

ANNEX B - NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS AND NATIONAL/REGIONAL REGULATIONS

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1.1 BELGIUM – FIO/VLAIO

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: <i>www.vlaio.be</i>	FIO/VLAIO VLAIO
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Jozef Ghijselen	jozef.ghijselen@vlaio.be +32 2 432 42 40
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1.000.000 €	Min. 25.000 € (experimental development) Min. 100.000 € (industrial research) Max. 1.000.000 €
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 ☒	

Eligible Institutions	Flemish companies only. Organisations other than Flemish companies (incl. research organisations) should be subcontracted to the Flemish companies.
Eligible Applicants	Flemish companies with sufficient economic activities in the region of Flanders, Belgium, only.
Eligible Costs	Personnel, overhead, operations, subcontractors, depreciations on small investments
Additional eligibility criteria	Flemish applicants are required to contact NCP before submission to SBEP. Core data (company data, economic impact for Flanders, budget details) to be submitted to VLAIO together with pre/full proposal. Costs and activities should fit our programmes of industrial R&D. Sufficient economic impact for Flanders should be demonstrated.
Relevant documents	Industrial R&D manual: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/668 Cost model manual: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/1760
Additional Information	Experimental development: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject Industrial research: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject
Useful Links	

Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

1.2 BELGIUM – F.R.S. – FNRS

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/	F.R.S.-FNRS 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Florence Quist Joël Groeneveld	international@frs-fnrs.be +32 2 504 9351 +32 2 504 9270
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	300.000	300.000
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 and Businesses ☒
Eligible Institutions	Universities, public research organisations All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations (see Annex 1)
Eligible Applicants	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations
Eligible Costs	Personnel costs Small equipment Operational costs Subcontracting All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations . Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 euros for this call. For “overhead” costs: • Operating expenses: up to 1% within the granted budget. This percentage should be included in the requested operating budget. • Personnel: up to 2% outside of the granted budget. This percentage will be paid upon reimbursement of expenses to institutions by the F.R.S.-FNRS.

	Please check the Practical guide on costs for any other questions.
Additional eligibility criteria	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space <u>within 5 working days after the general deadline of the SBEP call to be eligible</u> . Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Useful Links	https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/calendrier-des-appels

1.3 BELGIUM (Flanders) – FWO

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: www.fwo.be	The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) 
National Contact Points (NCPs)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Toon Monbaliu (FO) Kristien Peeters (SBO)	europe@fwo.be +32 (0)2 550 15 70 +32 (0)2 550 15 95
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	700.000	350.000
Funded priority area (s)	The FWO <u>funds all priority areas</u> mentioned in the call text, if they fit the integrated FWO funding channels (i.e. ‘FO’ or ‘SBO’).	
	(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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	The FWO integrates two of its national/regional funding channels within this multilateral framework. The choice of the FWO funding channel depends on the <u>type of project</u> the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake (i.e. more fundamental in nature (FO) vs. strong emphasis on valorization potential (SBO)). The scope and the eligibility of institutions and its researchers can be verified in the relevant chosen funding channel documents and regulations, which can be consulted on the FWO website: - FWO Research Projects (FO) - Strategic Basic Research (SBO) Or by contacting the FWO contact points mentioned above
Eligible Applicants	See ‘Eligible Institutions’ above.
Eligible Costs	The FWO foresees a budget of 700.000 EUR in total, which guarantees at least two projects. The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above: ‘Eligible Institutions’ section), unless specified otherwise, and both are capped at max. 350.000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel - see explanation below). For the overhead calculation, and even though the overhead rates differ, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) use the same approach. More specifically, a structural overhead rate should be applied

	on the project costs, with an overhead rate of 6% for ‘FO projects’, and a 17% overhead rate for ‘SBO projects’. Some practical examples: ○ <i>FO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 12.000 EUR (6% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 212.000 EUR. This <u>total requested cost</u> may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR.</i> ○ <i>SBO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 34.000 EUR (17% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 234.000 EUR. This <u>total requested cost</u> may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR.</i> The overhead cost <u>should</u> be mentioned in the SBEP budget tables, but it <u>should not</u> be inserted in the national/regional FWO pre-registration form on the FWO E-loket (see below under ‘Additional eligibility criteria’).
Additional eligibility criteria	i) Submission of the proposal at the national level A mandatory administrative application on the pre-proposal submission deadline, via the personal FWO e-loket of the PI from Flanders, is an essential part of the application process. ○ <u>For fundamental research projects (FO)</u> select the application type: ‘Research projects – European programme fundamental research’. ○ <u>For strategic basis research projects (SBO)</u> select the application type: ‘Research projects – European programme strategic basic research’. In case the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a <u>single online form</u> should be submitted by the main PI (promotor(-spokesperson)) itself, containing all relevant information for the different FWO applicants. The deadline to submit this administrative application to the FWO is identical to the deadline of the joint transnational call (pre-proposal stage). Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to ineligibility.

	To ensure the eligibility of the proposal, it is recommended to consult the FWO administration (NCPs) at least one week in advance.
	ii) Participation in this call does not interfere with the ‘national’ FWO calls and is consequently not taken into account for calculating the max. available number of new applications and running projects combined. However, researchers can only participate within 2 different international projects/consortia in this call, and only once as coordinator.
	iii) Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. This potential ‘route’ should not be mentioned in the FWO pre-registration form, as such.
	iv) The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies the funding has to be budgeted and spent accordingly. An automatic prolongation and using positive (financial) balances after the end date is not applicable in this framework. As such article 28 of the FWO Research Projects and article 14 of the Strategic Basic Research (SBO) regulations do not apply here.
	v) The PI, for each of the participating institutions applying for FWO funds, must hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project.
	vi) Linked to the above, when it comes to the FWO research project regulations (FO): article 10, §7 is not applicable in this call. I.e. supervisors (-spokespersons), or coordinators/consortium partners in this

	context, who are granted emeritus status during the calendar year of submission of the project application or during the duration of the project execution, are not eligible .
Relevant documents	Again: a mandatory administrative application has to be submitted at ‘national’ level, via the FWO e-loket (also see ‘Additional eligibility criteria’). The FWO announcement of opportunity, with additional information on the FWO participatory framework, can be found on the FWO website, under the ‘Calls’ section.
Additional Information	It is strongly advised to contact the FWO contact points mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.
Useful Links	https://www.fwo.be/en/support-programmes/european-framework-programme/

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1.4 BRAZIL – CONFAP

Information to come.

	Funding Organisation: CONFAP – Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies <i>Largo da Matriz 45-52, 9500-094 Ponta Delgada</i> <i>Centro Empresarial Norte - Setor de Rádio e TV Norte Quadra 701, Conjunto C, Ala B, Sala 213 - Asa Norte, 70719-903, Brasília - DF, Brazil</i> <i>Website: confap.org.br</i>	
Regional Contact Point (RCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Anna Amaral	Email: internacional.confap@gmail.com
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	€ 635.500 (TBC)	Detailed for each participating State Funding Agency - FAP in item below: “Additional Info”, indicating within the maximum budget, the maximum number of projects which may be supported (if applicable). Applicants must verify with the funding agency involved, the maximum amount, also in local currency.

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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	Eligible Institutions Public or private (non-profit) Higher Education and Research Institutions, Scientific Institutions, Technology and Innovation Institutions, eligible for the involved funding agencies - FAPs.
Eligible Applicants	Applicants must have a doctoral or equivalent degree, and be linked to a Research Institution located in Brazilian States participating in the call and have scientific or technological production evaluated by Curriculum (Lattes Curriculum).
Eligible Costs	As a general rule, Brazilian Funding Agencies finance scholarships, mobility and grants, related to scientific, technological and innovation projects.
Additional eligibility criteria	Applicants must necessarily comply to the specific eligibility rules and financing modalities, which shall be defined and informed by the participating FAPs.
Relevant documents	Specific Guidelines may be published by the participating FAPs.

Additional Information	Brazilian applicants may be supported by the State Funding Agencies - FAPs, participating to the call, listed below. Applicants based in the States participating to the call should firstly consult their respective FAPs. Details on the Brazilian State Funding Agencies supporting the call, including amount of total funding, maximum number of projects (when defined) and contact points in each FAP are detailed below:				
	FAPs	State	Budget Euros	Max. no. of projects within the max. allocated budget	Contacts
	Fundação Araucária	Paraná	90.000	1	Eliane Segati Rios internacionalizacao@fundacaoarucaria.org.br
	FACEPE	Pernambuco	20.000	1	Maria Teresa Buril international@facepe.br
	FAPEAL	Alagoas	TBC	TBC	TBC
	FAPEAM	Amazonas	TBC	TBC	TBC

	FAPEMA	Maranhão	15.500	1	Tarciane Moraes cie@fapema.br
	FAPERGS	Rio Grande do Sul	TBC	TBC	TBC
	FAPES	Espírito Santo	40.000	1	Marcia Calil parcerias@fapes.es.gov.br
	FAPESB	Bahia	200.000	2	Adriele Assis Almeida coopinter@fapesb.ba.gov.br
	FAPESC	Santa Catarina	100.000	2	Pedro Valentim internacional@fapesc.sc.gov.br
	FAPESP	São Paulo	TBC	TBC	TBC
	FAPESPA	Pará	50.000	1	assessoriainternacional@fapespa.pa.gov.br
	FAPESQ	Paraíba	20.000	1	Setor de Programas e Projetos programas-projetos@fapesq.rpp.br
	FUNCAP	Ceará	100.000	1	Thereza Magalhães direc@funcap.ce.gov.br
Useful Links	CONFAP website: www.confap.org.br				

	Links to FAPs websites – for more details on eligibility rules: Fundação Araucária: http://www.fappr.pr.gov.br FACEPE: http://www.facepe.br FAPEAL: http://fapeal.br FAPEAM: https://www.fapeam.am.gov.br/ FAPEMA: https://www.fapema.br FAPERGS: https://fapergs.rs.gov.br FAPES: www.fapes.es.gov.br FAPESB: http://www.fapesb.ba.gov.br FAPESC: www.fapesc.sc.gov.br FAPESP: https://fapesp.br/ FAPESPA: https://www.fapespa.pa.gov.br FAPESQ: http://fapesq.rpp.br FUNCAP: https://www.funcap.ce.gov.br/
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1.5 Bulgaria-MES

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: <i>Minstry of Education and Science</i> https://www.mon.bg/en/homepage/	Managing organisation National Science Fund https://bnsf.bg/wps/portal/fond-izsledvanig/fund (BG only)
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Kalin Mutavchiev	Ministry of Education and Science 2A, Kniaz Dondukov Blvd., 1000 Sofia Tel. + 359 2 92 17 691; + 359 878 461 653 Email: k.mutavchiev@mon.bg
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project. If there are no project proposals in one of the priority areas the funding will be granted to the second best (high score evaluation) project proposal in another priority area, subject to Managing organization decision.
	250 000 €	The intended funding amount is 50,000 € per project

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
Eligible Institutions	Scientific and research institutions and higher education institutions
Eligible Applicants	Principle Investigators, project coordinators, research team leaders representing the scientific and research institutions and higher education institutions;
Eligible Costs	Salaries, equipment, consumables or other project-related costs, external services and overhead (depending on partner e.g. enterprise or public organisation)
Additional eligibility criteria	Partners such as research organisations, higher education institutions and associated partners - NGOs and SMEs
Relevant documents	The announcement of the call/opportunity, with all relevant information and guides will be published on the websites of the Bulgarian National Science Fund (Managing) and the Ministry of Education and Science (Funding).
Additional Information	
Useful Links	

1.6 DENMARK- IFD

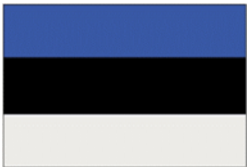
National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: https://innovationsfonden.dk	Innovation Fund Denmark 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Mathias Holm Tveen	Mathias.holm.tveen@innofond.dk , +45 6190 5073
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	2.000.000 €	The maximum funding amount per Danish partner in international projects is 300,000 €. The maximum funding amount per project for all Danish partners, if the project has two or more Danish partners, is 500,000 €. The minimum funding amount is 50,000 € per partner
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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	Registered legal Danish entities are eligible for investments from IFD. Foreign entities not funded by their national authorities can be subcontractors to Danish partners after approval by IFD.
Eligible Applicants	IFD can fund all types of Danish partners actively participating in the projects.
Eligible Costs	Salaries, equipment other project-related costs, external services and overhead (depending on partner e.g. enterprise or public organisation)
Additional eligibility criteria	After the central application deadline IFD will, via our national e-grant platform, invite the Danish applicants to upload mandatory documentation to e-grant. Applicants are not required to submit documentation to IFD beforehand. The invitation is sent up to 2-4 weeks after the application deadline. Please contact IFD, if you do not receive this invitation. Non-public organisations will be requested to upload a “No undertaking in difficulty declaration” and a ‘Financial and legal declaration”. In addition, SME’s will be required to upload an “SME declaration”. If requesting de minimis funding, then a “de minimis aid compliance form” is required. All templates are available at IFD’s website
Relevant documents	Declarations can be found HERE
Additional Information	
Useful Links	IFD Guidelines

1.7 ESTONIA – ETAG

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: www.etag.ee	Estonian Research Council  Estonian Research Council
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Katrin Saar	Katrin.saar@etag.ee (+372) 5333 5625
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	300 000 €	100 000 € if project partner 300 000 € if coordinator
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 ☒	

