transition of the sea food sector to a sustainable, productive, competitive and climate neutral one

- ▶ **Open to different geographical locations and marine conditions**
- ▶ Refinement and automation of production processes in sustainable and integrated aquaculture and fisheries to increase food quality and increase carbon neutrality.
- ▶ Analysis of the life cycle of the processes to reduce carbon footprint in fisheries and aquaculture. Develop technological innovations in phases which are the most energy consuming (demersal trawlers...)



4- Green Transition of Blue Food Production

- ▶ Assess reduction of CO₂ emission caused by trawling through resuspension of mineralised seafloor sediment and benthic biodiversity reduction
- ▶ Digital solutions to contribute to the increase of sustainability of the production of aquaculture and reduce overfishing
- ▶ Avoid duplication with Copernicus Marine Services on Tuna and anchovy.
- ▶ Complementarity with ZEWT for greening fishing vessels.



5- Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean



5- DTOs test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean

- ▶ **Open to different regional Sea basins**
- ▶ Actions dedicated to initial development of DTO models at sub sea-basin scale (phase 1).
- ▶ **Area selection:** Accurate information on the extension of the proposed coastal areas, the availability of existing data: oceanographic, detailed bathymetry, pollution levels, information about marine species including fisheries stocks, ecological data, etc.
- ▶ **Existing Data collection and representation:** Analysis of the existing information, Quality control and standard format of datasets. Discovery of patterns in the data via data treatments. Retrieve most important parameters and other occurrence data (-collection of Physical parameters e.g. developed by Copernicus Marine Services (7 km) downscaling and coupling issues with integrated multidisciplinary models), combine data and estimate probability distributions.



5- DTOs test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean

- ▶ **Identify gaps in data**, proposed new monitoring scheme with new sensors to fill at the phase 2 with possible new instruments and sensors if requested
- ▶ **Ecological Modelling**: Analysis of the existing ecological modelling, selection of the most coherent and suitable integrated model for phase 2 of the development of the DTO
- ▶ **Assess potential impacts** on economy and society of the coastal regions of the area: possible societal and economical benefit for a sustainable management of the sea based economical activities when the DTO will be developed and available
- ▶ **Develop long term forecasting of scenarios 30/50 years for managers, policy makers, industry, citizens by reducing risks.**
- ▶ In relation with the lighthouses of Mission
- ▶ Include data available in EMODnet
- ▶ Avoid duplication of Copernicus Marine Services applications



General recommendations



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(Pre-)proposals should/are encouraged to:

- ▶ **Go beyond the state of the art by providing high-quality R&I** and, when appropriate, make use of innovative technologies, approaches, and concepts to do so;
- ▶ **Be scientifically excellent and relevant to policies framed under Blue Economy and consider ongoing research activities funded by other EU Missions, instruments, programmes, or projects.** Cooperation with these activities is of high importance to avoid redundancy, favour complementarity and increase synergies;
- ▶ **Contribute to cross-cutting themes** such as the open data policy, development of capacity-building activities and ocean literacy activities, promote the inclusion of young people in the activities and knowledge transfer, follow *partnership communication guidelines using a common visual identity, to promote equal opportunities for participation of women and men in the research consortia and comply with EC ethics self-assessment principles*;
- ▶ **(Pre-) proposals are strongly encouraged to cover a broad geographic scale (i.e., more than one sub-sea basin). Projects are expected to consider several EU sea basins or, at least, to consider the impact of the projects on several EU sea basins**



General recommendations

(Pre-)proposals should/are encouraged to:

- ▶ **Consider geographical balance** and implementation in appropriate geographic settings and according to the objectives of the proposal, including in low- and middle-income countries/regions, and less-performing countries
- ▶ **Involve stakeholders (i.e., small, and medium enterprises (SMEs), industries, authorities, public administrations, associations, as well as civil society organisations) as partners or self-funded partners.** The modalities of participation of stakeholders are defined in the national/regional eligibility criteria. Stakeholder engagement in the research projects will enhance innovation, policy, and societal relevance and ultimately the impact of the projects;
- ▶ Integrate the gender dimension of R&I activities



