
SYNERGIES WITH PARTNERSHIPS

The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)



Partnerships in Horizon Europe

- Partnerships bring together the European Commission and public and/or private partners to address Europe's most pressing challenges through concerted research and innovation initiatives.
- A new more impact-focused approach to partnerships under Horizon Europe.

CO-PROGRAMMED

Based on Memoranda of Understanding/contractual arrangements; implemented independently by the partners and by Horizon Europe

CO-FUNDED

Based on a joint programme agreed and implemented by partners; commitment of partners for financial and in-kind contributions

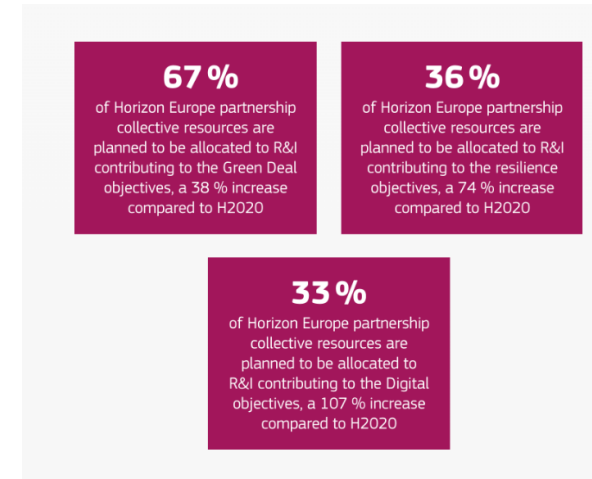
INSTITUTIONALISED

Based on long-term dimension and need for high integration; partnerships based on Art 185/187 of TFEU and the EIT legal acts for 2021-2027



Partnerships

- Contribute to the **twin digital and green transitions**, and **Europe's resilience**.
- Contribute to UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Are drivers for deepening the **European Research Area**
- Are **network builders**
- **Openness and inclusiveness:**
 - European Partnerships demonstrate a strong awareness for openness, setting up dedicated measures for newcomers and an interest in reaching out to widening countries in Europe.
 - Partnerships are open for collaboration beyond the EU.



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JOINT COMMITMENTS AND LEVERAGING FUNDING

49 partnerships (2021-24):
€ 55bn

Co-funded Partnerships:

70% MS, AC
30% EC

49

European
Partnerships under
the 1st Strategic Plan

€31.4bn

estimated total
commitment from
partners other than
the Union

37.9%

of Horizon Europe
Pillar II budget

25%

of total Horizon
Europe budget

€23.9bn

estimated
commitment from
Horizon Europe

ABOUT THE SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY PARTNERSHIP

- The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership is a Horizon Europe co-funded partnership.
- The new generation of EU Partnerships **brings together the European Commission and public and/or private partners** to address Europe's most pressing challenges, through pooling research and innovation investments and aligning national programmes at pan-European scale.

CO-FUNDED

Based on

- a joint programme agreed and implemented by partners;
- commitment of partners for financial and in-kind contributions.



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VISION



- The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership will design, steer and support a just and inclusive transition to a regenerative and circular blue economy.

European Commission

Putting the Blue into the Green

Sustainable Blue Economy

17 May 2021
#EUGreenDeal
#BeGreenGoBlue

"We have an opportunity to start afresh, and we want to make sure that the recovery shifts the focus from mere exploitation to sustainability and resilience. Thus to be truly green, we must also think blue."

Virginijus Sinkevičius,
European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

The EU blue economy will help to deliver both the European recovery and the European Green Deal. The objective is a strong **sustainable, resilient and climate-neutral model blue economy**.

The shift to sustainability will open up tangible opportunities for new jobs and businesses. Offshore renewable, green infrastructure, and ecotourism, e.g., offer huge economic prospects, as well as environmental gains.

The European blue economy
All industries and sectors related to oceans, seas and coasts

4.5 million jobs

€650 billion turnover

How can the blue economy contribute to the European Green Deal objectives?