Eligible Institutions	The following eligibility criteria address Estonian applicants in European partnership calls for transnational research projects. Each project is carried out by a consortium that consists of research institutions (partners) from different countries. Each partner in a funded project will be funded by their national Funding Organisation. It is mandatory for all Estonian applicants to follow both the general and the national eligibility criteria of the call. Please note that if one of the partners is not eligible, the entire proposal might be considered ineligible. In case of a positive funding decision the Host Institution, the Principal Investigator and the Funding Organisation will enter into a trilateral agreement. The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. Restrictions to eligible institutions and applicants may however be stated in the general call conditions which also apply to Estonian participants. The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated. After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, after the preproposal deadline) and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in writing that the Estonian sub-project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the duration of the sub-project, should the project receive funding. If the Host Institution is an undertaking, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account
Eligible Applicants	The Principal Investigator (PI) is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed. The PI must be clearly identified in the proposal. The Principal Investigator: - must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, by the preproposal deadline); - must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, by the preproposal deadline) at the latest; - must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline (in case of two-stage application,

	prior to the preproposal deadline). Patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on maternity, paternity, or parental leave, in compulsory military service, or if there have been other exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious illness), they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time. If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Centre or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the foreign education system terms and conditions of use". The Funding Organisation may ask for a relevant Evaluation Report. If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.
Eligible Costs	Budget If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal, the total requested budget can be still max 100.000 € per proposal or 300 000 € per proposal in case if one Estonian institution is the coordinator. The budget contains costs directly related to the implementation of the project (direct costs) and indirect (overhead) costs. The direct costs must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable. Direct costs: - Personnel costs are monthly salaries (along with all state taxes, contributions, and compensations arising from law) of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. - Other direct costs are:

	- travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance. If the project is funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources, travel costs are eligible only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment directly and fully related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (e.g room rent, catering, equipment rental and related costs); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events directly and fully related to the project; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, postage costs etc.) and are directly and fully - related to the project. Indirect costs (overhead) are costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the performance of the action and/or should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution related to the management of the grant. Office consumables and costs for equipment and services intended for general use (e.g., phone bills, copy service, printer) should be covered from the indirect costs. Indirect costs are 15% of the personnel costs of the Estonian sub-project. Subcontracting costs are direct costs. Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs of the Estonian sub-project.
Additional eligibility criteria	Double funding of activities is not acceptable (i.e. the same cost item may not be reimbursed twice). If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents. Exclusion from the scope of the ERDF (Mobilitas 3.0) funding

	Following the restrictions laid down in Article 7 of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council No 2021/1058 of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund³ research and other activities related to fossil fuels and their use, as well as other activities not eligible as per Article 7 of the Regulation, cannot be funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources. State Aid If the Host Institution is an undertaking, EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding. An undertaking is any entity, be it a natural or a legal person, engaged in an economic activity, regardless of its legal status and the way in which it is financed. The criteria defined in Clauses 18–24 of Communication from the European Commission – Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2022/C 414/014) form the basis for determining whether the activities carried out are economic activities and whether the Host Institution is an undertaking that is considered to be a State aid recipient when it receives funding. If the institution applies for State aid or de minimis aid, it must fill in the State aid form upon request by the Funding Organisation after the submission deadline. In case of two-stage application, the State aid form must be filled in after the notification of getting to the full proposal stage.
Relevant documents	https://etag.ee/valiskoostoo/euroopa-horisont/partnerlused/era-net-projektid/
Additional Information	It is mandatory for all Estonian applicants to follow both the general and the national eligibility criteria of the call. Please note that if one of the partners is not eligible, the entire proposal might be considered ineligible. Grant Agreement If a positive funding decision is made, the Funding Organisation enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution and Principal Investigator. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed. The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the Consortium Agreement has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out. Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing

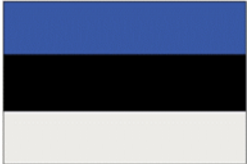
2025 Joint Transnational Co-Funded Call “2025 Digitalisation and Innovation for Resilient Marine Ecosystems, Businesses, and Communities to Strengthen the EU Blue Economy’s Competitiveness“

	If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorisation Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Funding Organisation by the start of the relevant activities. Nagoya Protocol By applying for funding by the Funding Organisation, the applicants commit to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.
Useful Links	https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_aprill-2025.pdf

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1.8 ESTONIA – REM

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: <i>www.agri.ee</i>	Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture  REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA MINISTRY OF REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Maarja Malm	maarja.malm@agri.ee +372 625 6250
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	100 000	100 000
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	

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Eligible Institutions	1. Project Participants 1.1. The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. Restrictions to eligible institutions and applicants may however be stated in the general call conditions which also apply to Estonian participants. The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated. After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, after the preproposal deadline) and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in writing that the Estonian sub-project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the duration of the sub-project, should the project receive funding. If the Host Institution is an undertaking, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.
Eligible Applicants	1.2 The Principal Investigator (PI) is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed. The PI must be clearly identified in the proposal. The Principal Investigator: 1.2.1 must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, by the preproposal deadline); 1.2.2 must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, by the preproposal deadline) at the latest; 1.2.3 must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, prior to the preproposal deadline).1 Patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on maternity, paternity, or parental leave, in compulsory military service, or if there have been other exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious illness), they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time. If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Centre or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the

	foreign education system terms and conditions of use". The Funding Organisation may ask for a relevant Evaluation Report² . If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.
Eligible Costs	2. Budget 2.1. The budget contains costs directly related to the implementation of the project (direct costs) and indirect (overhead) costs. The direct costs must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable. 2.2. Direct costs: 2.2.1. Personnel costs are monthly salaries (along with all state taxes, contributions, and compensations arising from law) of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. 2.2.2. Other direct costs are: - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance. If the project is funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources, travel costs are eligible only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment directly and fully related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (e.g room rent, catering, equipment rental and related costs); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events directly and fully related to the project; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, postage costs etc.) and are directly and fully related to the project. 2.3. Indirect costs (overhead) are costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the performance of the action and/or should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution related to the management of the grant. Office consumables and costs for equipment and services intended for general use (e.g., phone bills, copy service, printer) should be covered from the indirect costs. Indirect costs are 15% of the personnel costs of the Estonian sub-project. 2.4. Subcontracting costs are direct costs. Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs of the Estonian sub-project.

	2.5. Double funding of activities is not acceptable (i.e. the same cost item may not be reimbursed twice). 2.6. If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents.
Additional eligibility criteria	3. Exclusion from the scope of the ERDF (Mobilitas 3.0) funding Following the restrictions laid down in Article 7 of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council No 2021/1058 of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund³ research and other activities related to fossil fuels and their use, as well as other activities not eligible as per Article 7 of the Regulation, cannot be funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources. 4. State Aid If the Host Institution is an undertaking, EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding. An undertaking is any entity, be it a natural or a legal person, engaged in an economic activity, regardless of its legal status and the way in which it is financed. The criteria defined in Clauses 18–24 of Communication from the European Commission – Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2022/C 414/014) form the basis for determining whether the activities carried out are economic activities and whether the Host Institution is an undertaking that is considered to be a State aid recipient when it receives funding. If the institution applies for State aid or de minimis aid, it must fill in the State aid form upon request by the Funding Organisation after the submission deadline. In case of two-stage application, the State aid form must be filled in after the notification of getting to the full proposal stage. 5. Grant Agreement If a positive funding decision is made, the Funding Organisation enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution and Principal Investigator. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed. The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the Consortium Agreement has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out. 6. Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorisation Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Funding Organisation by the start of the relevant activities.

	7. Nagoya Protocol By applying for funding by the Funding Organisation, the applicants commit to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.
Relevant documents	National Eligibility Criteria for grant applications in partnership calls for transnational research Projects (https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_aprill-2025.pdf)
Additional Information	It is mandatory for all Estonian applicants to follow both the general and the national eligibility criteria of the call. Please note that if one of the partners is not eligible, the entire proposal might be considered ineligible.
Useful Links	https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_aprill-2025.pdf

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1.9 FAROE ISLANDS – RCFI

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

<i>(Country Flag to be added)</i>	Funding Organisation: <i>(add website link)</i>	<u>Research Council Faroe Islands</u> 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Maria Húsgarð Adviser	maria@granskingar.fo +298 567802
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	135,000	50,000 – 135,000
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	

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Eligible Institutions	The Host Institution could be any legal entity that is registered and located in the Faroe Islands.
Eligible Applicants	The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the applicant to which the grant will be allocated.
Eligible Costs	Personnel costs, expenses, indirect costs and overhead.
Additional eligibility criteria	The Research Council Faroe Islands may grant funding up to 2/3 of the total cost for the Faroese project partners.
Relevant documents	National Terms of Reference
Additional Information	Before submitting an application, partners from the Faroe Islands are required to consult with the Research Council Faroe Islands.
Useful Links	Gransking.fo

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1.10 FINLAND – MMM

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM)</i> <i>www.mmm.fi</i>	 Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö Jord- och skogsbruksministeriet Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Elina Nikkola	elina.nikkola@gov.fi +358505981626
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	500 000	250 000 € or max. 300 000.00 per project if the Finnish applicant is the project coordinator
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 ☐
Eligible Institutions	Research funding is granted to Finnish entities: • Universities, universities of applied sciences and state-funded research institutes; • Research and guidance organisations that are outside of state finances and may receive state funding; • Companies, under specific conditions It is important to note that due to actions that undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, the European Union and/or the United Nations have imposed, and may continue to impose sanctions through their legislation or by decisions of their institutions. Consequently, funding recipients are obligated to adhere to the restrictive measures imposed on Russia and Belarus by the European Union or the United Nations particularly those related to economy and financing, which are in force in the European Union.
Eligible Applicants	The responsible administrator of the research/development project must be duly authorised to act for and on behalf of the recipient(s) of the funding in project-related matters as if such actions were carried out by the recipient(s) themselves.
Eligible Costs	Funding is provided under the full cost model where funding for research organizations and universities covers 70 % of the project's gross eligible costs. For companies the maximum funding is 50% (please note the EU’s state aid rules). Product development supporting individual companies will not be supported, neither machinery nor equipment unless they have been

	specifically approved by the MMM. The results of funded projects must be open for access by all potential user groups. Costs that are necessary and reasonable in view of the project work and which can be allocated to the project in accounting are considered acceptable costs. The costs must be incurred during the period of time indicated in the funding decision in order to be approved. Costs incurred before the application was submitted will not be approved as project costs.
Additional eligibility criteria	MMM funds only applied research; MMM does not fund basic research. Finnish applicants (partners and coordinators) are not allowed to submit more than one application.
Relevant documents	Standard terms and conditions for research, development and innovation activities (RDI) financed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (in Finnish; in English)
Additional Information	MMM urges Finnish applicants to get in touch with the national contact person already in the early phase of the project planning. Following the funding decision of SBEP partnership, the successful Finnish candidates will be contacted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM) to submit their proposal.
Useful Links	

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1.11 FINLAND – AKA

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Research Council of Finland	 Research Council of Finland
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Jaana Lehtimäki & Päivi Kolu	jaana.lehtimaki@aka.fi , +358295335060; paivi.kolu@aka.fi , +358295335028
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1 000 000 €	Max. 300 000 € (partner)/ Max. 400 000 € (coordinator)
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 ☒	

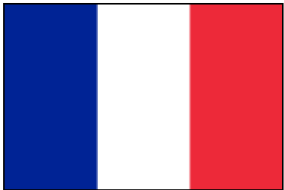
	(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level ☒
	(4) Blue Bioresources ☒
	(5) Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses ☒
Eligible Institutions	Research funding is granted to Finnish entities, primarily universities or research institutes. As a rule, funding is not intended to support economic activity. However, an economic operator can be a recipient of funding under the funding terms of the Academy of Finland if the funded activity is not economic activity and if the economic activity of the operator is separated from the funded activity. If the previous option is not feasible, an economic operator may receive funding within the limits set by the European Commission's de minimis regulation (Economic operator - Research Council of Finland) It is important to note that due to actions that undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, the European Union and/or the United Nations have imposed, and may continue to impose sanctions through their legislation or by decisions of their institutions. Consequently, funding recipients are obligated to adhere to the restrictive measures imposed on Russia and Belarus by the European Union or the United Nations particularly those related to economy and financing, which are in force in the European Union.
Eligible Applicants	In addition to holding a doctoral degree, the principal investigator (PI) for the proposed sub-project must have other noteworthy scientific achievements. Usually, the PI is a researcher at the professor or docent (adjunct professor) level.
Eligible Costs	Funding is provided under the full cost model, where the Council’s funding can account up to 70 % of the total project costs. Funding can be used to cover both direct project costs (such as direct salaries) and indirect costs (such as costs for premises), with the same percentage applied to both funding types. Funding can be used to cover various aspects of the research team’s activities, encompassing working hours (salaries), research expenses, travel, national and international collaboration and mobility, work and researcher training abroad, as well as preparation of international projects and publishing.

