

Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

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About

60 partners, 25 countries

+ European Commission

pooling research and innovation investments and aligning national programmes at pan-European scale taking into consideration the sea-basin (Mediterranean, Black Sea, Baltic and North Sea) and Atlantic Ocean dimension

450 million € over 7 years

Coordinator: Italian Ministry of Universities and Research Co-coordinator: Research Council of Norway

Chair of the General Assembly: Research Council of Norway

Co-chair: ANR



Intervention areas

The five Intervention areas below have been the basis for the first transnational call



Development and validation of **Digital Twins** of the Ocean at sub-sea-basin scale



Blue generation marine structures



Planning and managing sea uses



Healthy 'Blue Food' under a 'One Health' approach



Enabling the green transition of 'Blue Food' production



COHERENCE OF SBEP ACTIONS



1ST CALL

- 24 Countries, 37 RFOs responsible for funding research and innovation actions in the blue economy with the 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
 - Third country: Brazil





1st Call – Results (1/3)

Distribution of Full Proposals by priority area

 12 from PA3 – Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable and resource-efficient blue food and feed
 (63%)



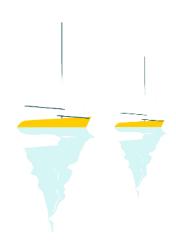
- 2 from PA1 Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level (10,5%)
- 2 from PA2 Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastrcuctures to support the blue economy
 (10,5%)
- 2 from PA5 Digital Twin of the Ocean (DTO) test use cases at EU sea-basins and the Atlantic ocean
 - (10,5%)
- 1 from PA4 Green transition of Blue Food production
 (5%)



1st Call – Results (2/3)

Frequency of Full Proposals covering each Sea-Basin

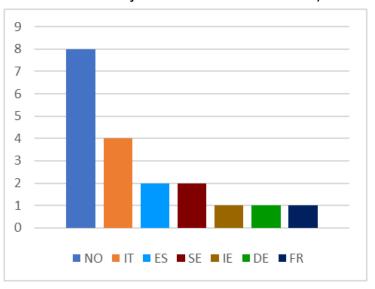
Sea- Basins	Number of approved proposals
Mediterranean Sea	12
Black Sea	2
Baltic Sea	11
North Sea	13
Atlantic Ocean	13
Other sea-basins (e.g. Norwegian Sea; Barents Sea, Polar oceans etc)	4



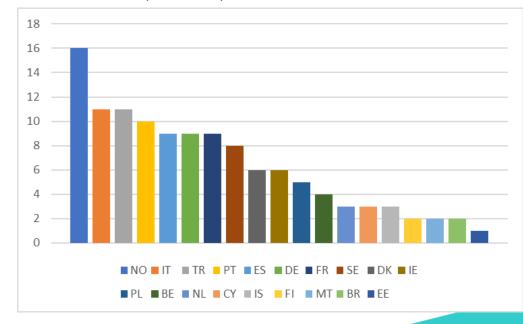


1st Call – Results (3/3)

Consortia – Project Coordinations by country

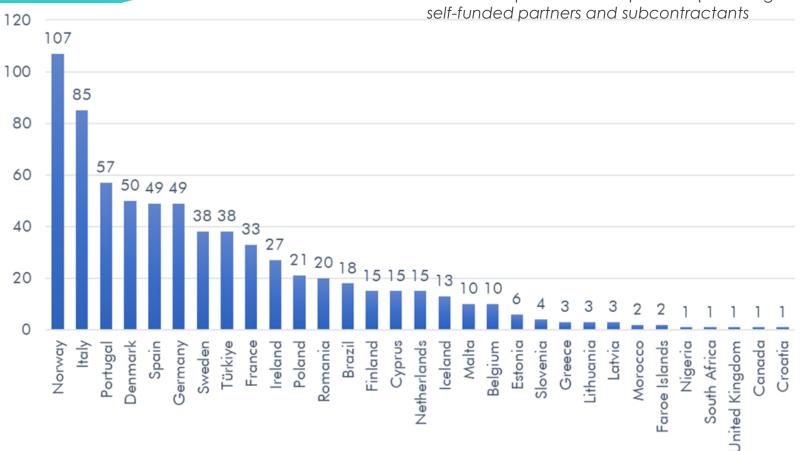


Full Partners by country



Number of participants per country







Second Call Calendar

Call Launch 01/02/2024

Submission of Preproposals 10/04/2024 Selection of preproposals

Mid-July 2024 Submission of proposals 06/11/2024 Selection of proposals

Early-March 2025 Projects kick off/Start

May-August 2025



- Focus of the coastal seas at the regional EU basin
- Development of new methods, technologies and sensors to obtain data to fill the gaps
- Identify precise connections with other DTO projects, lighthouses, EMODNET, EDITO...

Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructures

- New promotion of NBS solution, recycling, environmental footprint and impacts,
- Multi use infrastructure remains the same: offshore wind farms...



Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level

- Emphasis on Marine Protected Areas and their uses for biodiversity conservation
- Environmental scenarios: climate change and impacts
- Development of innovative Decision Support Tools

Blue Bioresources Fisheries

- Development of more selective fishing gears that reduce environmental impact New fishing techniques on new resources with a focus on small-scale fisheries, and on seaweed harvesting; migratory fish stocks is added
- Aquaculture: Food safety challenge and recirculation are new challenges
- Marine biotechnologies including bio-based molecules or products for food, feed, chemical, medical, material. Post-harvest or processing technology for good conservation



Internationalization for the 3nd call

- New partners will join in the extension 1 (WP1) MUR:
- Georgia, Ukraine, Tunisia, Maroco (under discussion), UK, Croatia and Western Balkan countries (under discussion).
- Connection with other EU and international initiatives:
- IOC/UNESCO, GOOS, Eurogoos, EOOS,
- EMODNET, Copernicus Marine Services, Mercator, EDITO
- OECD, G7 marine
- ICES
- Marine Board, JPI OCEANS



Thanks for your questions