



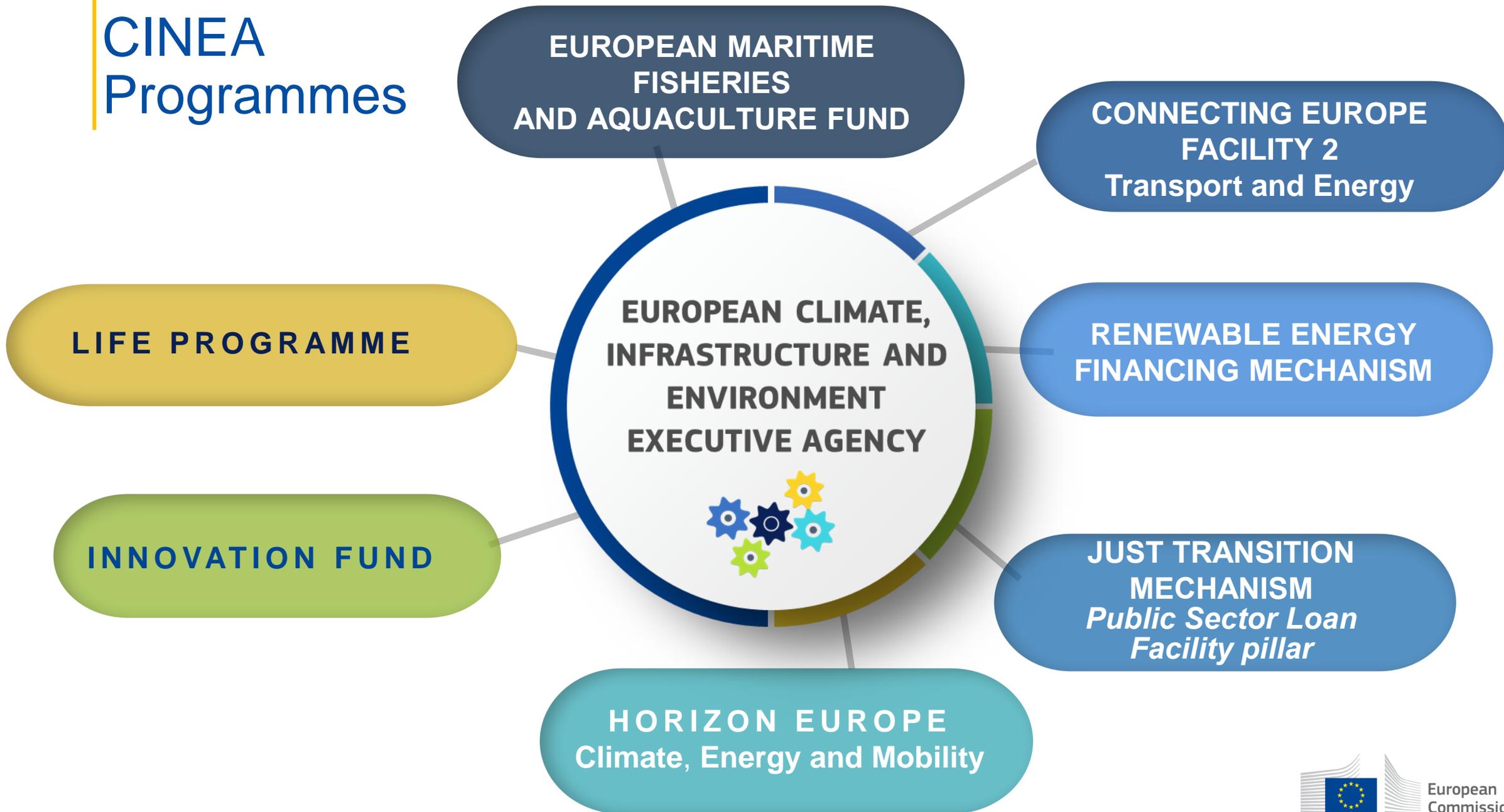
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**Update for the UFM Blue economy working group  
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# CINEA Programmes





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Calls for proposals 2022:  
flagship projects on blue economy in the Western Mediterranean

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The [European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund](#) (EMFAF) supports the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and the **EU maritime policy with 4 priorities**:

- Fostering sustainable **fisheries** and the conservation of marine biological resources;
- Contributing to food security in the Union through competitive and sustainable **aquaculture** and markets;
- **Enabling the growth of a sustainable blue economy and fostering prosperous coastal communities;**
- Strengthening **international ocean governance** and enabling safe, secure, clean and sustainably managed seas and oceans.