	Research teams are eligible to apply for this funding, which is primarily intended to support salaries of full-time researchers engaged in the projects and other associated research costs. The PI’s salary costs may only under certain limitations and on justifiable grounds be incorporated into the total project costs.
Additional eligibility criteria	Finnish applicants, both partners and coordinators, are restricted from submitting more than one application .
Relevant documents	Research Council of Finland’s funding terms and conditions
Additional Information	Before submitting and application, applicants should contact the Research Council of Finland if necessary. Following the funding decision of SBEP partnership, the successful Finnish candidates will be contacted by the Research Council of Finland to submit their proposal through the online service. In this submission, it is essential to specify the funding share of the site of research, constituting a minimum of 30 % of total costs. This ensures that the funding requested from the Council, limited to the maximum 70 % of total costs, is accurately accounted for in the proposal. Finnish partners of projects that have been selected for funding will also be invited to submit national application forms through the Research Council’s online system. The application must include an annex outlining the research security risk assessment and mitigation plan.
Useful Links	Questions and feedback - Research Council of Finland (application guidance, international calls)

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1.12 FRANCE – ANR

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: https://anr.fr/	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) 
	Name: Beverly Ray	Email and Phone: SBEP-CallsFR@agencerecherche.fr ;
National Contact Point (NCP)		
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	2.000.000 €	The maximum amount that can be requested from ANR <u>by each proposal</u> with French applicant(s) is: 350.000 € (if Coordinating Partner is requesting funding from ANR and eligible for funding by ANR) 300.000 € (for standard French Partners) The minimum amount per beneficiary is 15 000€. If there are several French partners requesting funds from ANR, the total requested funding from ANR (300 000 €,

		extended to 350 000 € if the coordinating partner is requesting funding to ANR) must be split among them. For calculation of overheads, please check the ANR Funding Regulations for at: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/
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	☒
Eligible Institutions	ANR may fund research organisations and undertakings, as defined by the EC regulation on State aid for research, development and innovation (see the ANR Funding regulations for further reference). Only research organisations that have their primary establishment in France may be funded. As for undertakings, ANR may fund those that have their real head office in an EU member State and an establishment (primary or secondary) in France. <u>In this call, to be eligible, the consortium must include at least one French public research organization (EPA, EPSCP, EPST, EPIC).</u> The involvement of an enterprise is encouraged but not mandatory. <u>If a non-French enterprise is involved in a project and requests funds from a funding organisation other than ANR, it is mandatory to involve a French</u>	

	<u>enterprise in the consortium</u>; otherwise the French Partners requesting funding from ANR will be declared ineligible. Partners from countries subject to sanctions applicable to the research field by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call for ANR. ANR will declare Partners requesting its support ineligible if they apply with Partners established in these countries. At the date of publication, these exclusions concern Partners from the following countries and territories: Russia, Belarus and Ukrainian territories that are not under control of the Ukrainian government. This list may evolve in case of new sanctions decided by the European Union. See more information on the eligibility of institutions on the ANR Funding Regulations https://anr.fr/fr/rf/.
Eligible Applicants	See above
Eligible Costs	Please check the ANR Funding Regulations at: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ .
Additional eligibility criteria	Additional eligibility criteria: To be eligible, a proposal must not be deemed similar to another proposal still undergoing evaluation in another ANR call, or already funded. Depending on the consortium composition, a Consortium Agreement may be mandatory for ANR at the funding stage for successful applications. Please refer to the ANR funding regulations for more details: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ In keeping with the national <i>PPST</i> policy (Protection of the scientific and technological national potential) applicants to ANR should consult their local “FSD” (security and defence officer, where available) on their project before applying. Applications to ANR may be forwarded to the HFSD of the French Ministry of research and higher education for screening. A negative appraisal by the HFSD may cause ANR to reject the proposal.
Relevant documents	National Funding Regulations: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/

	Document entitled “ Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR » : ANR website
Additional Information	By submitting projects to ANR, applicants commit to requirements under the following headings: • Access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources • Ethics and scientific Integrity • Publications and Open Science Policy • Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture • GDPR Please consult the complete terms and conditions for French Partners on the ANR website for more details (Document “Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR”).
Useful Links	

1.13 GEORGIA – SRNSFG

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding organization https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng	Name of the funding organisation Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia  შოთა რუსთაველის სახელმწიფო მეცნიერებათა ფონდი SHOTA RUSTAVELI NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF GEORGIA
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name: Rusudan Jobava	Email and Phone: jobava@rustaveli.org.ge; +995595041042
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €) 10, 000 Eur	The funding contribution could be considered to be grown further. A maximum one georgian partner is considered to be funded.
Funded priority area (s)	1.Digital Twins of the Oceans at regional sub basin scale 2. Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructures 3. Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level 4. Blue bioresources 5. Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses	

Eligible Institutions	1. Leading organization - A legal entity under public law established in accordance with the legislation of Georgia, a non-profit (non-commercial) legal entity(research institutes, centers, higher education institutes) the purpose of which is to conduct scientific research, as well as a higher educational institution. The leading organization provides the project manager and other key personnel with the material and technical base envisaged by the project, carries out project implementation reporting in accordance with the forms and rules approved by the granting organization. 2.Co-participating organization- together with the leading organization, will provide the project's key and supporting personnel with the material and technical base envisaged by the project.
Eligible Applicants	As a key personnel – a group of Georgian reserchers, holding a doctorate, master's degree or equivalent academic degree, a doctoral, master's or residency students.
Eligible Costs	a)Granting of the key personnel; b) Remuneration of the support personnel; c) Business travel; d) Goods and services; e) Non-financial assets; f) indirect costs.
Additional eligibility criteria	The key personnel should consiste of minimum one young sientist.
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the regional participants from Georgia are requested to submit all required documentations to Georgian Mnagment Unified Sysytem www.gmus.rustaveli.org.ge following the same deadline established for the pre-proposal phase submission as defined in the transnational call. All dubmitted applications should pass through the eligibility check.

Useful Links	https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng
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1.14 GREECE-GSRI

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: https://gsri.gov.gr/en/	Name of the funding organisation GSRI (General Secretariat for Research & Innovation) Ministry of Development 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Georgia Anousaki	g.anousaki@gsrt.gr Tel.: +30 2131300128
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1.000.000	Upper limit of the total public funding will be 200.000 € per project (including indirect costs). Please note that this amount can be increased to 250.000 € <u>per project</u> if Greek partner assumes the project coordination. The maximum state aid intensity will be calculated according to the provisions of the European

		state aid rules and regulations in force (type of research activity, size of the participating enterprise, collaborative research).
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 ☒	
Eligible Institutions	GSRI potentially supports all private and public legal entities legally operating in Greece (not natural persons) namely: a) Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations (e.g. Higher-education Institutions or Research Centers/Institutes) b) Undertakings (a private and/or public sector unit, regardless of its legal status or size, engaged in eco-nomic activity)	

	c) Other entities that will be considered as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations, if respective requirements are met, or undertakings GSRI does not support individuals and individual enterprises. The following categories of undertakings are also not eligible: • An “undertaking in difficulty” (according to art.2 of Reg. (EU) 651/2014, as amended by Reg.(EU) 2021/1237 & Reg.(EU) 2023/1315). • An undertaking which is subject to an outstanding recovery order following a previous Commission decision declaring an aid illegal and incompatible with the internal market. <i>* Large enterprises are eligible for funding only if they cooperate with an SME.</i>
Eligible Applicants	Applicants may submit, if they are enterprises, up to two (2) proposals from the same enterprise in the current call, and for Public research Institutes and Universities up to (2) proposals at the level of the same Laboratory or School or Institute or Department. TRL3-(8) in compliance with the (COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/1237 of 23 July 2021 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, page 3, article 13) Applicants must be involved in research and innovation activities.
Eligible Costs	In compliance with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 [in particular according to article 25 (c) and 25 (d)] declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2021/1237 of 23 July 2021, the eligible costs of research and development projects shall be allocated to a specific category of research and development and shall be the following: (a) personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project.

	(b) costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the project. Where such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles, are considered as eligible. (c) costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project. (d) additional general costs and other operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies, travel expenses, organization of meetings, dissemination/publicity costs, audit costs, incurred directly as a result of the project implementation. (e) indirect costs = flat rate of 25% of direct costs (except subcontracting costs). Indirect costs are eligible for all legal entities and include costs that do not incur directly as a result of the project implementation (e.g. administrative and management costs, utility costs)
Additional eligibility criteria	A. GSRI potentially supports the following types of RTD, namely: industrial research, experimental development, according to the provisions of Art. 25 of Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2021/1237 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty). B. Aid intensity Public research Institutes and Universities: the aid intensity can reach 100% for performing non-economic activities in accordance with point 19, article 2.1.1 of the «Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation» (2014/C 198/01). Maximum aid intensity for undertakings is calculated according to paragraphs 5,6,7 of article 25 of Reg. (EU) 651/2014, as amended by Reg.(EU) 2021/1237 & Reg.(EU) 2023/1315 (table 1) : (a) 50% of the eligible costs for industrial research; (b) 25% of the eligible costs for experimental development. The aid intensities for industrial research and experimental development may be increased up to a maximum aid intensity of 70% of the eligible costs as follows:

(a) by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enter-prises;

(b) by 15 percentage points if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

(i) the project involves effective collaboration:

- between undertakings among which at least one is an SME, or is carried out in at least two Member States, or in a Member State and in a Contracting Party of the EEA Agreement, and no single undertaking bears more than 70 % of the eligible costs, or
- between an undertaking and one or more research and knowledge-dissemination organisations, where the latter bear at least 10 % of the eligible costs and have the right to publish their own research results;

(ii) the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publication, open access repositories or free or open source software.

Table 1: Funding rates-maximum funding percentages

		Industrial/ Applied Research	Experimental development/ innovation
	Large Enterprises	50-65%	25-40%
	Medium Enterprises	60-70%	35-50%
	Small Enterprises	70%	45-60%
	Universities, public research organisations	100%	100%
	Public authorities with R&D activities	100%	100%
	Large	50-65%	25-40%

	Associations without economic activities, NGOs	Medium	60-70%	35-50%
		Small	70%	45-60%
	A. With regard to clinical organizations in particular, in order to be eligible, they have to carry out research as one of their main objectives, according to the law or their statutes. B. Upper limit of the total public funding will be 200.000 € per project (including indirect costs). This amount can be increased to 250.000 € per project if the Greek partner assumes the European project coordination. The maximum state aid intensity will be calculated according to the provisions of the European state aid rules and regulations in force (type of research activity, size of the participating enterprise, collaborative research etc). C. With regard to the evaluation of the projects, at national level, only eligibility check is conducted and not a full peer review at pre-proposal and full proposal stages. We rely on the evaluation made by the independent reviewers and the Peer Review Panel (PRP). A national procedure will follow for the approved for funding at the transnational level proposals only. For more information please contact the NCP. D. Duration of the projects: The duration of a funded project is 24- 36 months. A possible extension of the duration under conditions can be accepted maximum up to the 1/3 of the initial duration taking into account the starting date without modifying the scientific or increasing the financial part of the project and the prerequisites of the current Programme (e.g. 31/12/2029, closing date for financing the projects in national level).			
Relevant documents				
Additional Information	At national level, only eligibility check is conducted and not a full peer review at pre-proposal and full proposal stages. We rely on the evaluation made by the Call Evaluation Committee and external reviewers.			

Useful Links	• General Secretariat for Research and Innovation • COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014 • COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/1237 • COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2023/1315
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1.15 GERMANY – BMFTR/Ptj

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation:	German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR)  Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Julia Getzlaff	Email: ptj-sbep@ptj.de

		Phone: +49 381 20356 292
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1 500 000	A maximum of two German partners per project will be funded. Maximum funding per awarded project partner: EUR 250,000. Maximum funding per awarded project (for the maximum of two project partners together): EUR 350,000. The distribution of funds between the two partners is left up to them.
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 ☒	
Eligible Institutions	Proposals may be submitted by Germany-based universities, non-university research institutes, civil society organisations, public authorities, municipalities, commercial companies.	
Eligible Applicants	For information regarding the EU's standard definition of SMEs, please visit https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-definition_en Research institutions, which receive joint basic funding from the Federal Government and the Länder, can only be granted project funding supplementary to their basic funding for additional expenditure under certain preconditions.	

Eligible Costs	- Personnel costs (Personalausgaben / -kosten) - Operational costs (Verwaltungsausgaben / -kosten) - Indirect costs Subcontracting (Vergabe von Aufträgen) - Travel costs (Dienstreisen) - Investment costs (investive Maßnahmen) Projektpauschale: Universities should consider 20% lump sum (“Projektpauschale”) already in the preparation of the proposal. Applicants are strongly advised to consult the BMBF guidelines on eligible costs (Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge AZA/AZK)
Additional eligibility criteria	Only two German partners in a consortium are eligible. The prerequisite for two German partners in a consortium is that at least one partner can be classified as company. If there is no German company in the consortium, only one German partner per consortium can participate - either as a coordinator or partner.
Relevant documents	We recommend, that applicants regard the BMFTR strategy “Research for Sustainability” (FONA) Strategy and the BMFTR funding priority “Costal, Marine and Polar Research for Sustainability (MARE:N)”.
Additional Information	No submission of preproposals (Projektskizzen) at the national level. Submission of proposals (Projektanträge) via the national application system easy-online (applicants selected for submission of a proposal will be informed about the link for submission).
Useful Links	https://www.fona.de/de/themen/meeres-und-polarforschung.php https://www.ptj.de/projektfoerderung/mare-n

Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

1.16 IRELAND - MI

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Marine Institute https://www.marine.ie/	Marine Institute 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Veronica Cunningham	Veronica.Cunningham@marine.ie +353 91 387532 or +353 91 387200
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	900,000 Euro	• 90,000 Euro min per partner • 300,000 Euro max per partner • Rates apply for funding of 36 months • Limit two Irish partners per project
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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	Legal entities in the Republic of Ireland with the appropriate scientific and technical qualifications and expertise can be funded as partners in a joint proposal.
Eligible Applicants	The eligible partners are Higher Education Institutions, Other Public Research Performing Organisations (RPOs), Industry and Private RPOs in the Republic of Ireland with a CRO registration number.
Eligible Costs	Personnel costs (permanent/temporary) - Eligible staff costs include gross salary and employer’s PRSI (pay-related social insurance) and employer’s pension costs (max 20% of gross salary). Temporary or contract research staff are eligible for Higher Education Institutions and Other Public RPOs, but staff costs for permanent staff are not. - Both temporary and permanent staff costs are eligible for Industry/Private RPO partners. - Master’s and PhD student costs (current rates – student stipend €25,000 per annum and college fees €6,000 per annum). - Master’s and PhD must be registered, on a full-time basis, for a higher degree at an eligible Higher Education Institution. Research costs (travel, consumables, etc.) - Project-related travel and consumables are allowable costs e.g. travel and subsistence for project fieldwork and meetings, workshops, conferences, laboratory supplies, computer supplies, software, etc. Equipment - The purchase and installation of small-scale scientific equipment and instruments for the project is allowable. Depreciated cost reimbursed with be either 36 or 60 months. - The purchase of a personal computer/laptop is eligible at a maximum cost of €2,000 per researcher and must be used solely for carrying out the project work. Overheads - Maximum overheads allowed are 30% of all costs excluding Equipment and Subcontracting. Subcontracting - Subcontracting to a third party for specialist resources/skills is allowable, subject to normal procurement guidelines. Subcontracting costs are limited to 20% maximum (e.g. €60,000 if requesting total grant-aid funding of €300,000).

