Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership
National/Regional Regulations

2024 Joint Transnational Call

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## National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

### NAME OF THE COUNTRY

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### Funding Commitment

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<th>Funding contribution to the Call (in €)</th>
<th>Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner</th>
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<td>500,000 EUR</td>
<td>The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a <strong>Portuguese Main Applicant</strong> is 250 000,00 €.</td>
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### Notes:

- If more than one Portuguese applicant participating in the **same international consortium** applies for funding by FCT, the **combined funding** demanded by all the Portuguese applicants **may not exceed the maximum financial threshold for proposals with a Portuguese Main Applicant** (250 000 EUR) **or with a Portuguese Project Applicant** (150 000 EUR). Portuguese Main Applicants and/or Project Applicants in the same international consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT.
- For information on funding rates, see no. 2, Article 7 of **FCT Regulation**.

### Funded priority area (s)

| (1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale |
| (2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure |
| (3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level |
### Applicable Regulation

Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to **FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds**, as amended by the Regulation no. 5/2024, of 3 January, hereinafter referred to as FCT Regulation, which amends and republishes Regulation no. 999/2016, of 31 October, and to other applicable national and EU legislation.

### Eligible Institutions

For eligible institutions please consult **Article 3 of FCT Regulation**.

### Eligible Applicants

All applicants applying on behalf of the eligible institutions listed above.

### Eligible Costs

For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of **FCT Regulation** apply to **eligible expenses** and in article 9 to **non-eligible expenses**.

Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the **salaries and other remuneration supplements** of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration.

Expenditure on **adapting buildings and facilities** is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project’s total eligible expenses.

The **project’s indirect costs** are based on the application of a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs.

### Additional eligibility criteria

For additional eligibility criteria of beneficiaries and projects please consult Articles 5 and 6 of **FCT Regulation**.

### Relevant documents

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- **Financial Execution Rules**

### Additional Information

- For additional information please check **FCT Regulation**.
- The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will **not** be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.
- FCT and CCDR as Portuguese funding agencies on this call, reserve the right to evaluate the **possibility of transferring application(s) to the other Portuguese funding agency** if an application is considered non-eligible by the funding agency selected by the candidate institution, but is eligible by the other Portuguese funding agency, which will from then on be responsible for managing the application(s). The transfer of applications will be carried out in accordance with the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties.
- If FCT or CCDTC reach the limit of the budget that each of the agencies has set for funding projects under this call before the number of applications recommended for funding by each of these agencies has run out, the applications recommended for funding that lack funding may be transferred to the agency that still has the budget to fund applications. The transfer of applications recommended for funding will be carried out in accordance with the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties.

### Statement of Commitment

- Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal, a **Statement of Commitment** duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinators) and by the legal representant of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to Marta.norton@fct.pt
- The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment, as long as it is signed, in the Authenticação.gov application, with professional attributes that identify the functions performed by the signatory.
- Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that do not apply for funding from FCT do not need to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT.

### Applicable forms of Payment

In accordance with no. 1 of article 7 of the FCT Regulation, the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on real costs. As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting documents of similar probationary value, under the terms of no. 5 of article 8 of FCT Regulation.

### Useful Links

Dedicated website for the SBEP within FCT portal: [here](#)

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**Note:** In blue sentences adapted/added 12 March 2024