**Budget** of EUR 6.108 billion for the period 2021-2027,

It's divided between

- **shared** management (by Member States)
- and **direct** management (by the European Commission, agencies and international organisations).

The majority of the EMFAF actions in direct management are delegated to CINEA (European Climate, Environment and Infrastructure Executive Agency) and support policy development by procurement (purchase of services) and grants (contribution to specific actions).

# Call for Regional Flagship Projects 2022, supporting sustainable blue economy in EU sea basins

**LINK:** [https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/funding-opportunities/calls-proposals/emfaf-call-proposals-regional-flagships-projects-supporting-sustainable-blue-economy-eu-sea-basins\\_en](https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/funding-opportunities/calls-proposals/emfaf-call-proposals-regional-flagships-projects-supporting-sustainable-blue-economy-eu-sea-basins_en)

**2 topics for the MEDITERRANEAN in 2022 call:**

**Green Shipping and ports**

**Maritime clusters**

! Building up on work done in WESTMED by Stakeholder community

## Topic: promoting sustainable transport and ports in the Mediterranean

**(EUR 2.4 million available)**

Contributing to the Goal 2 “A smart and resilient blue economy of the strategy” (Priority Sustainable consumption and production: ports and maritime transport) of the WestMED Initiative. Aligned with the work of the WestMed Technical Group on Green Shipping.

Proposals should focus on one of the following themes:

- 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;
- 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.;
- 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).

## Topic: fostering maritime clusters as an innovative enabler for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean

**(EUR 1 million available)**

Contributing to the Goal 2 “A smart and resilient blue economy” of the WestMED Initiative (Priority 2.2. “Maritime Clusters Development”), by building up on clusters currently cooperating (e.g. WestMED Clusters Alliance).

The UfM Ministerial Declaration on SBE calls for the establishment of blue economy clusters - including transnational ones, the strengthening of existing clusters, and increased cooperation between national clusters in the Mediterranean.

Scope:

- 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.

# 2022 EMFAF CALL

**Projects with budget range 400.000 and 1 Million EUR**

**Eligible countries [UfM countries](#)**

EU Member States and Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya + Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Turkey, Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Consortium composition at least 3 applicants (full partners); from 2 different EU eligible countries; at least one independent entity from one non-EU eligible country; coordinator must be established in an EU Member State.

Deadline for the submission: 31 January 2023

**26 proposal received for Flagship call (all sea-basins)**

**Evaluation ongoing.** Grant agreements expected to be signed in June 2023.

## 1. EU WeMED\_NaTOUR PROJECT

- Focus on West Mediterranean natural marine sites & maritime/coastal destinations to develop **transnational eco-smart tourism packages**
- Sustainable, responsible and eco-tourism, with specific reference to the “**new generations**”
- To design and pilot **eco-smart tourism packages for the school-trip tourism** market, addressed to primary, secondary schools (age groups: 6-10 yrs; 11-13yrs; 14-16yrs),
- With the strong involvement and collaboration of West Mediterranean tourism SMEs, offer “learn-by-visiting”
- <https://linktr.ee/eu.wemed.natour>  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085611247830>

## 2. REBOOT MED PROJECT

- Public-private partnership co-defining Blue Economy Action Plans for the **Recovery of the tourism sector**
- To **incubate, accelerate and test new eco/blue economy tourism packages** in 10 pilot areas in 6 WestMed countries.
- **Capacity building and awareness-raising** on competitiveness and sustainability of coastal and maritime tourism ecosystem -> through **local clusters** and exchanges organised in collaboration with the WestMed Initiative,
- Promoting asset-based development approach -> support and stimulate tourism **SMEs, coastal communities and potential pioneers** (women, NEETs, startupper) to play as actors of change in re-imagining and re-building coastal and maritime tourism.
- Targeted **go-to-market services and testing activities**
- <https://www.reboot-med.eu/en/home/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/rebootmed.eu>

### 3. ECO-CRUIISING FU\_TOUR PROJECT

- Developing a **new generation of cruise tourism** to preserve coastal and maritime tourism; offer innovative routes and solutions.
- To **exploit the green potential of WestMed tourism SMEs and cross-border cooperation**, and unlock new business opportunities around the **eco-cruise tourism sector**.
- Boost **managerial, innovative, blue, green and digital skills** of tourism WestMed SMEs and public and private stakeholders in charge of the **promotion of EU and West European coastal and maritime destinations**
- Develop specialised **capacity building programmes**, knowledge and **tech transfer**, preparing the transfer of good practices and multiplying the results.
- Design **eco-smart cruise packages targeting Millennials and Gen Z**; combining smart (digital) and eco-sustainable offering.
- <https://www.ecocruising-fu-tour.eu/>