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	The maximum Grant-Aid reimbursement for Industry is 50% for Large Scale Enterprises and 75% for Small-Medium Sized Enterprises of eligible costs. Grant-Aid reimbursement for Higher Education Institutions and Other Public RPOs is up to 100% of eligible costs.
Additional eligibility criteria	Projects with Irish partners should address requirements under national strategies and policies (see below). Irish project partners will be required to sign a Grant Agreement with the Marine Institute, if their proposal is successful under this call. This is in addition to the Consortium Agreement. Projects that receive funding from the Marine Institute are required to submit progress and final reports pursuant to their Grant Agreement with the Marine Institute. Projects that receive funding from the Marine Institute are required to follow Open Access/Research guidelines. Marine Institute researchers may participate as partners in proposals, but not as co-ordinators.
Relevant documents	The Marine Institute manages the <i>National Marine Research Programme</i> , which provides funding to the Irish marine sector through competitive calls. Funding is provided for marine research that addresses national strategic priorities as stated Ocean Knowledge 2030 , Climate Action Plan for Ireland , Food Vision 2030 and Impact 2030 .
Additional Information	Applicants must contact their National Contact Point (details above) prior to submission of any application under this call.
Useful Links	Further details published on the Marine Institute website at: https://www.marine.ie/site-area/research-funding/research-funding/current-funding-opportunities Email queries can also be sent to: funding@marine.ie

Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

1.17 IRELAND – Research Ireland

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Research Ireland www.researchireland.ie	
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Emma McGrath Maria Nash	Emma.mcgrath@researchireland.ie Maria.nash@researchireland.ie
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	800,000	Partner: €330,00 direct costs Coordinator: €405,000 direct costs
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 ☒	

Eligible Institutions	Only an academic partner/coordinator based in an eligible Irish Host Research body may apply for Research Ireland funding. Please refer to Research Ireland’s Policies and Guidance for the list of eligible Research Performing Organisations: Eligible Research Bodies
Eligible Applicants	The Irish-based applicant must: hold a PhD or equivalent qualification for at least 3 years by the pre-proposal deadline. The official date is defined as the day, month and year that the degree was conferred i.e., the month and year printed on the official PhD certificate. AND be a member of the academic staff of an eligible Research Body (permanent or with an active contract that covers the period of the grant) OR be a contract researcher with a contract that covers the period of the grant, who is recognised by the eligible Research Body as an independent investigator and will have an independent office and research space for which he/she will be fully responsible for at least the duration of the Research Ireland grant OR be an individual who will be recognised by the eligible Research Body upon receipt of the grant as an academic staff or as a contract researcher as defined above. The applicant does not necessarily need to be employed by the Research Body at the time of the application submission. AND be an author on at least three international peer-reviewed articles. Only original research publications, and not review articles or other secondary research literature, are acceptable. Please refer to the Research Ireland call webpage for more information on eligibility criteria. Please note that Research Ireland may contact applicants directly to confirm eligibility post submission.
Eligible Costs	Funding is provided for up to 100% of eligible costs: Salary-related costs for research personnel. Please use current Research Ireland Team Member Salary Scales. The applicant cannot request their own salary.

	2. Small equipment costs 3. Travel costs with consideration for Research Ireland’s Guidance for Sustainable Travel Policy 4. Direct running costs (materials and consumables) 5. Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs 6. Subcontracting costs are considered an eligible budget category however strong justification for subcontracting must be provided and pre-approved directly with Research Ireland in advance of proposal submission. A maximum of €330,000 direct costs can be requested for a project partner, and €405,000 direct costs for a project coordinator. 7. Overheads should be calculated as 30% of the direct costs, but excluding therefrom the cost of all equipment identified in the proposal. The maximum total award, including overhead contribution, will be €430,000, for a partner and €530,000 for applicants who take on the role of coordinator. Unless otherwise stated, all rules regarding eligible costs listed above and ineligible costs apply as defined within Research Ireland’s grant budget policy
Additional eligibility criteria	Only one partner within the proposal may request funding from Research Ireland. An individual applicant may only submit one project proposal to Research Ireland. Applicants must notify Research Ireland of their intention to submit a proposal via the national contact points listed above in advance of the submission deadline.
Relevant documents	Please review Research Ireland’s grant policies and guidance for further information
Additional Information	State Aid: Applicants are advised that funding awarded by Research Ireland under the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Programme will be subject to, and must comply with, State aid rules and the conditions of the EU

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	Commission General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER). Funding will be awarded to successful applicants under Article 25, in respect of aid for research and development projects. For further details please consult: Taighde Éireann Research Ireland Research and Innovation Scheme 2021-2026
Useful Links	Following call launch, please visit Research Ireland’s dedicated call webpage at Funding - Research Ireland

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1.18 ITALY-MUR

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

NAME OF THE COUNTRY

	Funding Organisation: www.ricercainternazionale.mur.gov.it	Ministry of Universities and Research 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Mrs Margherita Zorgno Mrs Yasmine Iollo	Margherita.zorgno@est.mur.gov.it yasmine.iollo@est.mur.gov.it
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	3.000.000 Euro (ERDF funds)	Maximum funding per project: International projects coordinated by an Italian entity: 500.000 euro; Projects not coordinated by an Italian entity: 350.000 euro
Funded priority area (s)	Proposals to be funded with ERDF funds must address topics coherent with the strategical and programmatic lines defined in the document “Criteri di selezione delle operazioni” del PN RIC 21-27 and they cannot address those topics listed in article 7 of the EU Regulation 1058/2021.	

	(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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	Eligible partners are the following legal entities carrying out research activities in the regions Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia: • Enterprises (legally registered in the Register of Companies): large companies, medium companies and SMEs, spin offs etc., including municipal/local governments’ investee/in-house companies • Higher education institutions (State universities and legally recognized universities as defined in L. 29 July 1991, n. 243) and their consortia (jointly with a private company/enterprise) • Public research institutions (as listed in D.Lgs. n. 218/2016 Art 1) (jointly with a private company/enterprise). • Public and private research organisations (‘organismo di ricerca’) including research foundations in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014 (jointly with a private company/enterprise) IMPORTANT NOTICE 1: Public and private legal entities must carry out research activities in a local unit (laboratory, research centre, workshop, plant, branch, agency etc.) located in the regions of: Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia. IMPORTANT NOTICE 2: Italian applicant are eligible only if at least an Italian private company requesting funding to MUR is participating to the project

	IMPORTANT NOTICE 3: Other specific eligibility requirements or restrictions may apply to Italian applicants supported. Further details will be included in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”.
Eligible Applicants	-
Eligible Costs	All R&D activities considered as: Industrial/Applied research and Experimental development are eligible for funding. However, Industrial/Applied research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (in terms of budget share). Basic Research activities can not be funded. All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: • A) Personnel, • B) Equipment and materials, • C) Building and lands, • D) Contractual research costs, technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources, • E) Indirect Costs/Overheads (“Spese generali”) are calculated at 20% flat rate of all direct costs from A to D = 20% of [A) + B) + C) + D)]. Other goods and services as well as Travel and subsistence and communication costs are included in category E) Indirect Costs/Overheads. Value added tax (VAT) actually and definitively incurred by the beneficiaries is an eligible expense only if it is not recoverable. Funding rates Maximum funding percentages:

	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development / innovation
	70%	25 %
Basic research is not eligible		
Additional eligibility criteria	Legal/administrative/financial conditions Applicants shall: • not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by the Ministry of University and Research; • not have requested/got any other funding for the same project; • be compliant to the Italian law "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni"; • not be subject to bankruptcy proceedings as of art. 5, comma 4, letter b) of DM 1314/2021 or must not be a company in difficulty according to the definition under number 18) of article 2 "Definitions" of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014; • be in compliance with the obligations laid down in the contributory and social security regulations (DURC); Applicants shall demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project. For any private entity, if the following financial criteria, calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, are not fulfilled, the applicant can be funded only if a bank guarantee is provided: a) $CN > (CP - I)/2$ Where: • CN = net assets (Capitale netto) • CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year • I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects b) $OF/F < 8\%$	

	Where: • OF = financial charges (Oneri finanziari) • F = turnover (Fatturato)
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Relevant documents	The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources. Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MIUR. The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purposes. The complete list of criteria and provisions legally valid, which must be respected by all the Italian participants, is included in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”, to be published on the dedicated web page on MUR website: http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/sbep.aspx Applicable laws and rules: (http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/evidenza/normativa-prog-internazionali.aspx): - DM n. 1573 del 09/09/2024 - Nuovo sistema di concessione delle agevolazioni del MUR alle attività di ricerca - DL n. 83/2012 Misure urgenti per la crescita del Paese; - Avviso Integrativo nazionale Information available at: http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/sbep.aspx
Additional Information	In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit to MUR, for the pre-proposal phase, a national integrative application signed by the legal

	representative person or a person delegated for this task, through the national web platform, available at the following link: https://banditransnazionali.mur.gov.it These national integrative applications must be submitted by the same deadline established for the pre-proposal phase submission as defined in the international call. Any participant who does not submit its national integrative application by the deadline of the pre-proposal phase will be considered not eligible for funding.
Useful Links	-

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1.19 ITALY – REGIONE EMILIA ROMAGNA

	Funding Organisation: www.regione.emilia-romagna.it	Regione Emilia-Romagna 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Regione Emilia-Romagna Direzione Conoscenza, Ricerca, Imprese	Elisabetta.maini@regione.emilia-romagna.it +390515276551
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	300,000.00	
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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	See “eligible applicants” section.
Eligible Applicants	The following entities are eligible for funding, provided that they have stable organization in Emilia-Romagna Region: 1. Universities; 2. Small and Medium Enterprises; 3. Private and Public research institutions; 4. Research organizations (public and private) in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014. Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal.
Eligible Costs	All activities classifiable as industrial research and experimental development are eligible for funding. All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Consulting and equivalent services, Consumables, Travel expenses, dissemination and Overheads. Overheads (“Spese generali”) shall be calculated at a flat rate of 7% of eligible direct costs (as provided for in art. 54 letter (a) of Reg.2021/1060). The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is maximum:

	70% for Research Organization 70% for SMEs (De minimis Regulation)
Additional eligibility criteria	Legal/administrative/financial conditions The participant must be: legal and or operative site in Regione Emilia-Romagna, in case of enterprises must be registered at the Chamber of commerce research centres or institutions must be registered at the High Technology Network or at the "Anagrafe Nazionale delle Ricerche" The project shall be consistent with the strategy, contents and specific objective of the Emilia-Romagna ERDF 2021-2027 Regional Programme Project shall be consistent with the Emilia-Romagna Smart Specialization Strategy 2021-2027 the Project shall comply the principle of DNSH The participant must not be subject to bankruptcy proceedings as of art. 5, comma 4, letter b) of DM 593/2016 or must not be a company in difficulty according to the definition under number 18) of article 2 "Definitions" of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014. The participant must follow the obligations laid down in the Italian contributory and social security regulations (DURC). The judicial and pending records of the legal representative of the participant are negative.
Relevant documents	For the preparation of the proposal relevant Emilia-Romagna documents are:

	EDRF 2021-2027 Regional Programme Regional Smart Specialization Strategy (2021-2027) All documents relevant documents for submission will be available at regional website: Regional website: https://fesr.regione.emilia-romagna.it/2021-2027/
Additional Information	In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the regional participants from Emilia-Romagna are requested to submit further documentation to Regione Emilia-Romagna, through the regional web platform, SFINGE 2020. These regional additional documents must be submitted by the same deadline established for the pre-proposal phase submission as defined in the transnational call. Any participant who does not submit its regional documents by the deadline of the pre-proposal phase will be considered not eligible for funding. Any regional participant to a transnational project proposal, is strongly recommended to contact the Regional Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation. Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to Regione Emilia-Romagna through the platform Sfinge 2020. The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purposes. The complete list of criteria and provisions legally valid, which must be respected by all the regional participants from Emilia-Romagna, is included in the “Avviso integrativo regionale”, which will be published on the Regione Emilia-Romagna website, and in the applicable Italian laws and ERDF regulation.
Useful Links	Regional website: https://fesr.regione.emilia-romagna.it/2021-2027/ Regional Platform: SFINGE 2020

1.20 LATVIA – LZP

	Funding Organisation: https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv	Name of the funding organisation  Latvijas Zinātnes padome
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Aiga Salmiņa Lāsma Brenča	aiga.salmina@lzp.gov.lv lasma.brenca@lzp.gov.lv
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	600 000	Max 300 000 per partner not exceeding Max 100.00 per year
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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	1) Research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g. - Research Institutes - Universities and must have the status of Research and knowledge dissemination organization (Regulation EC 651/2014) 2) Business enterprises entered into the Latvian Commercial registry as companies, assumed they are eligible to do the specific research and have specific capacity and resources to do the research in Latvia and have their main activity in Latvia. Limitations of EU legislation apply (R651/2014) together with financial reporting requirements, in this case this is state aid. Two previous statements with sworn auditor’s approval should be provided and they must reflect the correspondence to the regulation as well as evidence of previous scientific activity and presence of capacity. Any other type of participant is not covered by LZZP funding mandate
Eligible Applicants	Latvian beneficiaries are institutions as defined in previous point. The research group is represented by a leading researcher (PI) from the respective research institution who is mandated to participate in the application.
Eligible Costs	Personnel costs incl. taxes; Consumables; Subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs), needs detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted;

	Equipment (only depreciation costs during project directly attributable to project tasks); Travels (according to travel plan); Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting).
Additional eligibility criteria	TRL9 is not funded
Relevant documents	Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers https://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas- At the contract phase - https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv/atbalsts-starptautiskas-programmas-projektiem To receive funding by LZP, Consortium agreement duly signed should be presented. Annual financial and scientific reporting is mandatory. Enterprises shall provide audited statements of 2 previous closed financial periods on request. Final audit according to the LZP regulations
Additional Information	Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers https://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma These provisions should be respected without exceptions. The maximum rates should respect the Provisions. The requirements in the provisions to specific applicant groups must be respected. LZP cannot fund implementation support, nor training activities. LZP is funding only research
Useful Links	www.lzp.gov.lv

1.21 LITHUANIA – LMT

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: https://lmt.lrv.lt	LMT  Lietuvos mokslo taryba
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Viktoras Mongirdas	viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt +370 676 19613
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	€ 300 000	up to € 150 000 for partner up to € 200 000 for coordinator
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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	Eligible implementing institution – Lithuanian research and higher education institution which is included in the Register of Education and Research institutions
Eligible Applicants	The Project Leader or the Principal investigator (PI) must have completed a doctoral degree and have corresponding qualifications.
Eligible Costs	Personal, travel, purchase (assets, services), subcontracting, overheads 20% of eligible costs
Additional eligibility criteria	Time dedicated to the project by the PI (including the project leader) must be at least 20 hours, multiplied by the duration of the project in months.
Relevant documents	No national official paperwork until positive financing decision
Additional Information	Any public or private legal entity can be a partner of the implementing institution, which, together with the implementing institution, creates the conditions for the implementation of the project.
Useful Links	General information https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-priemones/euopos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/

1.22 MALTA – XJENZA Malta

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

 	Funding Organisation: https://xjenzamalta.mt/		Xjenza Malta 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:		Email and Phone:
	Christy Baldacchino Maria Azzopardi		Christy.baldacchino.1@gov.mt; maria.azzopardi.2@gov.mt
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)		Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	€500,000		Minimum: No Limit Maximum: €500,000
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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	Malta-based applicants that qualify as Eligible Undertakings and have an operating base in Malta can receive funding for Fundamental Research, Industrial Research, and/or Experimental Development projects. Funding is subject to the latest National Rules for Participation (State Aid). Eligible applicants may include: • Companies registered under the Companies Act • Co-operative societies • Professional bodies • NGOs • Non-profit entities, including foundations Public entities and public research or knowledge dissemination organisations based in Malta that do not engage in economic activity (as defined under Article 107 of the TFEU) may also be eligible for funding, under the National Rules for Participation (Non-State Aid).
Eligible Applicants	Malta-based applicants that qualify as Eligible Undertakings and have an operating base in Malta can receive funding for Fundamental Research, Industrial Research, and/or Experimental Development projects. Funding is subject to the latest National Rules for Participation (State Aid). Eligible applicants may include: • Companies registered under the Companies Act • Co-operative societies • Professional bodies • NGOs • Non-profit entities, including foundations Public entities and public research or knowledge dissemination organisations based in Malta that do not engage in economic activity (as defined under Article 107 of the TFEU) may also be eligible for funding, under the National Rules for Participation (Non-State Aid).