Q&A Session

***Ongoing Topic:
Presentation of the Priority Areas of
the first call (scientific content)***



14h45-15H30

General information towards applicants

1. *Theory of change; Open Access - Fair Data*, by S. Pasquier (ANR)
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Development of Impact pathway approach

Annex A: “Theory of Change”



Development of an Impact pathway approach

- ▶ General context: Ambition of Horizon Europe of creating impact-driven R&I projects and significant societal and environmental impacts.
- ▶ What: it is requested in the proposal a plan that describes what impact the research is expected to achieve in the long run
- ▶ One way to make such a plan is to establish a methodology of Theory of Change (ToC) with a related Impact Pathway:
 - ▶ Describes how the research and innovation process can contribute to societal/economic/environmental change

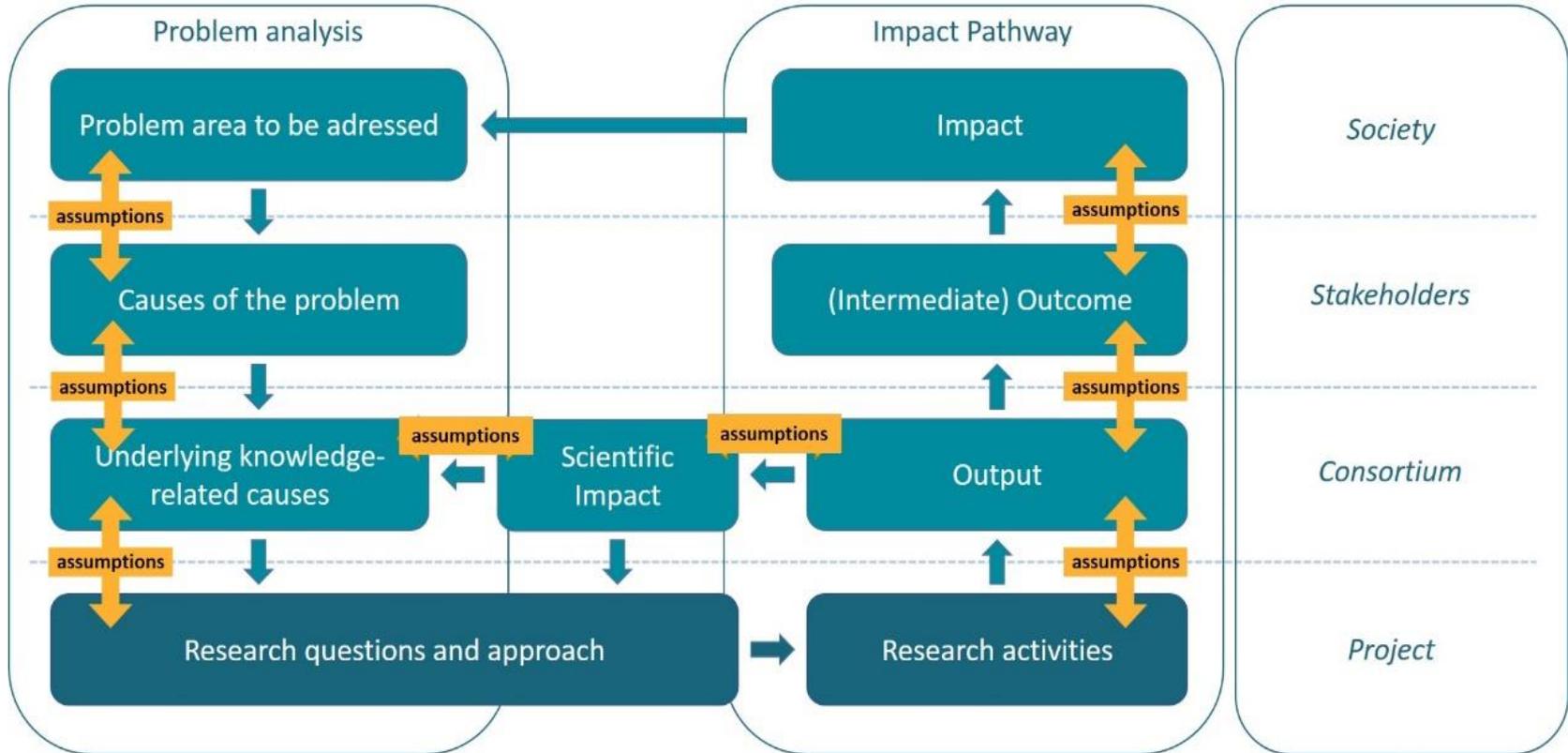


Development of an Impact pathway approach

- ▶ Impact Pathway: a logical framework with logically-linked outputs, outcomes and impacts:
 - ▶ **Output:** direct and immediate insights obtained by the research projects
 - ▶ **Outcome:** change in behaviour, actions, activities of stakeholders due to uptake of research (mid- to long-term)
 - ▶ **Impact:** changes in economic, environmental, and social conditions that the project is aiming at (long-term)



Theory of Change



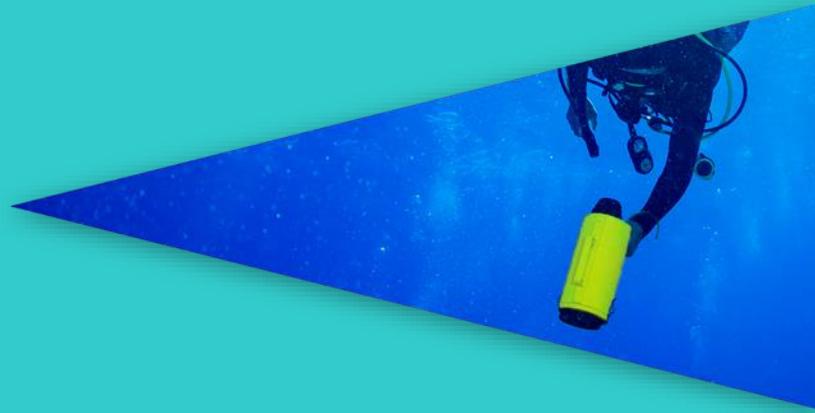


- ▶ Should be for instance considered for the co-design process of the Impact Pathway:
 - ▶ The potential of the R&I project for impact: societal, technical, environmental, economic, ...
 - ▶ How relevant stakeholders can be involved in, and/or benefit from the R&I project
 - ▶ Uptake of R&I findings for decision/policy making



In practice

- ▶ Pre-proposal: first version of the plan to be included in the “project description” section on the EPSS platform
- ▶ Full-proposal: updated version of the plan in the “project description” section on the EPSS platform