Decarbonisation

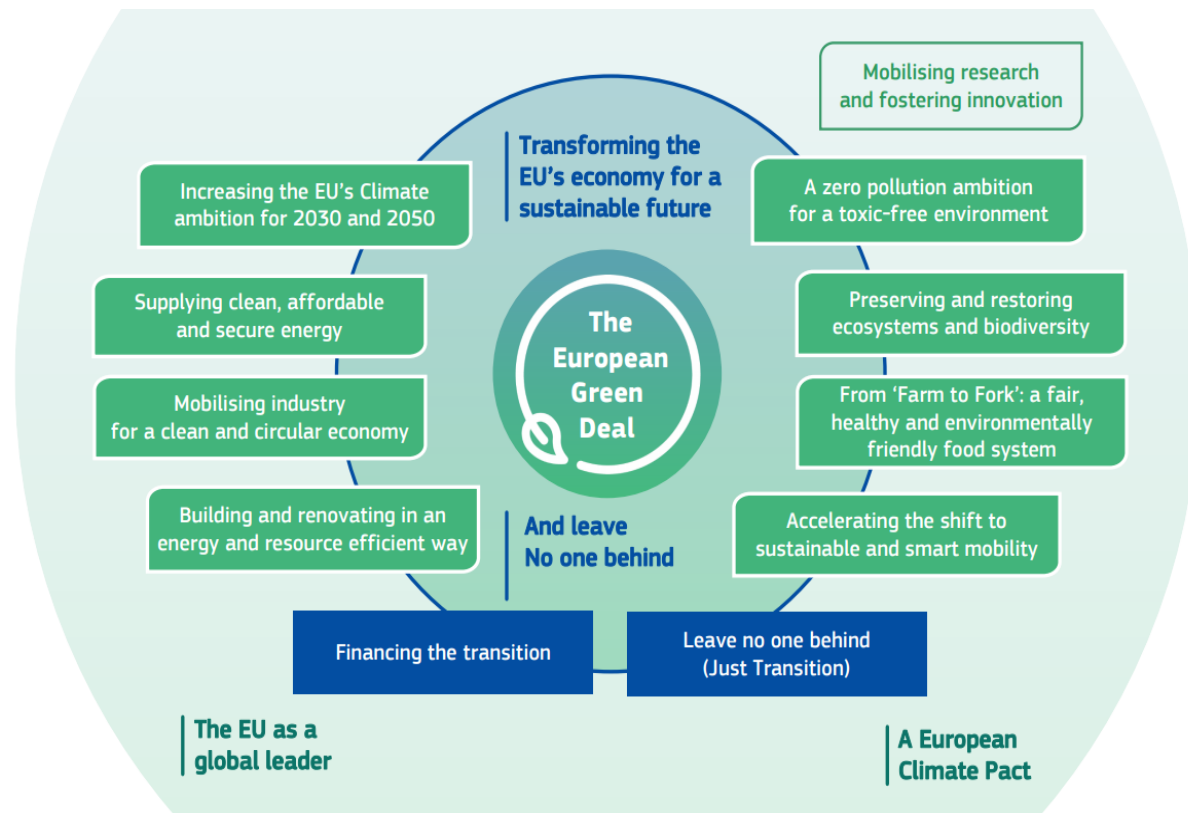
Decarbonising maritime transport and fishing will decrease greenhouse gas emissions, air and water pollution and underwater noise.

The energy of the oceans is unlimited and can be harnessed without emitting greenhouse gases. This makes offshore renewable energy a cornerstone of the EU's clean energy transition.