Eligible Costs	Eligibility for funding and cost coverage depends on the type of Malta-based entity applying and the selected funding route—De Minimis, General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER), or Non-State Aid. Eligible costs may include: • Personnel • Instruments, Specialised Equipment and Research consumables • Travel and subsistence • IP & Knowledge Transfer Activities • Subcontracted Activities • Overheads and Other Operating Expenses For full details on eligible costs and funding rates under each funding modality, please refer to the latest National Rules for Participation available on the Xjenza Malta website.
Additional eligibility criteria	Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the Xjenza Malta website
Relevant documents	The national application form together with the required annexes can be downloaded from the Xjenza Malta website and must be sent to eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt by the deadline specified in the detailed National Rules.
Additional Information	For further information and assistance with partner search, applicants can contact the Lead Call Manager at Xjenza Malta Ms. Christy Baldacchino (christy.baldacchino.2@gov.mt) keeping in copy eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt.
Useful Links	https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/open-funding-schemes/

Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

1.23 MONTENEGRO-MESI

	Funding Organisation: <u>Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation (https://www.gov.me/mps)</u>	Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation (MESI)  Montenegro Ministry of Education, Science, and Innovation
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Aleksandra Mugoša Anđela Radulović Martina Lukić	<u>aleksandra.mugosa@mpni.gov.me</u> <u>andjela.grujicic@mpni.gov.me</u> <u>martina.lukic@mpni.gov.me</u>
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	€200,000	Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation will fund between €50,000 and €100,000 per project proposal.
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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	1. Licensed scientific research institutions 2. Legal entities – innovation activity entities registered in the Central Business Organisations Register and the Register of Innovation Activities (*Organisation/institution whose project application has been approved must be registered in the Register of Innovation Activities prior to signing the Project Co-financing Agreement with the National Funding Agency – Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation)
Eligible Applicants	1. Licensed scientific research institutions 2. Legal entities – innovation activity entities registered in the Central Business Organisations Register and the Register of Innovation Activities (<i>*Organisation/institution whose project application has been approved must be registered in the Register of Innovation Activities prior to signing the Project Co-financing Agreement with the National Funding Agency – Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation</i>)
Eligible Costs	Funding is provided for up to 100% of eligible costs:

	1. Fees for persons employed on innovative project (Project Applicant staff; maximum 25% of total eligible national co-funding share); 2. Material costs (medium-sized or small-sized equipment, raw material, parts, etc.); 3. Development services or development costs (subcontracting); 4. Costs for participation on relevant events (entry fees, transport, per diem, accomodation); and 5. Administrative costs and overheads.
Additional eligibility criteria	A Montenegrin applicant may receive co-funding for maximum one submitted application as coordinator. A Montenegrin applicant may receive co-funding for maximum one submitted application as partner.
Relevant documents	The following documents are relevant for the preparation of the project proposal: Montenegrin Smart Specialization Strategy (2019-2024) Strategy for Scientific and Research Activities (2024–2028)
Additional Information	According to the type of support allocated for projects, in cases where the beneficiaries are engaged in economic activities, regardless of their legal status and the manner in which they are financed, it will be provided under the <i>de minimis aid</i> regime (state aid of small value). These beneficiaries will be required to act in accordance with the Regulation on the List of State Aid Rules ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 35/2014, 2/2015, 38/2015, 20/2016, 33/2020, 38/2020, 53/2020, 98/2020, 130/2020, 44/2021, 107/2021, and 131/2021, 15/2022, and 52/2022), as well as in accordance with the provisions of the legal acts regulating this area. The total amount of small value aid (<i>de minimis</i>) allocated to a single beneficiary must not cumulatively exceed €300,000 over any three fiscal year period. The completed Statement Form for small value aid must be submitted to the Ministry before signing the Project Co-financing Agreement.
Useful Links	https://www.gov.me/mps/horizont-evropa-eu-okvirni-program-za-istrazivanje-i-inovacije-2021-2027

1.24 NORWAY – RCN

	Funding Organisation: The Research Council of Norway (forskingsradet.no)	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)  The Research Council of Norway
	Name: Marianne Areng Inderjit Singh Marjara	Email and Phone: maar@forskingsradet.no +47 95133475 ism@forskingsradet.no +47 98823814
National Contact Point (NCP)	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	2.750.000 €	The RCN will fund up to 280.000 € per project proposal. In addition, the RCN may fund up to 50.000 per project with a project manager (coordinator) from a Norwegian research organisation.
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 ☒ The Research Council of Norway will not prioritize projects that directly target research and development related to the following industry sectors: a. Industrial activity of deep-sea mining. b. Energy and maritime (shipping) sectors.
	(4) Blue Bioresources ☒ The Research Council of Norway will not prioritize projects that directly target research and development related to the following industry sectors: a. Industrial activity of deep-sea mining. b. Energy and maritime (shipping) sectors
	(5) Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses ☒ The Research Council of Norway will not prioritize projects that directly target research and development related to the following industry sectors: c. Industrial activity of deep-sea mining. d. Energy and maritime (shipping) sectors.
Eligible Institutions	Applicants for project funding must be affiliated with an academic institution, company/industry, the public sector or an NGO. See definition and specification here: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/who-can-apply-for-funding . Sole proprietorships cannot apply for funding from the RCN.

Eligible Applicants	The Project Leader (PL) or the principal investigator (PI) must have completed a doctoral degree or have corresponding qualifications.
Eligible Costs	The participation must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for Research projects or for R&D Projects. See: Budget (forskingsradet.no). The budget for the Norwegian partners shall follow the RCN cost model and the RCN regulations. <u>Exchange rate:</u> The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official exchange rate per deadline for preproposals. The official exchange rate can be found here: InforEuro, the exchange rate of the Euro currency (europa.eu) <u>Private companies/undertakings:</u> If you are a private company/undertaking applying or a private company/ undertaking will be part of your project, please read this section: Applicants that are private companies, is an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market, must be aware that their funding will be given within the limits set by the State Aid Rules; State aid (forskingsradet.no). State aid awarded by the RCN is granted under the General Block Exemption Regulation for state aid, Article 25: Aid for research and development projects. To ensure that support is awarded in compliance with the state aid rules, the RCN may ask applicants to provide supplementary information. The Project Owner must be able to document that its own institution and all its partners (all recipients of state aid) are eligible to receive state aid. Support from the RCN constitutes state aid when it is awarded to an "undertaking", i.e., an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market. Support from the Research Council of Norway awarded to research institutions is normally awarded for non-economic activity. When an entity also pursues economic activities ("undertaking"), the financing, the costs and the revenues of those economic activities will be granted under the state aid guidelines and must be entered in separate accounts. The level of state-aid an undertaking can receive is generally based on the size of the undertaking, types of activities they will execute in the research project and types of collaboration within the project. Please see

	important definitions on actual collaboration, types of activities and undertakings in difficulty under article 25: Articles for state aid from the Research Council of Norway <u>Maximum state aid:</u> • Small companies: maximum 80% (based on the definition of R&I activities and actual collaboration) • Medium-sized companies: maximum 75% (based on the definition of R&I activities and actual collaboration) • Large companies: maximum 65% (based on the definition of R&I activities and actual collaboration) Please note that the state aid applied for by an undertaking can be reduced in dialogue with the RCN based on assessments during eligibility check or revision.
Additional eligibility criteria	The Research Council of Norway will not prioritize projects that directly target research and development related to the following industry sectors: e. Industrial activity of deep-sea mining. f. Energy and maritime (shipping) sectors.
Relevant documents	For more general information about Norwegian conditions for funding, please read: https://www.forskningssradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/funding-from-the-research-council/
Additional Information	Norwegian applicants shall not submit any proposal at the national level before a funding decision is made, and their project is granted funding. Project partners of projects granted funding will have to submit national application forms to The Research Council of Norway after notification. Norwegian project partners will sign a separate contract with the RCN. Norwegian partners that are coordinators of the projects will be asked to also coordinate the Norwegian partners of the projects. The participation must follow RCNs General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects. Depending on the volume of submitted and eligible projects, up to 25 % additional funding may be allocated to the call to fund additional projects on the ranking list Open access / Open science

	The Research Council seeks to lead the way in making research as open as possible and as closed as necessary. The Research Council of Norway has stipulated requirements relating to self-archiving and open access to publications and research data produced in connection with R&D projects funded by the Research Council. Read more about The Research Council's Principles for Open Science: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Adviser-research-policy/open-science/
Useful Links	General information: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/ Project reporting to the RCN: Project reporting (forskingsradet.no)

1.25 POLAND – NCBR

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

			Funding Organisation: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr	The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)  National Centre for Research and Development
			Name:	Email and Phone:
National Contact Point (NCP)			Monika Włoszek	monika.wloszek@ncbr.gov.pl +48 22 39 07 180
			Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
Funding Commitment			1.000.000 EUR	Maximum funding for a project partner/s – up to 300 000 € per project.
			(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale ☒	
Funded priority area (s)			(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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	N/A
Eligible Applicants	1. Enterprises¹ - SME and Large, 2. Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations)², 3. Groups of entities composed of at least two enterprises, 4. Groups of entities composed of at least one research organisation and at least one enterprise, 5. Group of entities composed of at least two research organisations.
Eligible Costs	1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 2. costs of subcontracting, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel; 3. operating costs including (depending on the type of eligible institution): Research Organizations: • costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project,

¹ defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as “Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014”);

² Defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

	only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible; • costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible; • other operating costs including: costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; training costs; travels costs including conference fees; costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage); Enterprises: • costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible; • costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible. 4. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project (depending on the type of eligible institution); Research Organizations: additional overheads for research organizations should account 25% of all eligible direct costs; That costs (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for research organizations, excluding subcontracting (2); It means $4=(1+3)*25\%$.
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	Enterprises: additional overheads for enterprises include also other operating costs, eg. costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity, training costs; travels costs including conference fees; costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage). That costs should account 20% of all eligible direct project costs; Additional overheads (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for enterprises; It means $4=(1+2+3)*20\%$. Projects requesting more than PLN 3 million funding are entitled to claim the cost of the audit. For more details on eligible costs, please check the guidelines in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.										
Additional eligibility criteria	Research organisations: all types of research may be funded. Basic research must not exceed 10% of value of national requested budget. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP/Task. Enterprises: Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP)/Task. For entrepreneurs independently undertaking projects at the national level (meaning there is no Polish group of entities or Polish group of enterprises), there is no possibility of increasing the intensity of state aid for industrial research and experimental development based on the condition of effective cooperation between entrepreneurs or between entrepreneurs and research organisations. National funding rates: Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for research organisations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation. The following maximum funding quotas apply: <table><tr><td>Type of Organization</td><td>Micro/Small Enterprises</td><td>Medium Enterprises</td><td>Large Enterprises</td><td>Research Organizations</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Type of Organization	Micro/Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Large Enterprises	Research Organizations					
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	Type of Activity				
	Fundamental/ Basic Research	n/a	n/a	n/a	Up to 100%
	Industrial Research	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75 %)	Up to 100 %
	Experimental development	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)	Up to 100 %
Relevant documents	All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia: • The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, which is in line with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 17 September 2010 on the detailed mode of performance of tasks of the National Centre for Research and Development.				
Additional Information	• Polish applicants shall declare the TRL of their research in the pre -proposals and full proposals.				

	• Applicant must be established as a legal person³ and must conduct its business, R&D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register⁴ • For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the Pre-proposal application form the KRS number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large). • A condition for the participation of a group of entities as the Applicant in the call is its formal existence on the date of submission of the pre-proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, agreement on the creation of a group of entities. • If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application is submitted by a consortium (group of entities) of all Polish entities. • After international evaluation of full proposals and the selection of projects to be funded, Polish participants will be invited to submit a National Application Form (NAF) with required attachments. The NAFs will be examined for the appropriateness of funding requested. The Polish participants are obliged to use the rate of exchange of the European Central Bank dated on the day of opening of the call.
Useful Links	Detailed information about scope, financial rules, national procedure and national regulations is available on the NCBR’s homepage: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy

³ Legal person (juridical person) - an entity that is capable of having and amending legal rights and obligations within a certain legal system, such as to enter into contracts, sue, and be sued, excluding natural persons.

⁴ if applicable.