- ▶ Please refer to the Annex A for guidelines, including the workshop “Working with a Impact plan”: <https://impact.nwo.nl/en/working-with-an-impact-plan>



Open access, FAIR Data

Annex F: “Open access and FAIR Data”



Open Science principles

- ▶ SBEP strongly supports Open Science principles including open sharing of research data generated by the funded R&I projects: collection, reuse, analysis, validation, and data management.
- ▶ In accordance with the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Re-usable)
- ▶ But also considering balanced approach towards openness: “As open as possible, as closed as necessary”
 - ▶ Ex: data sharing constrained by the need to protect commercial potential



Data Management

- ▶ To support the funded projects in this process, a Data Management Plan (DMP) is requested throughout the lifecycle of the project:
- ▶ Pre-proposal: short set of questions to address (directly on the EPPS)
- ▶ Full proposal: extended set of questions (a pdf uploaded on the EPPS)
 - ▶ Questions related to data collection, data production, documentation, storage, data sharing, ... in your R&I project
- ▶ Funded projects: update the DMP along the life of the project: beginning, mid-term and end-term of the project.



Open Access

- ▶ Projects funded have to comply with full and immediate Open Access principles for scientific publications:
 - ▶ Use of Open Access journals or publishing platforms, or Open Access Repository



Guidelines

- ▶ Please refer to the Annex F “Open Access and FAIR data” for guidelines:
 - ▶ Open access and FAIR data principles supported in SBEP
 - ▶ Set of questions for the Data Management Plan (also specified on the EPSS platform) and advice on the writing
 - ▶ Links for further information and documentation



Q&A Session

***Ongoing Topic:
Theory of change; Open Access -
Fair Data***



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Ocean literacy



Ocean literacy

[the partnership's ambitions]

