

EMFAF 2022 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS



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Regional flagships projects in EU
Sea basins

€ 7.6 MILLION

DEADLINE: 31 January 2023

Introducing the Regional Flagships Call for proposals

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-1-ATLANTIC — Diversification of fisheries activities in the Atlantic area (Topic 1)

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-2-BLACK — Harnessing preparedness and response to marine pollution in the Black Sea (Topic 2)

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-3-MED — Sustainable transport and ports in the Mediterranean (Topic 3)

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-4-MED — Maritime clusters as an innovative enabler for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean (Topic 4)

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-5-OR — Sustainable maritime and coastal tourism in the Outermost Regions (Topic 5)

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-6-BALTIC— Regenerative ocean farming in the Baltic Sea Region (Topic 6)

EMFF Regional Flagships Call 2022 (Mediterranean Sea Basin)



HOW MUCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT CAN YOU EXPECT?

80% co-funding rate. Indicative requested contribution between **€ 400.000 and € 1.000.000**

Overall budget: € 3.400.000

€ 2.400.000 for Topic 3

€ 1.000.000 for Topic 4



WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Development of green shipping, sustainable transport and support to the innovation of maritime clusters in the West Mediterranean area

EMFF Regional Flagships Call 2022 (Mediterranean Sea Basin)

WHO CAN APPLY?



- EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs));
- non-EU countries that are part of the sea basin strategies and/or regional cooperation frameworks targeted in this call for proposals:
 - **For Topic 3 and Topic 4:** Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Turkey, Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina. EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs));

A **consortium of at least 3 applicants** (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:

- **for all Topics:** minimum 3 independent entities from 2 different EU eligible countries;
- **for Topic 3 and Topic 4:** at least one independent entity from one non-EU eligible country;

OBJECTIVES

EMFAF-202120232-PIA-FLAGSHIP-3-MED — Sustainable transport and ports in the Mediterranean (Topic 3)

reduce emissions by ports and ships and promote the transition towards carbon neutrality of the maritime transport sector in the Mediterranean, while ensuring synergies with the Horizon Europe Co-Programmed Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport.

EMFAF-2023-PIA-FLAGSHIP-4-MED — Maritime clusters as an innovative enabler for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean (Topic 4)

foster an effective network of maritime clusters across the Mediterranean in order to support medium, small and micro enterprises in the blue economy.

SCOPE

Sustainable transport and ports in the Mediterranean (Topic 3)

Proposals should focus on one of the following themes:

1. Monitoring and technology foresight on green shipping in the Mediterranean, including energy consumption, technological chains in maritime alternative fuels, and practices and opportunities for strategic development of infrastructures to boost sustainable sources for green shipping;
2. Promotion of energy communities in ports of the Mediterranean, e.g. by supporting/anticipating the transition to LNG, or from LNG towards a wider choice of alternative fuels/technologies, including green hydrogen, electrification, wind, etc.;
3. Promote commercial vessels (including local small-scale ferries and service vessels) and fishing boats transition to LNG, or from LNG towards a wider choice of alternative fuels-propulsion/technologies (green hydrogen, electrification, wind).

SCOPE

Maritime clusters as an innovative enabler for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean (Topic 4)

This topic focuses on establishing new national maritime clusters and enhancing cooperation between Northern and Southern clusters across the Mediterranean and among clusters, SMEs, academia and research centres, institutional actors and financial institutions. It also aims to improve the involvement of maritime clusters in policy-making at the regional/national levels, in particular as regards the definition/upgrade of smart specialisation strategies.

EXPECTED IMPACTS

Sustainable transport and ports in the Mediterranean (Topic 3)

- Full mapping of needs and capacities across the two shores of the Mediterranean with a systemic view of maritime transport (multimodal network, logistic systems, bunkering, energy efficiency and renewable energy production potential, etc.);
- Setting the basis for the creation of energy communities aiming to achieve carbon neutrality in Mediterranean ports;
- Establishment of an observatory on technologies and sources to be used for green shipping (e.g. methanol, ammoniac, green hydrogen and related technologies, including electrification), including monitoring of most advanced practices (technological, infrastructural, managerial, etc.);
- Training capacity, technical and managerial skills on Sustainable Maritime Transport and Energy Efficiency in shipping fostered across the Mediterranean, both in the north and south;
- Harmonization and standardisation of technologies and regulations, as well as sharing of knowledge, good practices and capacity across the region.