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Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

1.26 PORTUGAL – FCT (Participation to be confirmed soon)

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: www.fct.pt	Funda��o para a Ci��ncia e a Tecnologia 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Marta Norton	marta.norton@fct.pt + 351 21 3911565
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (�)	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 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 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 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 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 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 Autenticação.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 the SBEP within FCT portal: here

Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

1.27 PORTUGAL – CCDRC

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

NAME OF THE COUNTRY

	Funding Organisation: https://www.ccdrc.pt/	 CCDRC IP
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Sophie Patrício Raquel Veiga	Phone: +351 239 400 127 Phone: +351 239 400 146 Mail: ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	400.000 EUR	Maximum 200 000 EUR* per Consortium with regional coordination ----- Maximum 125 000 EUR* per consortium with regional participation [*provisional amount; applicants are advised to contact CCDRC for further information]

		Budget must be shared by all regional partners participating in a consortium and requesting funding to CCDRC. Once FCT participation in the call is confirmed: if more than one Portuguese applicants from the same international consortium apply for funding from FCT and CCDRC, the total budget to be requested to these two agencies cannot exceed the cumulative sum per consortium of 125 000 EUR (Portuguese Project Applicant) or 200 000 EUR (Portuguese Main Applicant). This rule does not apply to institutions from Região Autónoma dos Açores applying for funding to FRCT Azores and participating in a consortium with institutions applying for funding from FCT and/or CCDRC.
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	☒
Eligible Institutions	Eligible Institutions: Non-entrepreneurial entities from the Research and Innovation System (ENESII), namely: a) Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D units; b) State laboratories, associated or international laboratories based in Centro Region; c) Private non-profit institutions whose main purpose is R&D activities, including Collaborative Laboratories (CoLab) and Technology and Innovation Centres (CTI); d) Other public and private non-profit institutions that carry out or take part in research activities.	

	<u>Enterprises will not be considered eligible in the context of this call</u> Note: Only entities from NUTS II Centro or the ones that can assure that the investment will be made in Centro Region can apply to CCDRC’s funding. <u>All regional applicants must contact CCDRC’s team before applying.</u>
Eligible Applicants	All institutions listed above (“Eligible Institutions”). To be considered an eligible partner, all applicants must comply with the requirements established in articles 123.º to 133.º, 138.º, 139.º (number 1) 141.º, 142.º, 144.º and 145.º of the Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital.
Eligible Costs	Eligible costs must be verified in article 143.º of the Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital for the operation tipology “IC&DT” and “Provas de Conceito”. The maximum funding rate for non-entrepreneurial entities from the Research and Innovation System (ENESII) is 85%. More details can be found in article 141.º of the Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital.
Additional eligibility criteria	The activities performed by regional stakeholders, within the projects, must: i) Incorporate at least one activity of experimental development or industrial research, according to the concepts presented in r) and y) of article 3.º of the Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital; ii) Fit the scope of the following types of operations: - Scientific Research and Technological Development (R&D); - Proofs of Concept; according to a) and b) of article 136.º of the Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital. To all other criteria and conditions not explicit in this annex, please consult Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital (https://data.dre.pt/eli/port/103-a/2023/p/cons/20240808/pt/html). When applying to the transnational call, all regional stakeholders must fill in and sign a Declaration: - For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities: https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/ris3-documentacao/declaracao-de-compromisso-saccct/download

2025 Joint Transnational Co-Funded Call “2025 Digitalisation and Innovation for Resilient Marine Ecosystems, Businesses, and Communities to Strengthen the EU Blue Economy’s Competitiveness”

	The Declaration must be sent within 10 working days after the submission of the pre-proposal to ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt .
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital (https://data.dre.pt/eli/port/103-a/2023/p/cons/20240808/pt/html)
Useful Links	https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/iniciativas/111-parceria-sbep-sustainable-blue-economy-partnership/175-parceria-sbep

Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

1.28 ROMANIA – ANC

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	https://www.mcid.gov.ro/	 MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI ȘI CERCETĂRII
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Domnica Cotet	domnica.cotet@uefiscdi.ro +40-213023880
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1.000.000	250.000 max. if the consortium is coordinated by a Romanian applicant 200.000 max. for Romanian partners in the consortium
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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	The categories of institutions and units that can benefit from public funding for Horizon Europe projects are those established as components of the national research-development system, in accordance with the provisions of OG 57/2002, approved by Law 324/2003 with subsequent amendments and additions: educational institutions accredited public and private institutions, national research and development institutes, other public or private research organizations, economic agents (SMEs and large enterprises), local or central public administration units, non-governmental organizations.
Eligible Applicants	The head of the research team from each participating institution has a PhD degree. This condition does not apply if the institution is an enterprise within the meaning of the State Aid legislation. A person in charge of the research team will participate in a single proposal from the trans-national call in this capacity.
Eligible Costs	Staff costs; Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure ; - Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items; - Expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25% of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work; Travel expenses;

	Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20% of direct costs. The current guidelines for grants on an expenditure-cost basis and for allocations for administrative agreements apply. ANC will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded. ANC will fund strategic (basic) research, applied/industrial research, experimental development implemented by research organisations and/or SMEs, according to the national rules and to the State Aid legislation.
Additional eligibility criteria	It is strongly advised to contact ANC before submission, in order to verify the eligibility of the researchers and avoid ineligible projects/research consortia.
Relevant documents	The framework for this funding action is the National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2022-2027, Programme 5.8 European and international cooperation, 5.8.1 Horizon Europe Program
Additional Information	https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/programul-orientat-europa-al-comisiei-europene
Useful Links	https://bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunities

1.29 SPAIN – AEI

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation:	<u>Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)</u> 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email:
	Abraham Trujillo Quintela	oceans@aei.gob.es
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	€ 1.200.000	The <u>following funding limits for direct costs</u> for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible. • If the consortium is NOT COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 140.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 220.000

- If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant and there is another AEI-applicant in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: max. € 260.000
- Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the AEI applicants and which must be clearly justified in the budget.
- On top of the abovementioned direct cost limits, indirect costs must be added in the application: 25% of direct costs (including the subcontracting costs).

Important:

- only ONE applicant applying for funding to AEI is allowed per proposal
- Two AEI-applicants are allowed in the same proposal only in cases when one of them is acting as Coordinator
- The direct costs (including subcontracting) in the application must be rounded to the thousands.

Example of maximum funding per proposal	CD (€)	CI (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
One AEI-applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000
One AEI-applicant - coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
Two AEI-applicants – one coordinator	260.000	65.000	325.000

		Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) and the corresponding indirect costs can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks carried out by the AEI applicants. Substantial experimental tasks are those required for the development of observational or experimental research projects. For instance, ecosystem sampling, design and execution of experiments, obtention of new data sets, use of analytical procedures for the quantification of physical, chemical, geological, or biological variables. Tasks in which existing data are used or re-analysed exclusively will not be considered substantial experimental tasks. Those tasks will be considered desk and not experimental research projects.
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 ☒	
Eligible Institutions	Eligible entities for the AEI funding are: Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call and with the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional - PCI” (see PCI 2025-1 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document. They	

	must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls, as stated in the PCI Requirements document. They must ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project. IMPORTANT and NEW! • <i>Submission of proposals at the AEI:</i> Within one week after the SBEP pre-proposal submission, the Spanish PI must ALSO submit the Spanish proposal to the AEI. The PI must include a copy of the international joint pre-proposal, the SBEP application and the “<u>Declaración responsable del investigador principal</u>” (see Word document on the AEI website). The link to AEI’s application system is: https://aplicaciones.ciencia.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/ You can also find it, together with the templates for the “<u>Declaración responsable del investigador principal</u>”, in the following link: https://www.aei.gob.es/colaboracion-internacional/convocatorias-internacionales
Eligible Applicants	Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to the AEI must: • Be eligible to the corresponding PCI call (see PCI 2025-1 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document • Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the different Plan Estatal I+D+i: 2013-2016, 2017-2020, 2021-2023, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes. Incompatibilities: The following must be considered when participating in Different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships or other international initiatives:

	• PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) in more than one proposal in this transnational joint call, (ii) in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) in PCI calls of consecutive years. • If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible except one, without the possibility of changing the PI. • A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI. • Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed • PI must remain unchanged between the proposal in this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding Important: In the application form, the applicants should include the PI’s full name (with both surnames) and the full name of their institution as stated in the Sistema de Entidades (SISEN).
Eligible Costs	• Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible. • Only personnel costs for exclusive dedication to the project are eligible. This must be clearly stated in the contract. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs. • Direct costs such as current costs, scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. • Indirect costs (25% of all direct costs, <u>including the subcontracting costs</u>).

	The AEI will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.
Additional eligibility criteria	Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centres). Two centres or institutions belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) will be treated as two separate partners one from another when one of them is acting as Coordinator of the proposal and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified. Although private enterprises are not funded by the AEI, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia principally obtaining funds from the CDTI participating in this transnational call (see CDTI’s requirements), from other innovation and technological development funding agencies, or using own funds. The final funding will consider the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector, and the financial resources available.
Relevant documents	Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN) of the AEI. Funding Instrument: The instrument funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish call “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional” (PCI) (to be published in due time).

	IMPORTANT: Proposals of projects that foresee the need to request research ship time must consult availability of research vessels and calendar of cruises and meet the requirements published in the COCSABO website Projects including research activities within the zone of the Antarctic Treaty should consult the requirements of the Comité Polar Español. Data Protection: By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights. Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle: The projects granted under this call must comply with the DNSH criteria.
Additional Information	Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the AEI funding: “Project (reference nº XX) funded by Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) through the PCI (year) call”.
Useful Links	As a reference, the applicants are strongly advised to read the call text of the PCI 2025-1 and especially the PCI Requirements document on the national call website as well as check their eligibility with the National Contact Point prior to the submission.

1.30 SPAIN – CDTI

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: https://www.cdti.es/	CDTI, E.P.E. 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email:
	Héctor González	partenariadoshe@cdti.es
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	400.000 euros	A minimum financeable budget of 175.000 € is recommended for each Spanish company.
Eligible Institutions	For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain. Other entities such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centres, and other not-for-profit private institutions are not eligible.	
Eligible Applicants	For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain.	
Eligible Costs	• Staff costs related to technical staff directly involved in the R&D project. Project management costs, max. 58 hours per month (approximately 0,4PM) • Instrument and equipment costs • Implementation costs e.g., technical knowledge, patents, or consultancy services, intended exclusively for the research project and procured from external sources at market price.	

	• Other costs including goods and services to be used exclusively for the research project e.g.: (national) audit costs max 2.000€ per year/beneficiary, travel costs associated with the implementation of the project, (8.000€ max. for the duration of the project). Overheads (indirect costs as a percentage of personnel costs) are calculated automatically by CDTI’s electronic submission system. CDTI will only fund technology-based activities within industrial research and/or experimental development projects (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation, EC Regulation nº651/2014) representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential.
Additional eligibility criteria	Please note that non-technological activities e.g. developing new business models, are excluded from CDTI funding. R&D activities to be financed must belong to TRL 4-7 range and be implemented in Spain.
Relevant documents	<u>Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI’s electronic submission system (https://sede.cdti.gob.es).</u> CDTI’s application process consists of completing an online application form which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities (and associated budget) that the company will assume in the project (please check <i>Type of research funded</i> and <i>Eligible costs</i> sections in this table). <u>Deadline to complete CDTI’s application process: The same end date as the first phase international application.</u> <u>Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call.</u>
Additional Information	The CDTI will finance a maximum of 70% of the eligible budget through grants.
Useful Links	https://www.cdti.es/partenariados-cofinanciados-pilar-2

Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

1.31 SWEDEN – FORMAS

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: https://www.formas.se		Name of the funding organisation 
	Name: Osman Tikansak		Email and Phone: osman.tikansak@formas.se
National Contact Point (NCP)	Funding contribution to the Call (in €) 1.700.000 €		Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner Maximum funding from FORMAS is 300.000 € per proposal, or a maximum of 400.000 € per proposal if the Swedish applicant is also the
	Funding Commitment		

		project coordinator (regardless of how many Swedish partners participate in the project).
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale ☐	
	(2) Transitioning the blue economy sectors, and the development of the coexistence and the marine multi-use infrastructures ☒	
	(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level ☒	
	(4) Blue Bioresources; sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, and new bio-based products ☐	
	(5) Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses ☒	
Eligible Institutions	FORMAS Grants for research projects can only be administered by a Swedish university or other research organizations that fulfil the grant administrating organization eligibility requirements of FORMAS, see: How it works – Formas. Other types of entities (SMEs, industries, authorities, public administrations, associations, civil society organisations) are not eligible for funding. However, they can participate as self-funded partners or can be sub-contracted by an eligible institution.	
Eligible Applicants	Principal applicants and co-applicants must have completed their PhD degree and be affiliated with a Swedish higher education institution, research institute, government agency with a research	

	assignment that meets the FORMAS requirements for administrating organisations, see: How it works - Formas
Eligible Costs	FORMAS’ standard eligibility criteria for research projects apply, please see Formas’ general instructions: How it works - Formas VAT should not be included in the budget figures
Additional eligibility criteria	Swedish applicants in a consortium must apply to FORMAS (Prisma) under one single project application after they have been invited to step – 2 (full proposal). Project duration is 3 years.
Relevant documents	https://www.formas.se/en/start-page/applying-for-funding.html
Additional Information	Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (the international submission platform), will be contacted by FORMAS for further information on how to register their full proposals with FORMAS (Prisma), only if they are invited to submit a full-proposal at the second stage. Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and FORMAS.
Useful Links	Formas all calls.

1.32 SWEDEN – SNSA

Information to come.

