



EU

MISSIONS

RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS



Join the EU Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters

Call for Expression of Interest – Apply now!

The EU Mission Ocean and Waters aims to restore the health of our ocean and waters by 2030 to:

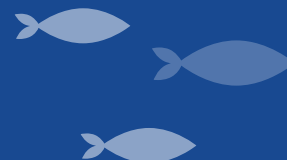
- **Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity;**
- **Prevent and eliminate pollution of our ocean, seas and waters;**
- **Make the sustainable blue economy carbon-neutral and circular.**

Do you have a project that will support one or several objectives and one or several specific targets of the Mission Ocean and Waters by 2030?

Apply now for technical assistance and feasibility studies to take your project to the next level!



Research and
Innovation





Why should I **APPLY**?

Selected projects will receive tailored technical assistance designed to match your needs, capacity, and interests. Some benefits include:



Improved focus of the project's team



Identification of new opportunities



Acquisition of valuable information for a "go/no-go" decision



Enhanced prioritisation of business alternatives



Stronger rationale for moving forward



Who can **APPLY**?

This opportunity is open to **PORTS, FISHERIES COMMUNITIES** and **ISLANDS** eager to lead the way for a sustainable future in your coastal communities.

Additionally, the project must be deployed in one of these **LIGHTHOUSES**:



The Atlantic and Arctic basin

The Baltic and North Sea basin

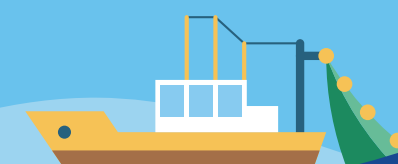
The Mediterranean Sea basin

The Danube River basin



Catalogue of **SERVICES**

Successful projects will receive tailored-expert support in areas such as:



Technical – product, service, and technology feasibility analysis

Commercialisation strategy

Access to finance and fund raising

Economic feasibility and investment readiness

Operational – improving operations and execution capacity

Environmental and impact assessment

Marketing and communication

Intellectual property advice

Regulatory advice

Scaling up and Internationalisation





Looking for green ideas for **PORTS!**

In ports, where land meets water and infrastructure supports maritime transport, we are looking for:

- **local and regional authorities;**
- **port authorities;**
- **NGOs or entities engaged;**
- **professional associations.**

EXAMPLE OF PROJECT IDEAS

- 🚧 Waste management for ports supply and marine/litter reduction
- 🚧 Solutions supporting coastal resilience, renewable energy power or low carbon/pollutants emission
- 🚧 Re-naturalisation
- 🚧 Nature-based solutions
- 🚧 Setting protected areas or engaging restoration actions
- 🚧 Environmental monitoring to reduce activities impacts
- 🚧 Decarbonisation of the logistics chain and shipping

Searching for sustainable **FISHERIES COMMUNITIES** solutions!

We invite fishing and aquaculture communities exploiting and benefiting from the opportunities offered by the sustainable blue economy, to apply. This includes:

- **local/regional authorities;**
- **NGOs;**
- **professional associations;**
- **fishers;**
- **research and fishing aquaculture vessels;**
- **marine conservationists, researchers and scientists.**

EXAMPLE OF PROJECT IDEAS

- 🐟 Stakeholder-driven management tools
- 🐟 Promoting low-impact fisheries and low trophic/integrated multitrophic aquaculture
- 🐟 Reducing carbon emissions and the use and loss of plastics
- 🐟 Citizen science initiatives collecting data
- 🐟 Digital solutions to monitor and assess food quality
- 🐟 Innovative zero-waste seafood products
- 🐟 Innovative technologies enhancing productivity and circularity

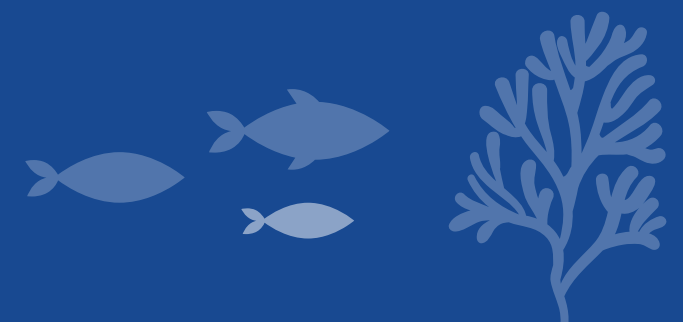
Seeking innovative projects tackling **ISLANDS'** challenges!

In these territories with no fixed link to mainland, we seek for entities such as:

- **local/regional authorities;**
- **NGOs;**
- **professional associations.**

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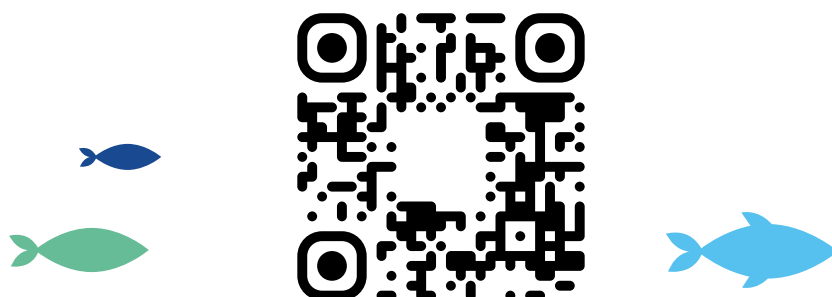
- 🏰 Marine Spatial Planning
- 🏰 Carbon free solutions
- 🏰 Solutions to develop coastal resilience
- 🏰 Sustainable water production
- 🏰 Circular economy development
- 🏰 Improving/ developing marine or coastal protected areas
- 🏰 Restoration actions on coastal and marine habitats



Let's make waves for a better tomorrow!

Submit your expression of interest and get access to targeted support to maximise your coastal project. Let's work together to create a positive and lasting impact on our oceans and waterways.

APPLY NOW!



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