

EMFAF 2022 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS



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Regional flagships projects in EU
Sea basins

€ 7.6 MILLION

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Wrap up | Key features

CALL TOPICS

- 6 in total addressing Atlantic, Black Sea, Mediterranean, Outermost regions Baltic

STAKEHOLDERS

- From fishers to maritime clusters depending on the topic – check the call!

FUNDING

- Co-funding: **80 or 85%**
- Budget per project:
- **EUR 400 000 - EUR 1 000 000**

FUNDED PROJECTS

- Minimum: 1 per topic
- Expected: 9 to 12 in total

Introducing the Regional Flagships

Call for proposals

- **EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-1-ATLANTIC**
Diversification of fisheries activities in the Atlantic area (Topic 1)
Atlantic (Topic 1): EUR 2 000 000
80% co-funding
Min 3 partners from 2 EU MS
- **EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-3-MED**
Sustainable transport and ports in the Mediterranean (Topic 3)
Mediterranean (Topic 3): EUR 2 400 000
80% co-funding
Min 3 partners from 2 EU MS + 1 non EU
- **EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-4-MED**
Maritime clusters as an innovative enabler for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean (Topic 4)
Mediterranean (Topic 4): EUR 1 000 000
Min 3 partners from 2 EU MS + 1 non EU

Introducing the Regional Flagships

Call for proposals

- **EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-2-BLACK**
Harnessing preparedness and response to marine pollution in the **Black Sea** (Topic 2)
Black Sea (Topic 2): **EUR 600 000**
Co-funding: **80%**
Partners: **Min 3 - from 2 EU MSs + 1 non EU**
- **EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-5-OR**
Sustainable maritime and coastal tourism in the **Outermost regions** (Topic 5)
OR (Topic 5): EUR 1 000 000
Co-funding: **85%**
Min 3 partners from 2 EU MSs
Min 2 entities from 2 different ORs
- **EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-6-BALTIC**
Regenerative ocean farming in the **Baltic Sea Region** (Topic 6)
Baltic Sea (Topic 6): **EUR 600 000**
Co-funding: **80%**
Partners: **Min 3 - from 2 EU MSs**

Call topics

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-1-ATLANTIC

OBJECTIVE: diversify income sources for fisheries communities in the Atlantic

SCOPE

- Integrate tourism products and services provided by fishers into the local/regional/sea basin tourist offers
- Support fishers to assess the set-up of new regenerative ocean farms or restore coastal marine ecosystems

Atlantic (Topic 1): EUR 2 000 000
80% co-funding
Min 3 partners from 2 EU MS

EXPECTED IMPACTS

- New tourist routes including Pesca-tourism and eco-tourism
- Proven technical feasibility of regenerative ocean farming
- Measure Economic and environmental benefits of regenerative farming (market potential and job opportunities, etc..)

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-2-BLACK

OBJECTIVE: Prepare and adapt for a coordinated response to new challenges linked to marine pollution in particular caused by armed conflicts

SCOPE

- Identify specific types and impacts of marine pollution,
- Prioritize the potential environmental risks and the threats to marine and coastal biodiversity.
- Define complementary training curricula for tackling the issues referred to in the above point.

Black Sea (Topic 2): EUR 600 000

Co-funding: 80%

Partners: Min 3 - from 2 EU MSs + 1 non EU

EXPECTED IMPACTS

- Improved capacities of the authorities/organisations to cooperate at sea basin level on defining and implementing training scheme on sea pollution,
- Increased knowledge about the impacts of the pollution caused by armed conflicts on marine environment and ecosystems.

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-3-MED

OBJECTIVE: Reducing emissions by ports and ships and promote the transition towards carbon neutrality of the maritime transport sector in the Mediterranean,

SCOPE

- Monitoring and technology foresight on green shipping in the Mediterranean
- Promote energy communities in ports of the Mediterranean
- Promote commercial vessels and fishing boats transition to LNG, or from LNG towards a wider choice of alternative fuels-propulsion/technologies.