	Funding Organisation: https://www.rymdstyrelsen.se/	Name of the funding organisation  Rymdstyrelsen Swedish National Space Agency
Regional Contact Point (RCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Selima Ben Mustapha	selima.benmustapha@snsa.se Tel: +46- 724 68 77 73
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1.000.000 €	Maximum funding from SNSA is 200.000 € per proposal, or a maximum of 300.000 € per proposal if the Swedish applicant is also the project coordinator (Regardless of how many

		Swedish partners participate in the project).
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale ☒	
	(2) Transitioning the blue economy sectors, and the development of the coexistence and the marine multi-use infrastructures ☐	
	(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level ☐	
	(4) Blue Bioresources; sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, and new bio-based products ☐	
	(5) Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses ☐	
Eligible Institutions	SNSA Grants for research projects can only be administered by a Swedish university or other research organizations that fulfil the grant administrating organization eligibility requirements of SNSA Other types of entities (SMEs, industries, authorities, public administrations, associations, civil society organisations) are not eligible for funding. However, they can participate as self-funded partners or can be sub-contracted by an eligible institution.	

Eligible Applicants	Principal applicants and co-applicants must have completed their PhD degree and be affiliated with a Swedish higher education institution, research institute or government agency with a research assignment that meets the SNSA requirements for administrating organisations.
Eligible Costs	SNSA’ standard eligibility criteria for research projects apply. VAT should not be included in the budget figures.
Additional eligibility criteria	Swedish applicants in a consortium must apply to SNSA under one single project application after they have been invited to step – 2 (full proposal). Project duration is 3 years.
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (the international submission platform), will be contacted by SNSA for further information on how to register their full proposals with SNSA, only if they are invited to submit a full-proposal at the second stage. Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and SNSA. SNSA is funding only priority area (1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale. Swedish applicants who are interested to submit a research proposal in the other priority areas should apply for funds to FORMAS.
Useful Links	

1.33 THE NETHERLANDS – NWO, IenW, LVVN

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: Dutch Research Council (NWO)	  Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat  Ministerie van Landbouw, Visserij, Voedselzekerheid en Natuur
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Daan Blok Peter Spierenburg	sbep@nwo.nl +31 (0)70 349 41 18 +31 (0)30 600 12 91

Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Maximum funding per awarded project
	€ 2,000,000	• € 400,000 in case of one national main applicant; • € 600,000 in case of a national main applicant and at least one national co-applicant, both applying for scientific personnel costs.
Funded priority area (s)	(1) PA 1 - Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale ☒ (2) PA2 - Transitioning the blue economy sectors, and the development of the coexistence and the marine multi-use infrastructures ☒ (3) PA3 - Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level ☒ (4) PA4 - Blue Bioresources; sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, and new bio-based products ☒ (5) PA5 - Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses ☒	
Eligible Institutions, and applicants	An application for funding from NWO may consider the following roles: - National main applicant (mandatory): the applicant who leads the application to NWO and is the foreseen national project leader, in case a project is granted. - National co-applicant (optional): national applicants in addition to the national main applicant with an active role and responsibility in realising the project and requesting funding from NWO. National main applicants Researchers may submit an application as a national main applicant if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period*) or a tenure track agreement at one of the following research organisations: - universities and universities of applied sciences (UAS) as referred to in Article 1.8 paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act and universities listed in the <u>Policy Rules for Universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands</u>;	

	- university medical centres by which is meant academic hospitals as referred to in Article 1.13 paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act; - institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO; - TO2 institutions; - Netherlands Cancer Institute; - the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; - Naturalis Biodiversity Center; - Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); - Princess Máxima Center. *Professors employed at a university of applied sciences and researchers employed at a TO2 institute may also submit as a main national applicant provided that they have at least a salaried position for a limited period of time. Persons with a zero-hour employment agreement or with a contract for a limited period of time (other than a tenure track appointment) may not submit a proposal. It could be the case that the applicant’s tenure track agreement ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied for, or that before that date, the applicant’s tenured contract ends due to the applicant reaching retirement age. In that case, the applicant needs to include a statement from their employer in which the organisation concerned guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding has been requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project. Such a statement should be submitted in the full proposal stage. The main national applicant employed by a university of applied sciences or TO2 institute whose employment ends before the intended completion date of the project for which the grant is being applied for must also attach such a statement. Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested. National co-applicants
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	Researchers interested to apply as a national co-applicant, i.e. together with a national main applicant, may submit as a national co-applicant if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period*) or a tenure track agreement at one of the research organisations listed under ‘National main applicants’ or at other research organisations as referred to in Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 that meet the following cumulative conditions: - be established in the Netherlands; - be a foundation, association or legal entity governed by public law (“publiekrechtelijke rechtspersoon”); - have as its primary goal the independent conduct of its own fundamental research, industrial research or experimental development or with widely disseminating the results of those activities through teaching, publications or knowledge transfer; - be able to state that the organisation keeps separate accounts with regard to economic/non-economic activities and that undertakings with decisive influence on the organisation do not enjoy preferential access to the organisation's results. <u>Please note:</u> Prior to the submission of an application, NWO assesses on the basis of the above-mentioned conditions whether an organisation complies with Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and may therefore participate as a national co-applicant. NWO performs this assessment to preclude the granting of prohibited state aid. The organisation of the prospective national co-applicant must provide the following documents no less than 10 working days prior to the submission deadline for pre-proposals (meaning no later than 3 November 2025, 14:00:00 CET) by email to sbep@nwo.nl: - a recent extract from the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce; - the deed of incorporation or current articles of association; - the latest available annual accounts accompanied by an audit statement⁵;
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⁵ Organisations that are not legally obliged to have their annual accounts audited do not need to provide such an auditor’s statement. They must however be able to demonstrate that this legal requirement is not applicable to the organisation concerned.

	- the completed form ‘Declaration research organisation’, available on the funding page of this Call for proposals on the NWO website. Other relevant documentation may be added. NWO may request additional information if the above documents are not sufficiently conclusive to determine whether the organisation may act as a national co-applicant. If the organisation of the prospective national co-applicant does not submit the necessary documents for this assessment in time, NWO cannot accept the organisation as a national co-applicant. If the addition of new co-applicants to the consortium is allowed in the full proposal and these new co-applicants are not affiliated to a research organisation listed above, these conditions will also be checked for this organisation/these organisations. The documents listed above as a requirement in the pre-proposal stage must then be submitted by email no less than 10 working days before the submission deadline for full proposals (meaning no later than 3 June 2026, 14:00:00 CEST).
Project duration	Maximum of 36 months
Eligible Costs	The NWO budget modules available for this Call for proposals are listed below. Apply only for funding that is vital to realise the project. Personnel • Personnel at a university in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, umc or a research organisation, as referred to in Article 1.1, first paragraph, subparagraphs c to h of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 salary costs can be claimed for the following positions: ○ Postdoc: at least 1 position, for at least 12 months, for at least 0.5 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates, a benchfee is available; ○ Research leave: max. 5% of the grant amount, according to UNL or NFU rates. • Non-scientific personnel (NWP): according to UNL or NFU rates; • Personnel of universities of applied sciences, TO2 institutes and other research organisations using the Government Tariff Manual (HOT), Table 2, under 2.2 ‘average total salary cost per salary scale’, column ‘Hourly rate productive hours, excluding VAT’; • Students: according to the usual internship fee or HOT rates, may be added to material costs

	Material: For project-specific material costs, up to 25% of the grant amount. Subsequently, up to 50% of the material budget can be used for work by third parties; Knowledge utilisation⁶: For activities that promote the use of knowledge from the research following the Impact Plan approach, mandatory 5-20% of the grant amount; Project management: Up to 5% of the grant amount. Please note the following: • PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years. • NWO funds project-related costs. Therefore overhead costs are not eligible for NWO funding. A more detailed explanation of the budget modules and eligible costs can be found on the funding page on the NWO website. It is <u>recommended</u> to use the NWO budget template in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items. For full proposals, it is <u>mandatory</u> to submit the NWO budget form for the funding requested at NWO at the time of the transnational deadline. Please submit it to sbep@nwo.nl. Do not hesitate to contact the national contact point in case of questions via the aforementioned email adress.
Additional eligibility criteria	An application for NWO funding has one national main applicant, responsible for scientific and financial management. National co-applicants within an application for NWO funding are allowed. A researcher may request NWO funding in a maximum of two transnational projects (i.e. as part of a European consortium) in this Call for proposals: as national co-applicant in two proposals, or one as national main applicant and one as national co-applicant.

⁶ All activities applied for under this budget module must fit within the definition of "Knowledge Transfer Activities" used by the European Commission in the Framework for State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation (OJEU 2022, C 414).

	Researchers employed at a university in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, umc or a research organisation, as referred to in Article 1.1, first paragraph, subparagraphs c to h of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 may not apply for a scientific or post-doc position for themselves.
Additional Information	The NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research are applicable to all applications for NWO funding. Any arrangements made regarding the grant from NWO, for instance in a Consortium Agreement, must comply with the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the European legislation on state aid. As stipulated in the NWO Grant Rules, Article 3.2, paragraph 2, the project cannot start until the conditions set out in the grant award decision regarding the start of the project are met. Please note, these conditions will include a signed Consortium agreement by all partners in the transnational project. Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the NWO website: https://www.nwo.nl/en/lodging-an-objection. NWO will, if necessary, apply a one-off indexation of personnel costs when awarding the grant. The UNL/NFU/HOT rate at the time of the decision date applies and the date on which the rates take effect is used for this purpose. Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO. Granted consortia will be informed in due time. Once proposals are selected for funding, the consortia will be notified by Call Management and subsequently, the national granting process will be initiated by NWO.
Useful Links	www.nwo.nl/sbep

1.34 TUNISIA – MHERS

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: <i>(www.mes.tn)</i>	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research   Tunisian Republic Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research Directorate General of Scientific Research
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Ms. Hayet Souai	souaihayet@gmail.com / +216 71 835 351
	Ms. Saida Rafrafi	coopint2@gmail.com / +216 71 835 351
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	500.000 €	Min 50.000 € /project/partner Max 100.000 €/project/partner
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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	Tunisian public research and higher education institutions: - Institutes or research centers; - Research laboratories based at the universities.
Eligible Applicants	- Professor - Associate Professor (Maître de Conférences)
Eligible Costs	Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the allocated budget the following expenses would be eligible: – Travel and daily allowances, – Other operating expenses directly related to the project, – Small equipment, logistics and consumables, – Service contracts (for only non-permanent staff), – Organization and participation in the scientific events and meetings. – Publication and filing fees required (scientific publications, filing of patents), – Expenses for carrying out analyzes and processing samples

Additional eligibility criteria	- The Principal Investigator (PI) must be affiliated with a public research laboratory that is part of the partner institution involved in the project.
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	The conditions of execution and financing of the projects upon the completion of the selection process shall be defined in the national grant award agreements, where the PI of the selected project for financing will sign an agreement with the MHESR/General Directorate of Scientific Research.
Useful Links	www.mes.tn

Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

1.35 TÜRKİYE – TÜBİTAK

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

	Funding Organisation: https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	ÇAĞLA AKAT KÖSE	sbep@tubitak.gov.tr +90 312 298 1783
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	500.000 EUR	200.000 EUR per project (excluding Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs). Per partner; ➤ Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations: 100.000 EUR (excluding Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs) ➤ Private entities: 200.000 EUR

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 ☒
Eligible Institutions	➤ Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals, public institutions and organizations (including public research centers, metropolitan/city municipalities), SMEs and large companies established in Türkiye are eligible to be supported. ➤ Applications are NOT accepted from foundations; associations and their economic enterprises; cooperatives; unions; sole proprietorships and unincorporated associations. For other details please visit the national call text
Eligible Applicants	➤ The Principal Investigator (PI) and Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) from academia are expected to hold PhD. The LPI/PI from public institutions/organizations and private sector are expected to hold at least BA/BSc degree. ➤ PI and researchers (except researchers abroad) must reside within the borders of Turkish Republic. A foreign national can take place in the project providing that she/he is employed at an institution within the borders of Turkish Republic.
Eligible Costs	➤ Personnel Expenses (For Private Sector only) ➤ Scholarship expenses (For universities and public sector only) ➤ Travel Expenses ➤ Tools and Equipment Expenses. ➤ Consumable Expenses. ➤ Service Procurement Expenses (Consultancy and service purchase expenses from national and international project partners are not supported) ➤ Project Incentive Premium (PIP) and overhead (For universities and public sector only)

Additional eligibility criteria	National “1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation” Programme will be implemented. The national call text needs to be followed. (https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/tr/node/5797) Further information will be announced on: https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/tr/ortakliklar/surdurulebilir-mavi-ekonomi-sbep-avrupa-ortakligi
Relevant documents	https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/mevzuat/yonetmelik_iii_2_0.pdf https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-07/ARDEB_Idari_Mali_Esaslar_66YK_islenmis.pdf https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/mevzuat/47_YK_370153.pdf
Additional Information	
Useful Links	https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/en/partnership/sustainable-blue-economy-partnership-sbep

Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

1.36 Ukraine – MESU

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

<i>(Country Flag to be added)</i>	Funding Organisation: Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine https://mon.gov.ua/en	
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Hryhorii Mozolevych	hryhorii.mozolevych@mon.gov.ua
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	400 000	The maximum limit of the project is 130 000 Euros
Funded priority area (s)	PA2 - Transitioning the blue economy sectors, and the development of the coexistence and the marine multi-use infrastructures PA3 - Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level	

	PA5 - Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses
Eligible Institutions	All Ukrainian research institutions and higher education institutions (HEIs), regardless of their subordination or form of ownership (state, municipal, or private), are eligible to participate as partners or subcontractors, provided their involvement is justified and aligned with the project objectives. Their participation may require prior approval by national authorities.
Eligible Applicants	MESU can fund all types of Ukrainian partners actively participating in the projects.
Eligible Costs	Salaries, equipment other project-related costs, external services and overhead (depending on partner e.g. enterprise or public organisation)
Additional eligibility criteria	After the central application deadline MESU will, via our national e-grant platform (URIS), invite the Ukrainian applicants to upload mandatory documentation to e-grant. All participation requirements, application conditions, and template forms will be made available on the official website of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and in the Ukrainian Research Information System (URIS).
Relevant documents	These are the reference documents https://nrfu.org.ua/contests/current-calls/
Additional Information	
Useful Links	

1.37 SLOVAKIA – SCS TI

National/Regional regulations & regional contact points

<i>(Country Flag to be added)</i> 	Funding Organisation: https://www.cvtisr.sk/		Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (SCSTI) Centrum vedecko-technických informácií SR (CVTI SR) 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:	
	Erika Jankajová	Erika.jankajova@cvtisr.sk +421 904 859 228	
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner	
	800.000 €	The maximum funding amount per Slovak partner in international projects is 400,000 €. The maximum funding amount per project for all Slovak partners, if the project has two or more Slovak partners, is 800,000 €.	