Today 12GW **2050 300GW**

POLICY DRIVE

The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership will deliver solutions to enable the European Green Deal and Digital Europe strategies and ultimately the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



ABOUT

- a network of 60 partner institutions from 25 countries and the European Commission
- taking into consideration the sea-basin (Mediterranean, Black Sea, Baltic and North Sea) and Atlantic Ocean dimension
- **450 million euro** planned investments over 7 years
- **6 co-funded calls** for R&I proposals
- focus on **5 intervention areas** in 2023



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Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda



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PILLARS

1

A blue economy in
harmony with nature

2

Blue economy
solutions towards
climate neutrality

3

A thriving blue
economy for the
people

4

Integrated and responsive ocean governance

Digitalisation

FAIR data

Human capacity

Ocean literacy

Infrastructures

Social innovation

Sustainable finance

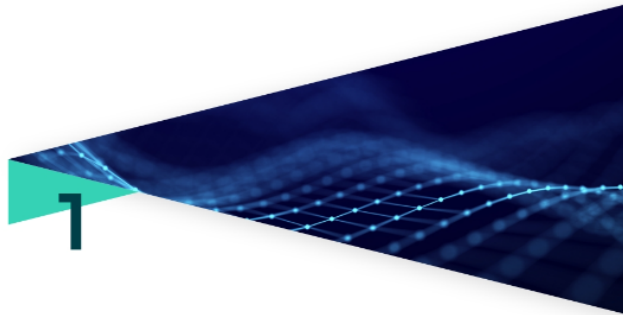
KEY ENABLERS

- ▶ Built on priorities of Member States/ Associated Countries + European Commission + Sea-basin initiatives, with support from JPI Oceans
- ▶ Composed of 4 pillars, 39 objectives
- ▶ + 7 cross-cutting key enablers

FIVE INTERVENTION AREAS



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1

Ocean Digital Twins at sub- sea-basin
scale



2

Blue generation marine structures



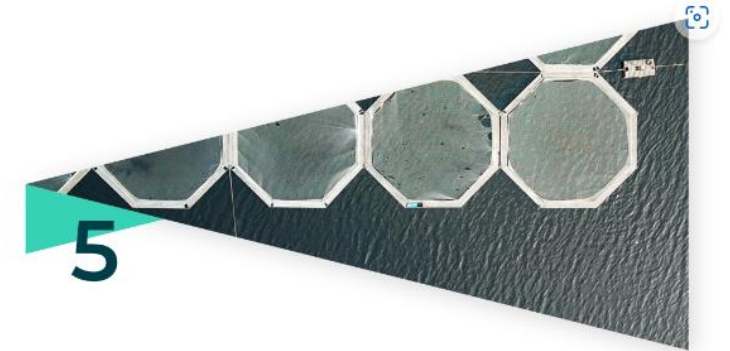
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Planning and managing sea-uses



4

Healthy 'Blue Food' under a 'One
Health' approach



5

Enabling the green transition of 'Blue
Food' production



◀ Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership's first joint transnational call:

◀ "The way forward: a thriving sustainable blue economy for a brighter future"

These five priority areas were selected to maximise participation while reinforcing the European blue economy through innovative solutions and improved resilience of marine ecosystems. The priority areas embrace actionable routes from science to policy to observe, assess and mitigate the impacts of climate change on vital ecological assets such as biodiversity and other ecosystem services on which our economies depend, thus supporting coastal communities.

Projects in this Co-funded call must be impact-driven contributions to the transformation into a blue economy for a more resilient future and towards carbon neutrality targets, following an impact pathway approach.

Projects must be developed at a pan-European level and in the different European sea basins: the Mediterranean, the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea, the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean and establish close cross-sectorial cooperation in the science, innovation, and economic sectors. Projects are expected to consider several European sea basins or, at least, to consider the impact of the projects on several European sea basins.

The first Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) Co-funded call pools national and regional financial resources through the participation of 36 funding organisations from **23 countries (19 Member-States:** Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France,

Participating Mediterranean countries to the call:

- Cyprus
- France
- Italy
- Malta
- Portugal
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Türkiye

1st Joint-call open since February 2023

<https://bluepartnership.eu/#call>



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Opportunities for associated countries and third countries

- The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership had its kick-off meeting on 25 January 2023 in Rome
- You can follow the SBEP on their website: [Bluepartnership call](#)
Or on SBEP's following social media channels :
 - [Twitter](#)
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Linkedin](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
- The SBEP Steering Committee meeting is **open** to observer countries (MS, AC or third countries) to learn more on the strategic perspectives and discussions
- Third countries can participate with their own funding to joint calls, such as Brazil already does.
- Third countries can be involved in the calls as external partners with own funding, or as associated partners also signing the grant agreement for closer involvement
- The next opportunity to join SBEP partners' consortium = next co-funding proposal to be submitted in beginning 2024 as response to the co-fund call for SBEP in the Horizon Europe WP 2023-2024.

