

## CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT AND MARITIME

### European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund

EMFAF supports a sustainable blue economy by implementing actions in the field of the European Union's Maritime Policy, the Common Fisheries Policy and the EU international ocean governance agenda.

**Budget (2021-2027): €291.6 million**

<b>Key Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable maritime transport</li> <li>• Offshore renewable energy</li> <li>• Aquaculture</li> <li>• Blue economy</li> <li>• Blue careers &amp; skills and ocean literacy</li> <li>• Sustainable blue finance and innovation</li> <li>• Maritime Spatial Planning</li> <li>• Maritime security</li> <li>• Scientific advice for fisheries</li> <li>• International Ocean Governance</li> </ul>			
<b>WHO can apply?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Member States, third countries listed in the yearly work programme (see Article 61 of <a href="#">EMFAF Regulation</a>)</li> <li>• Legal entities: Public or private bodies</li> <li>• International organisations</li> </ul>			
<b>WHAT activities can be funded?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies</li> <li>• Technology deployment</li> <li>• Close to market projects</li> <li>• Training/capacity building</li> <li>• Technical assistance</li> <li>• R&amp;I projects</li> <li>• Awareness raising</li> <li>• Regional cooperation</li> <li>• Scientific advice</li> </ul>			
<b>Range of EU Contribution</b>	For grants, the exact co-funding rate may vary depending on each call for proposals but generally it is in the range of 70-80% of total eligible costs. For contracts, the budget is indicated in the call for tenders or request for service.			
<b>Links to relevant calls</b>	<a href="#">EMFAF Calls for Proposals</a> <a href="#">EMFAF Calls for Tenders</a>			
<b>Target Technology Readiness Level (TRL)</b>	From 3 (Experimental proof of concept) to 7 (System prototype demonstration in an operational environment) As detailed in the <a href="#">TRL scale annexed to the Work Programmes of the Horizon Europe EU funding programme</a> .			
<b>Project examples</b>  <a href="#">EMFF and EMFAF featured projects</a>	<p><a href="#">EU WeMED NaTOUR</a> (July 2022 – October 2024) The project is developing eco-smart tourism packages for school trips in natural marine and coastal sites in several countries in the western Mediterranean. It will contribute to more sustainable and responsible touristic exploitation of natural marine heritage, educating younger generations on eco-sustainability and helping boost the market for ecotourism and the competitiveness of tourism SMEs.</p>	<p><a href="#">AQUAWIND</a> (September 2022 – August 2025) The aim of the project is to demonstrate at pilot scale the feasibility of a multi-use (MU) offshore renewable energy and aquaculture prototype that will be more sustainable and improve the use of marine space. The project will provide a roadmap for regulatory and legal issues that need to be addressed for real implementation of MU projects, taking advantages, and facilitating interaction with previous and ongoing EU funded projects.</p>	<p><a href="#">REMAP</a> (November 2022 – October 2025) The aim of the project is to set-up strategies and approaches to review maritime spatial plans (MSP), allowing interoperability and enabling EU Member States to share maritime spatial planning data and assessment information. The main objective is to provide EU Member States with a ReMAP innovative technical framework for the support of the European MSP process. The ReMAP technical framework is mainly aimed at the review, assessment performance and improvement of the adopted plans.</p>	<p><a href="#">GREEN MARINE MED</a> (October 2023 – September 2025) The project aims to support the shift towards green shipping in the Mediterranean. It will establish the Mediterranean Green Shipping Network that will bring together a comprehensive range of stakeholders including vessel owners, ports, marinas, fuel and energy sectors, finance, investment, innovators and entrepreneurs. The Network will develop a joint vision, including a roadmap on green shipping innovation and a financing guide.</p>