		The minimum funding amount is 100,000 € per partner
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 ☒	
Eligible Institutions	Legal entities established in the Slovak Republic, such as public or private research and academic institutions, higher education institutions, SMEs, public sector entities, and other relevant organizations actively involved in research, development, and innovation.	
Eligible Applicants	- Private sector entities (entrepreneurial/business sector) - Research institutions (e.g. the Slovak Academy of Sciences and its institutes) - Academic sector (e.g. universities and higher education institutions) - Public administration bodies and organizations established by them, including local and regional government authorities - Non-governmental non-profit organizations - Cluster organizations	
Eligible Costs	- Personnel costs (salaries of researchers, technicians and other support staff employed by the beneficiary, to the extent that they are directly involved in the project, salaries of project management personnel and other essential positions necessary for the implementation and coordination of the project; - Costs of instruments and equipment - Costs for contract research, technical knowledge and patents	

	- Purchased or licensed from external sources under market conditions, as well as costs for consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project; All expenditures incurred by Slovak project participants must comply with the provisions of the State aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Slovak Programme
Additional eligibility criteria	The proposed project activities must be in line with the priorities defined in the Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), which serves as the strategic framework for research, development and innovation investment.
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	All funded Slovak entities must ensure that their proposed activities are in accordance with the national strategic framework, specifically the: Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027
Useful Links	SK RIS3 2021+ Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027

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SUMMARY TABLE

The following tables are presented to give some guidance to the applicants when considering the consortium building process and to make it easier to read the specific PFOs rules. An empty cell means that no specific rules apply to that criterion. This symbol  means that you must check the corresponding national/regional regulations available on the 2025 Joint Transnational Call website and/or on the PFO’s website.

Country	Participating Funding Organisation Acronym (PFO)	National/Regional Contact Point (NCP)	NOT Funding All Priority Areas	Limits on Requested Budget per proposal *	NOT all types of partners are eligible for funding	Different rules apply to different types of institutions	Partners need to submit documentation to their PFO
Belgium	BELSPO	Koen Lefever koen.lefever@belspo.be +32 2 238 35 51 David Cox david.cox@belspo.be +32 2 238 34 03	FUNDING: Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure	Maximum 275 000€ per Project; Maximum 275 000€ per Partner	Eligible: The whole Belgian scientific community: universities, colleges of higher education, public scientific institutions, and non-profit		

			Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level		research centres.		
			NOT FUNDING: Blue Bioresources & Resilient Coastal Communities and Business		European and foreign organisations established in Belgium are not eligible.		
Belgium	FIO/VLAIO	Jozef Ghijsselen jozef.ghijsselen@vlaio.be +32 2 432 42 40 www.vlaio.be	no	Max. funding requested 1.000.000 € Min. funding requested 25.000 € (Experimental development) or 100.000 € (Industrial research)	Only industrial R&D project types (O&O) applicable (experimental development, industrial research). Only companies with sufficient economic activities in the region of Flanders, Belgium, can apply.	no	 Flemish applicants are required to contact NCP <i>before</i> submission. Submission of core elements of project data to VLAIO required together with pre/full proposal (company data,

					All other organisations (incl. research organisations) should be subcontracted to the Flemish companies.		economic impact for Flanders, budget details) to assess eligibility according to regional rules.
Belgium	F.R.S - FNRS	Florence Quist +32 2 504 9351 international@frs-fnrs.be		 300.000 €	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations	
Belgium (Flanders)	FWO	Contact points Toon Monbaliu (FO)Advisor European Programmes +32 (0)2 550 15 70 – europe@fwo.be Kristien Peeters (SBO) Science Policy Advisor +32 (0)2 550 15 95 – europe@fwo.be					

Brazil (Information to come)	CONFAP						
Bulgaria	MES	Kalin Mutavchiev k.mutavchiev@mon.bg ; + 359 2 92 17 691; + 359 878 461 653					
Denmark	IFD	Mathias Holm Tveen, mathias.holm.tveen@innofond.dk		The maximum funding amount per Danish partner in international projects is 300,000 €. The maximum funding amount per project for all Danish partners, if the project has two or more Danish partners, is 500,000 €. The minimum funding amount is 50,000 € per partner			
Estonia	ETAG	Katrin Saar Katrin.saar@etag.ee (+372) 5333 5625	ETAG funds priority areas 4 and 5	100 000 € if project partner; 300 000 € if coordinator			

Estonia	REM	Maarja Malm +372 625 6250 maarja.malm@agri.ee	REM funds priority areas 4 and 5	100 000			
Faroe Islands	RCFI Research Council Faroe Islands	Maria Húsgarð maria@gransking.fo +298 567802 Annika Sølvará annika@gransking.fo +298 567803					
Finland	MMM	Elina Nikkola elina.nikkola@gov.fi +358505981626					
Finland	AKA Research Council of Finland (formerly Academy of Finland)	Jaana Lehtimäki & Päivi Kolu jaana.lehtimaki@aka.fi & paivi.kolu@aka.fi					
France	ANR	Coraline Chapperon SBEP-CallsFR@agencerecherche.fr ; CHAPPERON Coraline <Coraline.CHAPPERO					

		N@agencerecherche.fr >					
Georgia	MOESYGE	Rusudan Jobava jobava@rustaveli.org.ge +995595041042	⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠
Greece	GSRI	Georgia Anousaki g.anousaki@gsrt.gr Tel.: +30 2131300128		⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠
Germany	BMFTR/PtJ	Julia Getzlaff Email: ptj-sbep@ptj.de Phone: +49 381 20356 292	Yes, only projects within Priority Areas 1,2,3 and 5 will be funded	A maximum of two German partners per project will be funded. Maximum funding per awarded project partner: EUR 250,000. Maximum funding per awarded project (for the maximum of two project partners together): EUR 350,000. The	Only two German partners in a consortium are eligible. The prerequisite for two German partners in a consortium is that at least one partner can be classified as	Applicants are strongly advised to consult the BMBF guidelines on eligible costs (Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge (AZA/AZK)).	

				distribution of funds between the two partners is left up to them.	company. If there is no German company in the consortium, only one German partner per consortium can participate - either as a coordinator or partner. Proposals may be submitted by Germany-based universities, non-university research institutes, civil society organisations , public		
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					authorities, municipalities , commercial companies. For information regarding the EU's standard definition of SMEs, please visit https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-definition_en Research institutions, which receive joint basic funding from the Federal Government and the Länder, can only be		
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					granted project funding supplementary to their basic funding for additional expenditure under certain preconditions .		
Ireland	Marine Institute (MI)	Veronica Cunningham veronica.cunningham@marine.ie or funding@marine.ie		• 90,000 Euro min per partner • 300,000 Euro max per partner • Rates apply for funding of 36 months • Limit two Irish partners per project	The eligible partners are Higher Education Institutions, Other Public Research Performing Organisations (RPOs), Industry and Private RPOs in the Republic of Ireland with a CRO registration number.		
Ireland	Research Ireland	Emma McGrath emma.mcgrath@researchireland.ie	Funding Priority Areas 1,3,4,5.	€330,000 direct costs for a project partner	Only academic partners from eligible Irish	n/a	Applicants must inform Research Ireland NCP of

		Maria Nash maria.nash@researchireland.ie		€405,000 direct costs for a project coordinator	Host Research bodies		intention to submit a proposal in advance of the submission deadline
Italy	Emilia-Romagna Region	Elisabetta Maini Elisabetta.Maini@regione.emilia-romagna.it		Max 100,000 € for projects			The regional participants from Emilia-Romagna are requested to submit further documentation to Regione Emilia-Romagna, through the regional web platform, SFINGE 2020.
Italy	MUR	aldo.covello@mur.gov.it yasmine.iollo@est.mur.gov.it	-				
Italy	RER						
Latvia	LCS (The Latvian	Aiga Salmiņa aiga.salmina@lzp.gov.lv Lasma Brenča		Max 300 000 per partner not			

	Council of Science)	Lasma.brenca@lzp.gov.lv		exceeding Max 100.00 per year			
Lithuania	LMT Lietuvos Mokslo Taryba	Viktoras Mongirdas International Cooperation Unit viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt		up to € 150 000 for partner up to € 200 000 for coordinator	⚠		
Malta	XM	Christy Baldacchino	N/A	N/A	⚠	⚠	⚠
Montenegro	MESI	Aleksandra Mugoša Anđela Radulović Martina Lukić Dr Maria Azzopardi aleksandra.mugosa@mpni.gov.me andjela.grujicic@mpni.gov.me		⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠

		martina.lukic@mpni.gov.me (maria.azzopardi.2@gov.mt)					
Norway	RCN	Marianne Areng Inderjit Singh Marjara	maar@forskningsradet.no +47 95133475 ism@forskningsradet.no +47 98823814	The RCN will fund up to 280.000 € per project proposal. In addition, the RCN may fund up to 50.000 per project with a project manager (coordinator) from a Norwegian research organisation.			
Poland	NCBR Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju	Monika Włoszek International Cooperation Department – Programme Section monika.wloszek@ncbr.gov.pl		Maximum funding for a project partner/s – up to 300 000 € per project.			
Portugal	FCT (Participation to be confirmed)	Marta Norton					

Portugal	CCDRC	Sophie Patrício Raquel Veiga ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt	Maximum ** Eur per Consortium with regional coordination ----- Maximum ** EUR per consortium with regional participation • Budget must be shared by all regional partners participating in a consortium and requesting funding to CCDRC. • If more than one Portuguese applicants from the same international consortium apply for funding from FCT and CCDRC, the total budget to be requested to these two agencies cannot exceed the cumulative sum per consortium of ** EUR (Portuguese Project Applicant) or ** EUR	Enterprises will not be considered eligible in the context of this call	Non-entrepreneurial entities from the Research and Innovation System (ENESII), namely: a) Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D units; b) State laboratories, associated or international laboratories based in Centro Region; c) Private non-profit institutions whose main	When applying to the transnational call, all regional stakeholders must fill in and sign a Commitment Declaration
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				(Portuguese Main Applicant). ** Please check at funding agency CCDRC		purpose is R&D activities, including Collaborative Laboratories (CoLab) and Technology and Innovation Centres (CTI); d) Other public and private non-profit institutions that carry out or take part in research activities.	
Romania	National Authority for research	Domnica Cotet domnica.cotet@uefiscdi.ro +40-213023880	Funding All 5 Priority Areas	€250,000 for a project coordinator; €200,000 for a project partner			
Spain	AEI	Abraham Trujillo Quintela					<i>Submission of proposals at</i>

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación	oceans@aei.gob.es		The <u>following funding limits for direct costs</u> for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible. • If the consortium is NOT COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 140.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 220.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant and there is another AEI-applicant in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: max. € 260.000			<i>the AEI:</i> Within one week after the SBEP pre-proposal submission, the Spanish PI must ALSO submit the Spanish proposal to the AEI. The PI must include a copy of the international joint pre-proposal, the SBEP application and the “<u>Declaración responsable del investigador principal</u>” (see Word document on the AEI website).
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				• Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the AEI applicants and which must be clearly justified in the budget.			The link to AEI’s application system is: https://aplicaciones.ciencia.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/ You can also find it, together with the templates for the “<u>Declaración responsable del investigador principal</u>”, in the following link: https://www.aei.gob.es/colaboracion-internacional/c-onvocatorias-internacionales
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Spain	CDTI, E.P.E.	Héctor González partenariadoshe@cdti.es					
Sweden	FORMAS	osman.tikansak@formas.se		Maximum funding from FORMAS is 300.000 € per proposal, or a maximum of 400.000 € per proposal if the Swedish applicant is also the project coordinator (regardless of how many Swedish partners participate in the project).	FORMAS Grants for research projects can only be administered by a Swedish legal entity that fulfils the grant administrating organization eligibility requirements of FORMAS, see: How it work - Formas	Universities, research institutes, private companies, private and public organisations that engage in economic activity, public authorities, and NGOs. The applicant must be a Swedish legal entity. Specification s: Economic activity is generally defined as any activity consisting in offering goods or	Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the Sustainable Blue Economy Patnership (the international submisison platform), will be contacted by FORMAS for further information on how to register their full proposals with FORMAS (Prisma), only if they are invited to submit a full-proposal at the second stage. Reports are to be submitted according to

						services on a given market. If an organisation falls in the economic activity category, then state aid rules apply. More information on state aid rules.	the regulations of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and FORMAS.
Sweden (Information to come)	SNSA						
The Netherlands	NWO, IenW, LVVN	Daan Blok Peter Spierenburg sbep@nwo.nl	All priority areas are funded	€ 400,000 in case of one national main applicant; € 600,000 in case a national main applicant and at least one national co-applicant, both applying for scientific personnel costs.			Yes, NWO budget form with full proposal
Tunisia	MHESR	Ms. Hayet Souai Ms. Saida Rafrafi	No		Yes	No	No

				Yes			
Türkiye	TÜBİTAK	Çağla AKAT KÖSE sbep@tubitak.gov.tr +90 312 298 1783					
Ukraina	MESU	Hryhorii Mozolevych hryhorii.mozolevych@mon.gov.ua	 P2, P3, P5		All Ukrainian research institutions and higher education institutions (HEIs), regardless of their subordination or form of ownership (state, municipal, or private), are eligible to participate as partners or subcontractors, provided their involvement is justified and	Depending on partner e.g. enterprise or public organisation	 After the central application deadline MESU will, via our national e-grant platform (URIS), invite the Ukrainian applicants to upload mandatory documentation to e-grant.

					aligned with the project objectives. Their participation may require prior approval by national authorities.		
Slovakia	CVTI SR	Erika Jankajova Erika.jankajova@cvtisr.sk +421 904 859 228		The maximum funding amount per project for all Slovak partners, if the project has two or more Slovak partners, is 800,000 €. The minimum funding amount is 100,000 € per partner		All expenditures incurred by Slovak project participants must comply with the provisions of the State aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Slovak Programme	