- Promote **behavioural change** to enable the just and sustainable transformation of Europe's blue economy
- Generate **interest** in sustainable marine innovation, career and investment options across Europe
- Target **industry actors** to influence Corporate Social Responsibility for the just transition





Ocean literacy

[opportunities for impact]

- Integrate ocean literacy in **funded projects**
- Integrate **citizen science** in the Partnership's R&I activities





Ocean literacy

[wider context]

- **Partnership:** Work Package including **Ocean literacy**
- **Europe:** **EU4Ocean** coalition and **Mission Ocean & Waters**
- **Global:** UN Ocean Decade ocean literacy actions



Q&A Session

Ongoing Topic: Ocean Literacy



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Monitoring of the selected projects



Projects

monitoring

[interaction and networking between projects]

- **3 milestones** to present and report during the projects' lifetime:
 - Kick-off
 - Mid-term
 - Final-term
- At mid-term and final-term, **seminars to exchange information** and discuss with the expert reviewers will be organized
- **Participation of the projects in these seminars is expected and should be covered by the project's budget.**
- **SBEP will foster interaction and exchange between projects** and with projects funded in other calls (and in other Partnerships!)





Projects

monitoring [written reporting procedure]

- Reports will be based on **templates with Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** to get information from the projects manageable and comparable
- The **monitoring system** will be very similar to the submission system presented today (**EPSS**)
- **Project Coordinators are responsible for reporting** and must collect information from their consortium partners.





Projects

monitoring

[Follow-up Experts Group]

- A **Follow-up Experts Group of independent reviewers will be responsible for the assessment of the project execution** (most of them will be already involved in the proposals' evaluation)
- Members of the FG **must declare any possible Col** with the allocated projects.
- The process will compare the initial proposal with the reported information, in order to see the development of the project towards the objectives, deviations from the plan, etc.
- **FG members will participate in the seminars' discussions**





Projects monitoring

[important points to keep in mind]

- Reporting obligations for all partners of the funded projects at national level are **mandatory and different** for each national funding institution.
- During the project 's duration, changes, delays or unexpected circumstances **must be informed to the follow-up authority** (AEI) to find the most suitable solution for each situation.



Q&A Session

***Ongoing Topic:
Project monitoring***



15H30-16H

**Call process, eligibility rules, evaluation
criteria and selection procedure**
by the Joint Call Secretariat (ANR)



Call process

Stage 1: Pre-proposal Submission

- **Mandatory Step**
- General and national/regional **eligibility checks**
- **Evaluation** by an International Evaluation Committee (IEC)
 - At least **3 independent evaluators**
 - **2 evaluation criteria: Excellence and Impact**

Stage 2: Full proposal Submission

- **Invited applicants only**
- General and national/regional **eligibility checks**
- **Evaluation** by an International Evaluation Committee (IEC)
 - At least **3 independent evaluators**
 - **3 evaluation criteria: Excellence, Impact, Quality and efficiency of implementation**

Call timeline





General Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ **Scope:** (Pre-)proposals must address **one main priority area**.
 - ▶ Not all sub-themes within the priority area must be addressed
- ▶ **Duration:** 36 Months
- ▶ **Requested Budget:** Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal
- ▶ **(Pre-)proposal must:** be written in English, submitted using the EPSS, be complete, respect pages limits, number/type of attachment files
- ▶ **(Pre-)proposal must** be submitted before the deadline

Do not wait the last minute to submit!



General Eligibility Criteria

▶ Consortium composition:

- ▶ Each consortium must be composed of eligible partners from **at least three different countries participating in the call** and **requesting support from at least three different funding organisations** participating in the call
- ▶ **Self funded partners are allowed** but they are not counted for the minimum requirement of eligible partners and countries
 - ▶ They cannot act as a consortium coordinator
 - ▶ They must demonstrate the willingness to self-fund their own activities or show evidence that others partners are willing to fund their activities
 - ▶ A letter of intent/commitment must be submitted with the full proposal at stage 2



General Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ **Consortium coordinator**
 - ▶ **One entity must act as the consortium coordinator**
 - ▶ **The consortium coordinator must be eligible for funding by a funding organisation of this call**
 - ▶ **The consortium coordinator has the responsibility for submitting the (pre-)proposal**
 - ▶ **The PI of an entity can act as consortium coordinator only in one proposal**



National/Regional Eligibility Criteria

National/Regional regulations and National Contact Points → ANNEX B at <https://www.bluepartnership.eu/#call> (be careful of updates)

Each National / regional Funding Organisation funds its own national / regional Partner

- ▶ The consortium must comply with all the relevant national/regional eligibility rules
- ▶ **Before applying, each and every partner should verify their corresponding national/regional regulations and checked their eligibility with their National contact points (NCPs).** The Consortium Coordinator should verify that all partners of the consortium verified their eligibility.