EXPECTED IMPACTS

Maritime clusters as an innovative enabler for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean (Topic 4)

- Strengthened competitiveness of the maritime clusters;
- Enhanced cooperation among clusters and financial institutions, and between SMEs, academia and research centres;
- Increased participation of coastal stakeholders (including public authorities) and their engagement into clusters activities, notably linked to market opportunities;
- Improved governance structure of clusters and management of skills;
- National maritime clusters established across the Mediterranean and enhanced cooperation between EU and partner countries;
- Maritime clusters involved in the policy-making, including the upgrade of smart specialisation strategies;
- Increased cooperation between the activities of WestMed Maritime Clusters Alliance and/or other similar cooperation agreements/actions, WestMed National Hubs and clusters.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITION

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In order 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.:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs);
 - non-EU countries that are part of the sea basin strategies and/or regional cooperation frameworks targeted in this call for proposals:
- **For Topic 3 and Topic 4:** Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Turkey, Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

SPECIFIC CASES

- Entities from countries mentioned in the work programme (if any) are only exceptionally eligible, if the granting authority considers their participation essential for the implementation of the action.
- Natural persons are NOT eligible (with the exception of self-employed persons, i.e. sole traders, where the company does not have legal personality separate from that of the natural person).
- International organisations are eligible. The rules on eligible countries do not apply to them.
- Entities which do not have legal personality under their national law may exceptionally participate, provided that their representatives have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf, and offer guarantees for the protection of the EU financial interests equivalent to that offered by legal persons
- EU bodies (with the exception of the European Commission Joint Research Centre) can NOT be part of the consortium.
- Entities composed of members may participate as 'sole beneficiaries' or 'beneficiaries without legal personality'

CONSORTIUM COMPOSITION

- Proposals must be submitted by a **consortium of at least 3 applicants** (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:
- **for all Topics:** minimum 3 independent entities from 2 different EU eligible countries;
- **for Topics 2, Topic 3 and Topic 4:** at least one independent entity from one non-EU eligible country;
- **The coordinator must be established in an EU Member State.**

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Projects should take into account the results of projects supported by other EU funding programmes. The complementarities must be described in the project proposals (Part B of the Application Form).
- Projects must comply with EU policy interests and priorities (*such as environment, social, security, industrial and trade policy, etc*).
- **Financial support to third parties is not allowed.**

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION (TARGET COUNTRIES)

- Proposals must relate to activities concerning the Mediterranean Sea basin.
- Proposals can focus on a part/sub-region of this sea basin/area.
- 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).

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

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

EVALUATION PROCESS

EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCEDURE

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

Successively for every group of ex aequo proposals, starting with the highest scored group, and continuing in descending order:

- 1) Projects focusing on a theme and/or priority (as indicated in section 2) that is not otherwise covered by higher ranked projects will be considered to have the highest priority.
- 2) The ex aequo proposals within the same topic will be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the award criterion 'Relevance'. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on their scores for the criterion 'Impact'. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on their scores for the criterion 'Quality'.
- 3) If this does not allow to determine the priority, a further prioritisation can be done by considering the overall project portfolio and the creation of positive synergies between projects, or other factors related to the objectives of the call. These factors will be documented in the panel report.
- 4) After that, the remainder of the available call budget will be used to fund projects across the different topics in order to ensure a balanced spread of the geographical and thematic coverage and while respecting to the maximum possible extent the order of merit based on the evaluation of the award criteria.

INDICATIVE TIMELINE

31/01/2023 Submission Deadline



February – April 2023: Evaluation



April-May 2023: Evaluation committee agree final ranking list



May 2023: Information on evaluation results

September/October 2023: Grant Agreement signature

CALL RELEVANT LINKS:

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