EXPECTED IMPACTS

- Map needs and capacities across the two shores of the Mediterranean with a systemic view of maritime transport;
- Set the basis for the creation of energy communities
- An observatory on technologies and sources to be used for green shipping

Mediterranean (Topic 3): EUR 2 400 000
Co-funding: 80%
Min 3 partners from 2 EU MS + 1 non EU

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-4-MED

OBJECTIVE: Maritime clusters across the Mediterranean in order to support SMEs and micro enterprises in the blue economy.

SCOPE

- Establish new national maritime clusters and foster cooperation between Northern and Southern clusters
- Improve involvement of maritime clusters in policy-making at the regional/national levels, in particular to define/upgrade smart specialisation strategies.

Mediterranean (Topic 4): EUR 1 000 000
Min 3 partners from 2 EU MS + 1 non EU

EXPECTED IMPACTS

- Enhanced cooperation among clusters and financial institutions, and between SMEs, academia and research centres;
- Improved governance structure of clusters and management of skills;
- National maritime clusters established across the Mediterranean and enhanced cooperation between EU and partner countries.

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-5-OR

OBJECTIVES: Promoting innovative and sustainable solutions in coastal and maritime tourism and contributing to protect marine biodiversity in the EU's Outermost Regions

SCOPE

- Supporting projects that will develop a multidimensional and integrated approach to the tourism offer in the Outermost Regions:
- Design of smart eco-tourism packages and promotion of biodiversity assets;
- Innovation in destination management

EXPECTED IMPACTS

- Set up of new tourism routes including eco-tourism;
- New start-ups, investments and jobs created;
- New eco-tourism packages promoting cross border and interregional cooperation;
- Increased digitalisation and circular economy approaches in the maritime and coastal tourism sector.

OR (Topic 5): EUR 1 000 000
Co-funding: 85%
Min 3 partners from 2 EU MSs
Min 2 entities from 2 different ORs

EMFAF-2022-PIA-FLAGSHIP-6-BALTIC

OBJECTIVE: Reorienting fishers from extraction to ocean regeneration activities (assess the interest and feasibility to set up new regenerative ocean farms or restore coastal marine ecosystems).

SCOPE

- Knowledge creation and sharing, and identification of skills and training for regenerative ocean farming;
- Access to space and water, (marine protected areas);
- Permitting and authorisation processes (installation of regenerative ocean farms);
- Demonstration activities for setting and operating regenerative ocean farming.

Baltic Sea (Topic 6): EUR 600 000
Co-funding: 80%
Partners: Min 3 - from 2 EU MSs

