Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

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Funding Commitment	**Funding contribution to the Call (in €)**	**Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner**
	1.000.000,00	The maximum amount of funding to be requested from FCT by a consortium with a **Portuguese Main Applicant** is **250 000,00 €**. --- The maximum amount of funding to be requested from FCT by a consortium with a **Portuguese Project Applicant** is **150 000,00 €** **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 ☒	
	(4) Blue Bioresources ☒	
	(5) Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses ☒	
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	

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	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	To define 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	• Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to FCT Regulation **on projects funded solely by national funds**, as amended by Regulation no. 5/2024, of 3 January, which amends and republishes Regulation no. 999/2016, of 31 October • 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 Centro as Portuguese funding agencies in 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 following the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties. • If FCT or CCDR Centro 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 representative 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.
Useful Links	Dedicated website for SBEP within FCT portal: here