## ALSO WITH EMFAF SUPPORT

- **WestMed Assistance Mechanism**  
(and network of experts located in each country)
- **Grant to UfM**  
(and roadmap to implement the Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy)



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CoP MSP for the MED – launch of the expert group  
26 January 2023

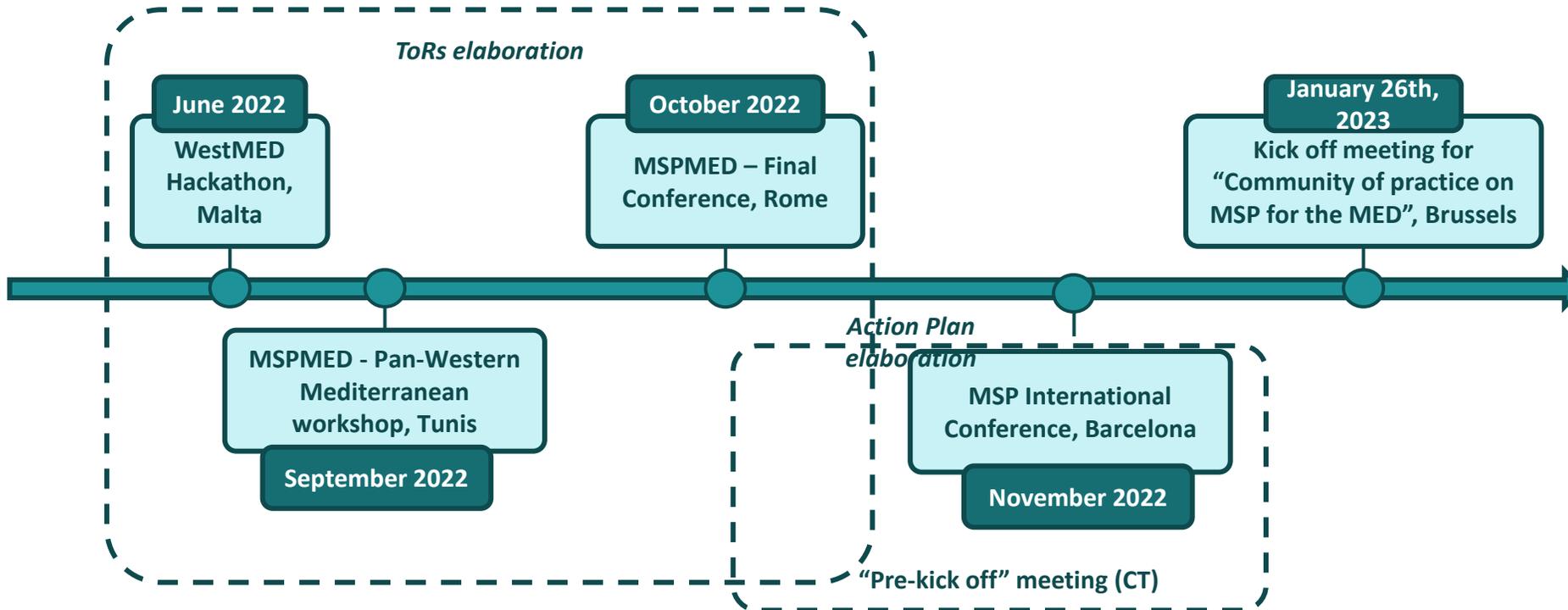
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# Building the Community of Practice on MSP for the MED

*“[...] group of **people** who share a **common concern**, a set of **problems**, or an **interest** in a topic and who **come together** to fulfill both individual and **group goals**. [...] they often focus on **sharing best practices** and creating new knowledge to **advance a domain of professional practice**.”*



*Call for experts to actively participate and engage in this initiative and contribute to the expected outputs of the MED-MSP-CoP*



- **Dialogue across borders** between experts on MSP
- **Exchange** knowledge and experiences so as to reach a **shared perspective** on topics of common interest for MSP,
- **Examining useful practices and tools**, and to **develop common language** and **suggesting coherent and harmonized approaches** for using MSP as an enabler to a more sustainable blue economy and to improve protection of the marine environment.
- **Enhancing the cooperation between the north and the south of the Mediterranean sea.**
- Provide **recommendations** that can support **regional cooperation** for MSP and **national processes.**



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