EXPECTED IMPACTS

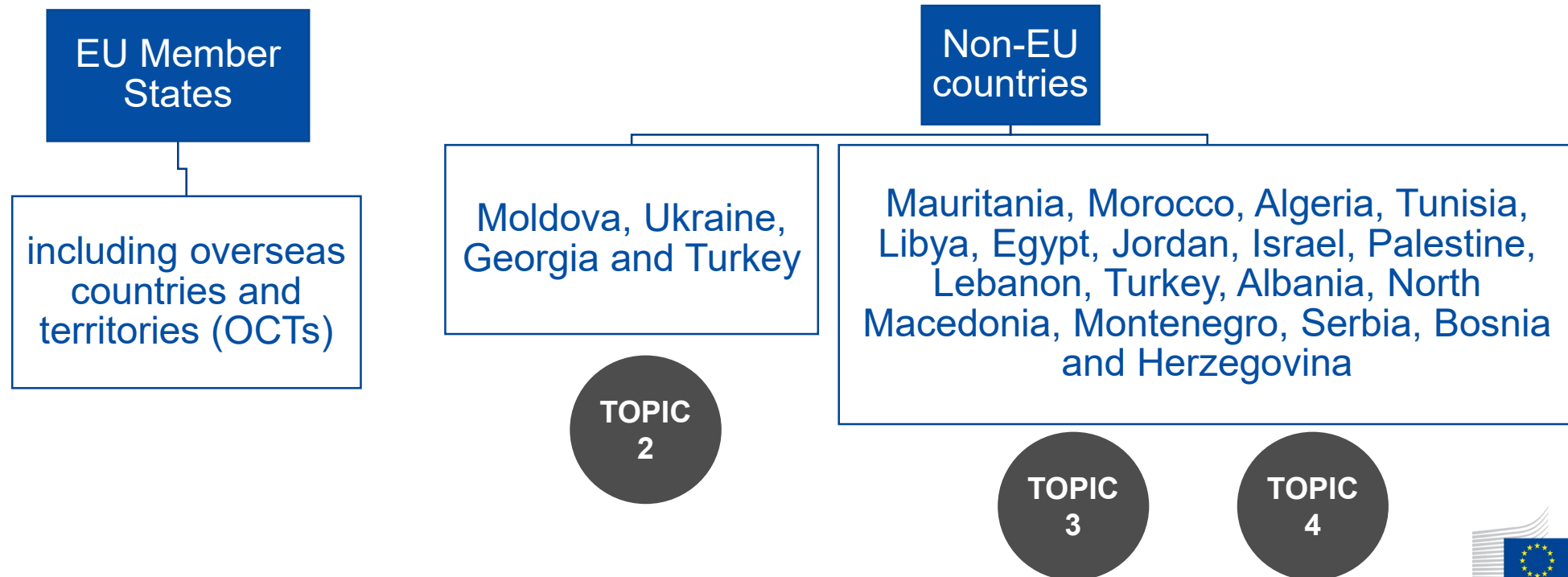
- Elaboration of good practice for permitting procedures;
- Increased awareness of regenerative ocean farming;
- Proven technical feasibility of regenerative ocean farming (linked to MPAs);
- Economic and environmental benefits quantification of regenerative ocean farming (market potential and job opportunities/ ecosystems and restoring).

Eligibility conditions

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To be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:

- be **legal entities** (public or private bodies)
- be **established in one of the eligible countries**, i.e.:



CONSORTIUM composition

A **consortium of at least 3** independent entities from 2 different EU eligible countries

- **Topic 2, Topic 3 and Topic 4:** at least 1 independent entity from 1 non-EU eligible country
- **Topic 5:** minimum 2 independent entities from 2 different Outermost Regions

The coordinator must be established in an EU Member State.

Geographic location (target countries)

- Proposals must relate to activities concerning **one of the sea-basins**
- Proposals can focus on a **part / sub-region of these sea basins/areas.**
- Activities should normally relate to the **EU waters**, but may extend into neighbouring waters, if this is necessary for the implementation of the projects (in view of their nature and their objectives).

Evaluation

Selection criteria

- **Financial capacity:** Make sure the applicant has stable and sufficient financial resources
- **Operational capacity:** Make sure the applicant has the know-how & qualifications and resources to perform the action

Award criteria and evaluation

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	6	10
Quality	6	10
Impact	6	10
Overall (pass) scores	21	30

Evaluation and award procedure

One-step standard evaluation procedure: An **evaluation committee** will assess all applications

Ex aequo proposals (within a topic or budget envelope) will be given a **priority** order based on:

- 1 • Theme and/or priority that is not otherwise covered by higher ranked projects
- 2 • Scores awarded first for the award criterion 'Relevance'
• If the scores are equal, then the score given for the criterion 'Impact'
• If scores in crit. 'Impact' are equal, then the score given for the criterion 'Quality'
- 3 • Overall project portfolio and the creation of positive synergies between projects, or other factors related to the objectives of the call
- 4 • Balanced spread of the geographical and thematic coverage

Indicative timeline





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Relevant resources

General information:

CINEA EMFAF



https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/european-maritime-fisheries-and-aquaculture-fund_en

Portal:

Funding & tender opportunities



<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

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