SYNERGIES

Mission – Partnership (SBEP)



European Mission
'Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030'



Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

PROTECT AND RESTORE MARINE AND FRESHWATERS ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY

- Protect at least 30% and strictly protect 10% EU's sea areas
- Restore 25.000 km free flowing rivers
- Marine nature restoration targets (incl. degraded seabeds, coastal ecosystems)

PREVENT AND ELIMINATE POLLUTION OF OUR OCEANS, SEAS AND WATERS

- Reduce by at least 50% plastic litter
- Reduce by at least 30% microplastics
- Reduce by at least 50% nutrient losses, chemical pesticides

MAKE THE BLUE ECONOMY CARBON- NEUTRAL AND CIRCULAR

- Net zero maritime emissions
- Zero carbon aquaculture,
- Low carbon multipurpose use of marine space

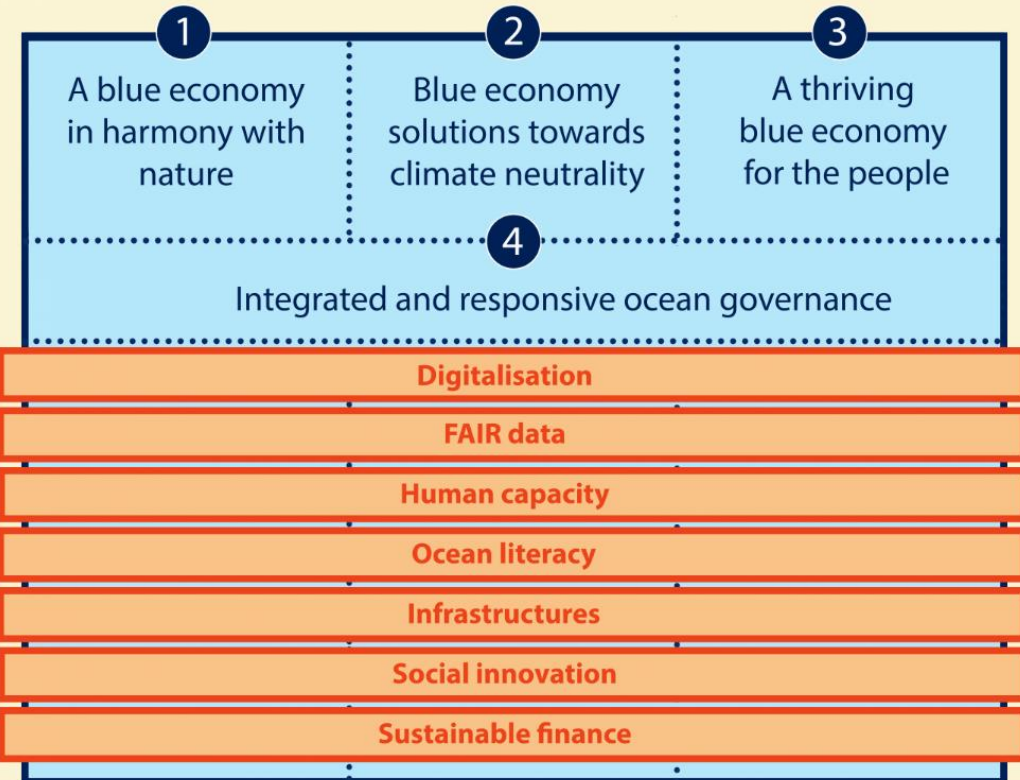
ENABLERS

Digital Ocean and Waters Knowledge system

Public mobilization and engagement

PILLARS

KEY ENABLERS



EVENTS

- **Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters - The Mediterranean lighthouse in Action**

Palermo 30-31 May, Salina, 1/6 2023 (Blue Islands Day)



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