Pre-proposal - Evaluation/Selection Procedure (1st Stage)

- ▶ Evaluated by at least **3 independent evaluators** (International Evaluation Committee, IEC)
- ▶ **2 assessment criteria: Excellence (Threshold: 3/5) and Impact (Threshold: 3/5)**
- ▶ **A ranking list of pre-proposals will be produced** by IEC, including only pre-proposals that meet the minimum threshold
- ▶ **3 groups** according to the pre-proposal scores:
 - ▶ **Group A, high evaluation scores** (*invitation to stage 2*)
 - ▶ **Group B, medium evaluation scores** (*invited to stage 2 depending on representativeness of Funding organisation*)
 - ▶ **Group C, low evaluation scores** (*low ranking > not invited to stage 2*)



Proposal - Evaluation/Selection Procedure (2nd Stage)

- ▶ Evaluated by at least **3 independent evaluators** (International Evaluation Committee, IEC)
- ▶ **3 assessment criteria: Excellence (Threshold: 3/5), Impact (Threshold: 3/5) and Quality and efficiency of implementation (Threshold: 3/5)**
- + **threshold on the final score: 10/15**
- ▶ **A ranking list of proposals will be produced** by IEC, including only proposals that meet the minimum thresholds
- ▶ Selection decision: **the CSC will consider the order of the ranking list from the IEC and the funding availability**
- ▶ Official letters on evaluation and selection results will be sent to Consortium coordinators



Evaluation criteria: Excellence

- ▶ **Fit to the scope**
- ▶ **Novelty of research**
- ▶ **Addressing the knowledge gaps**
- ▶ **Are risks properly identified and managed?**
- ▶ **Soundness of the proposed methodology**
 - ▶ Including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, **inter-disciplinary** approaches, appropriate consideration of the **ethical issues** according to the EU "Do no significant harm" principle (DNSH), **gender dimension** in research and innovation content, and the quality of **open science** practices, including sharing and management of research outputs and **engagement of citizens, civil society and end users** where appropriate



Evaluation criteria: Impact

- ▶ The credibility of the **pathways** to achieve the expected **outcomes and impacts** specified in the call text, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions to the project
- ▶ Suitability and quality of the measures to **maximise expected outcomes and impacts**, as set out in the **dissemination and exploitation** plan, including **communication** activities
- ▶ **The added value of European transnational cooperation and networking**



Evaluation criteria: **Quality and efficiency of implementation** (only at Stage 2)

- ▶ **Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, appropriateness of the effort** assigned to work packages, and the **resources** overall
- ▶ **Capacity and role** of each participant, and the extent to which the consortium brings together the necessary expertise
- ▶ **Appropriateness of the partners** and **justification of the resources** to be committed (budget, staff, equipment ...)
 - ▶ Including balance of scientific and financial contributions from respective countries' partner



Reminder

- ▶ Please consult the Call Announcement and Annexes including the National/Regional Regulations and National contact Points (ANNEX B) and the Pre-proposal and full proposal forms (ANNEX D and ANNEX E) at <https://www.bluepartnership.eu/#call>
- ▶ (Pre)proposal Submission using the Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS): <https://proposals.etag.ee/sustainable-blue>
- ▶ EPSS technical help desk email is epss.sbep@g.etag.ee
- ▶ For question regarding the call (except national/regional rules), contact the Joint Call Secretariat: sbep.call-secretariat@agencerecherche.fr



Q&A Session

***Ongoing Topic:
Call process, eligibility rules and
evaluation criteria and selection process***



16H00-16H15

Presentation of the submission system (EPSS) and the Partner Tool *by Katrin Saar (ETAG)*



Partner search tool



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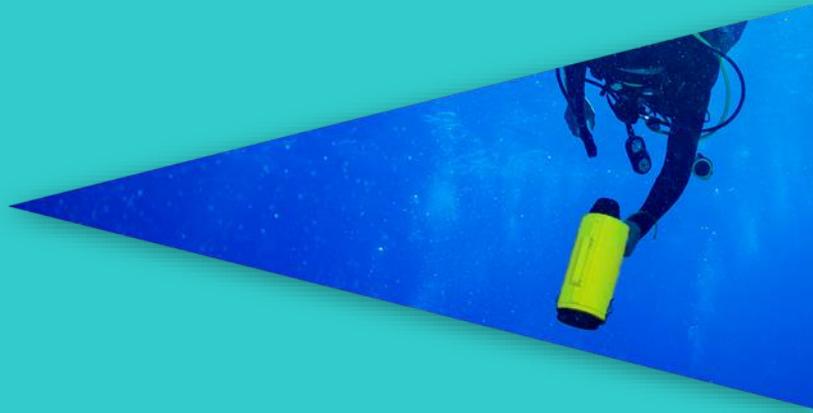
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Your partner / project search entry

1. Contact details

Academic title	Title	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Ms. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input type="radio"/> Mr.	
First name	Last name	Email
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Country (please choose from the list)	Region (if relevant)	
<input type="text" value="Type to search..."/>	<input type="text"/>	
Organisation name	<input type="text"/>	
Department / section	<input type="text"/>	
Telephone (optional)	<input type="text"/>	

- ▶ What are you looking for?
 - ▶ A partner (for your project)
 - ▶ A project to join
- ▶ Description of your expertise / skills
- ▶ Priority areas
- ▶ Project description
- ▶ Keywords
- ▶ Opportunities for networking



Submission platform EPSS

Submission platform EPSS



The screenshot shows the homepage of the submission platform. At the top, there is a yellow banner with the text "Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Calls for Proposals" and a subtitle "A climate neutral, sustainable and productive blue economy Partnership". Below the banner, there are two main sections: "Sustainable Blue Call 2023" and "My profile". The "Sustainable Blue Call 2023" section includes a description: "The way forward: a thriving sustainable blue economy for a brighter future" and a "Select Call 2023" button. The "My profile" section includes a description: "Update your name, if needed, change your sign-in password, add your other email addresses, change your default email." and a "My profile" button.

EPSS general data policy: [Please visit https://www.bluepartnership.eu/](https://www.bluepartnership.eu/) for more information. SBEP EPSS technical help desk email is epss-sbep@g.etag.ee



EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP

<https://proposals.etag.ee/sustainable-blue/>

1. General information
2. Add / edit / remove participants - add or remove project participants, change participant type, change PI
3. Participants' details:
 - Participant's details
 - Brief CV of the Principal Investigator
 - Budget
 - Preview this part of the proposal
4. Summary of the project
5. Short description of the project
6. Exclusion / suggestion of potential reviewers (optional)
7. Do no significant harm principle
8. Preview the entire proposal



Adding partners



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Add / remove project participants

After adding your project participants, please ask them to:

1. sign up for a SBEP EPSS user account at <https://proposals.etag.ee/sustainable-blue>
2. go to the applicant's desktop page <https://proposals.etag.ee/sustainable-blue/2023/applicant>
3. accept the invitation to join the proposal.

The steps above should be completed by all project participants whose status in the participants' list below shows 'has not joined yet'.

Please note that the EPSS **does not send invitation emails** to the participants. Please inform them yourself via email, etc.

Participant number	Principal Investigator	Country	Status
Partner 1			

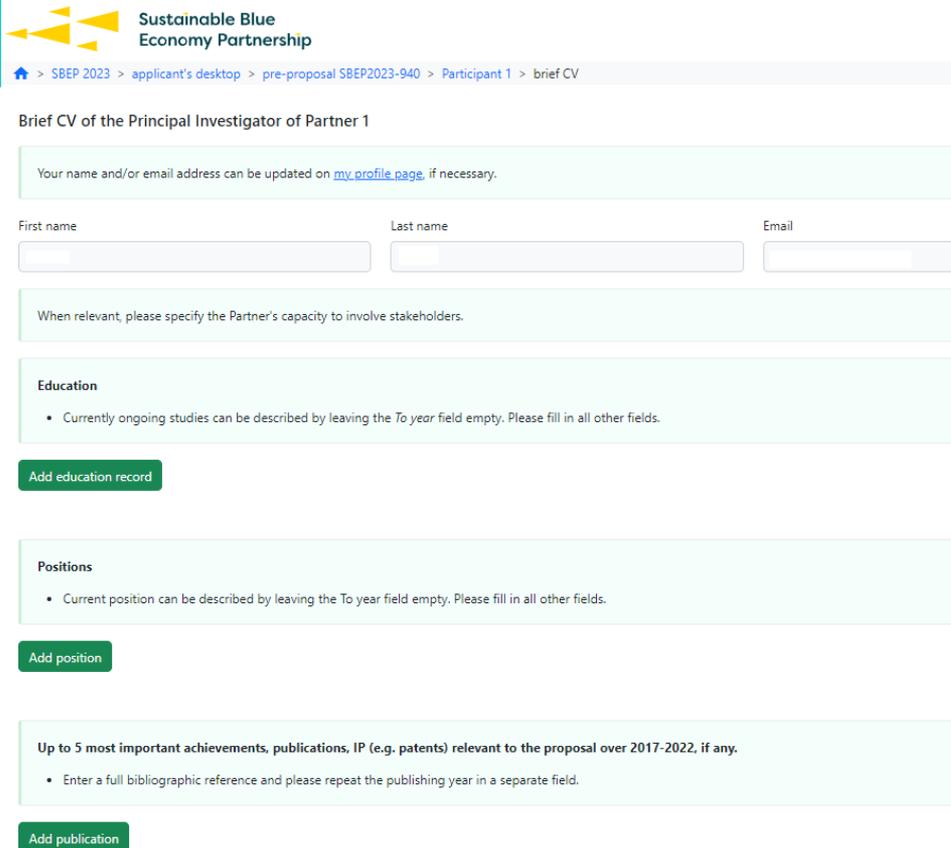
Add participant

Continue

1. <https://proposals.etag.ee/sustainable-blue>
2. <https://proposals.etag.ee/sustainable-blue/2023/applicant>

- ▶ Project coordinator can add/remove participants for them to get access to the proposal
- ▶ It's not possible to edit participant's details, the budget or the CV unless a participant has created an EPSS user account and has accepted joining the proposal.

Participant details



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Brief CV of the Principal Investigator of Partner 1

Your name and/or email address can be updated on [my profile page](#), if necessary.

First name Last name Email

When relevant, please specify the Partner's capacity to involve stakeholders.

Education

- Currently ongoing studies can be described by leaving the To year field empty. Please fill in all other fields.

[Add education record](#)

Positions

- Current position can be described by leaving the To year field empty. Please fill in all other fields.

[Add position](#)

Up to 5 most important achievements, publications, IP (e.g. patents) relevant to the proposal over 2017-2022, if any.

- Enter a full bibliographic reference and please repeat the publishing year in a separate field.

[Add publication](#)

▶ **Must be filled in the system**

▶ Participant details:

- ▶ Principal Investigator (PI)
- ▶ organisation info
- ▶ Other Team members

▶ Brief CV of Principal Investigator

▶ Subcontracting participant and self-financed participant



Budget

Cost category	Total cost <i>(in EURO, incl. VAT depending on rules)</i>	Funding request <i>(in EURO, incl. VAT depending on rules)</i>
Permanent salaries	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Non-permanent salaries	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Salaries total	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Travel	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Participation to joint activities of the call	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Consumables	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Equipment	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Other costs	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Overheads	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Subcontracting costs	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Total	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

- ▶ Each partner must comply with the limits to budget requests set by its funding organisation (FO).
- ▶ The indicated requested budget per Partner should be considered definitive, unless minor adjustment is requested by the FO.
- ▶ Please indicate to which FO you are requesting funds.
- ▶ Each subcontracting Partner must fill out the information for each of its subcontractants
- ▶ Self-financed Partners -indicate shortly how their participation to the project will be funded.



Short project description

- ▶ **Add as PDF! Page limit: 5 pages.**
- ▶ All tables, figures, references etc. counted in this page limit.
- ▶ The page limit will be applied automatically. After the deadline, excess pages (in over-long proposals/applications) will be automatically made invisible and will not be taken into consideration by the evaluators.
- ▶ **Links and hyperlinks are not allowed!**
- ▶ Formatting conditions listed in the system + elements that should be included in the description
- ▶ Fill in the system: Preliminary data management information



Important details!

- ▶ The proposal can be submitted by the Consortium coordinator multiple times before the pre-proposal submitting deadline on **2023-04-14 15:00 CEST**
- ▶ It is not possible to edit / submit the proposal after this deadline.
- ▶ **An incomplete proposal cannot be submitted** by the Consortium coordinator.
- ▶ All fields in the proposal forms are required to be filled in.
- ▶ Make sure you complete any missing parts and fix any detected problems well before the pre-proposal submitting deadline.
- ▶ **Information given in the pre-proposals is binding. No major changes regarding the proposals' content will be allowed by the CSC between the pre-proposals and full proposals.**



Q&A Session

Ongoing Topic: Presentation of the submission system (EPSS) and the Partner Tool

- ▶ SBEP EPSS technical help desk: epss.sbep@g.etag.ee



16H15-16H25

**Presentation of the Brokerage Event
(Matchmaking platform)**
by the Joint Call Secretariat (ANR)



Brokerage Event – Partnering support

Objective: To identify and meet potential partners

- ▶ **An online event:** use the call specific b2Match matchmaking platform



**Sustainable Blue
Economy Partnership**

13 March 2023 - 23 March 2023

**Sustainable Blue Economy
Partnership - 1st Call -
Brokerage event**

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Welcome to the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Brokerage Event

The match-making event is organized by the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and has the ambition to connect stakeholders from marine and maritime communities interested in the Partnership's first transnational call.

REGISTRATION
Opens on 7 March 2023

ORGANISED BY



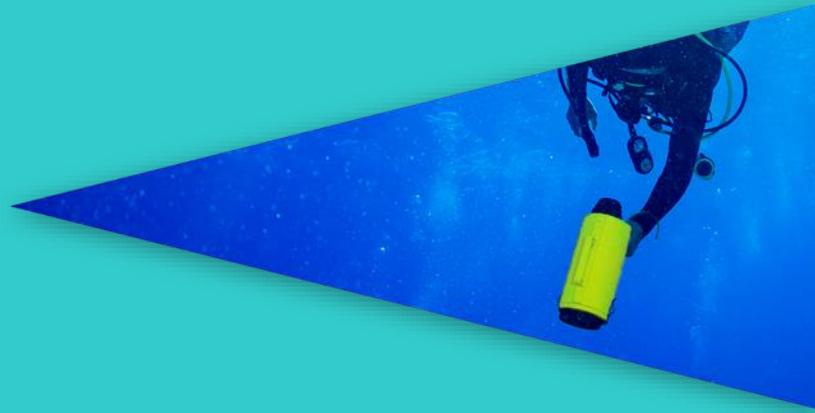


Brokerage Event – Partnering support

Objective: To identify and meet potential partners

- ▶ **An online event:** use the call specific b2Match matchmaking platform
 1. Registration will start next week: the registration link will be available on the Partnership Website <https://www.bluepartnership.eu>
 2. Create a profile
 3. Search for partners and start to interact: screen the online profiles and request meetings
- ▶ **You will be able to meet with potential partners for 2 weeks on pre-defined time slots** (4 sessions of 2 hours per week)

Contact: Joint Call Secretariat: sbep.call-secretariat@agencerecherche.fr



16H25-16H30

Closure and Next Steps

by the Joint Call Secretariat (ANR)



Closure-Next Steps

- ▶ For any information about the Partnership, please check the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership website:

<https://www.bluepartnership.eu/>

and follow the Partnership on the Social media channels: follow **@BlueEconomyEU** on #Twitter, #Facebook, #Linkedin and #Instagram

- ▶ All call documents available at **<https://www.bluepartnership.eu/#call>**
- ▶ **Deadline of pre-proposal submission: 14 APRIL 15H CEST**



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Thank you for your attention

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