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Update from CINEA on Flagship calls

- 1. EMFAF, Regional Flagship projects in EU sea-basins; call 2022 - 7.6M EUR
- 2. EMFAF, Blue careers; call 2022 – 7,5 M EUR
- 3. EMFF MSP call 2023 – 4M EUR

1. Regional Flagships - Call for proposals for WestMED – building on the work of the TEG !

- **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

EMFAF Regional Flagship call 2023

State of Play

- 23 projects evaluated - 10 were invited to GAP
- 4 Projects WestMED = 3 Topic transport/1 Topic clusters
- Participation of MED countries of both shores in consortia – good evolution (DZ, TN, EG, TR, IL)
- Grant Agreements signed
- Project Starting Dates 1 October – kick-off 12 October

EMFAF Regional Flagship call 2023: Sustainable transport and ports in the Mediterranean

GREEN MARINE MED MediterraneanAn GReen Shipping NEtwork: Linking Ports, Industries, Investment and Innovation for **Monitoring and Technology Foresight on Green Shipping in the Mediterranean.**

Engage and mobilise the **Mediterranean Green Shipping stakeholder community full value chain.** Inclusion of accelerators and other business support programmes to **strengthen the position of Green Shipping entrepreneurs and start-ups.**

Focus on innovation, capacity building and sustainable finance -> Launch of an International Call for Green Shipping Innovation to provide specific support to start-ups, SMEs and entrepreneurs to revolutionise the ports and maritime transport industries and to ensure the acceleration of Green Shipping innovation in the Mediterranean.

Scalability post-project across the Mediterranean region, enhancing north-south sharing of best practices. Commitment of the WOC to develop and host a **Centre of Excellence on Mediterranean Green Shipping.**

Duration: 24 months, **EU contribution:** € 932,469.91 (ES, FR, IT, IL, TR, TN, NL)



EMFAF Regional Flagship call 2023: Sustainable transport and ports in the Mediterranean

- **GreenMED** - Green Shipping Pathways Towards a Clean Energy Transition in the Mediterranean
- Effectively **support green shipping efforts** in the Mediterranean Sea basin, by **promoting plausible scenario-based decarbonisation pathways**.
- **Comprehension and integration of innovative technologies**, selected on future potentials and various economic, social and environmental criteria. Regional ship energy demands, the fuel supply chains in both shores of the Mediterranean Sea, and the variety of emerging green shipping technologies will be considered.
- **Establishment of a decarbonisation hub: the Mediterranean Sustainable Shipping Observatory (MSSO)**, development stakeholders' network & building knowledge capacity.
- Decarbonisation pathways and options -> **recommendations for policy making and informed investment decisions**.
- **Duration: 24 months - EU contribution: € 740.868 (EL, CY, ES, EG)**

EMFAF Regional Flagship call 2023: Sustainable transport and ports in the Mediterranean

- **POWER4MED** local emPOWERment of fuel transition FOR a green MEDiterranean
- **Transition toward carbon neutrality in maritime transport** requires short & medium-term solutions, the former based on transition fuels (LNG), the latter on not yet fully available alternative fuels (green hydrogen, methanol, electricity & wind).
- Dealing with such complexity is difficult for the operators of smaller ships and POWER4MED has the ambition to support them by developing the **POWER4MED Supporting Structure**, a “Supporting Team” of multidisciplinary experts and a set of toolkits facilitating the path toward carbon neutrality of the 3 sectors targeted by the project: fishing boats, commercial vessels and marinas.
- **Duration:** 18 months, **EU contribution:** € 740.868 (IT, MT, DZ, ES, EG, TR, (Ly))

EMFAF Regional Flagship call 2023: Maritime clusters as an innovative enabler for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean

- **CALLMEBLUE** - Cluster ALLiance MEd BLUE - Maritime clusters as facilitators of networking, technology transfer, internationalisation and innovation between SMEs, large companies, research centres, universities etc.; key actors to sustainable investments BE
- Create a **strategic vision and transferable models of interregional cooperation** -> strengthen existing clusters alliances in the Mediterranean area; **accelerate north-south regional cooperation processes** towards the emerging of strategic maritime clusters in North Africa area (**south-south cooperation**).
- **Raise awareness**, promote **exchange of best practices and knowledge transfer** between northern and southern areas, piloting learning activities, **transferable “Toolkit” for creation of future maritime clusters** in the southern area - prepare on the legal, structural, administrative and management aspects,
- **Enhance regional dialogue and more advanced services offered to Cluster Mediterranean ecosystem.**
- **Duration:** 24 months - **EU contribution:** € 780 987,86 (IT, ES, TN, FR, EL, DZ, PT)

Flagship call 2021: *Re-build coastal & maritime tourism in the WestMED*

1.EU WeMED_NaTOUR PROJECT: Focus on natural marine sites & maritime/coastal destinations to develop **transnational eco-smart tourism packages for the school-trip tourism** market. Strong involvement and collaboration of West Mediterranean tourism SMEs, offer “learn-by-visiting”

Consortium: IT, ES, MR, PT, BE/Duration: 28 Months/Total cost: 995.854 EUR/Grant: 796.683 EUR

2.REBOOT MED PROJECT: PPP, co-defining **Blue Economy Action Plans for the Recovery of the tourism sector** - incubate, accelerate & test new eco/blue economy tourism packages in 10 pilot areas in 6 WestMed countries. **Capacity building and awareness-raising -> local clusters;**

Consortium: FR, IT, ES, TN, MA, MR, MT /Duration: 24 Months/Total cost: 1.294.225 EUR/Grant: 999.380 EUR

3.ECO-CRUISEING FU TOUR PROJECT: new generation of **cruise tourism** to preserve coastal and maritime tourism: exploit the **green potential of WestMed tourism SMEs and cross-border cooperation/** boost **managerial, innovative, blue, green and digital skills of tourism** WestMed SMEs and public and private stakeholders.

Consortium: IT, MA, ES, EL, CY, TN, DZ/Duration: 28 Months/Total cost: 990,222.38 EUR/Grant: 796,215.77 EUR

2. EMFAF-2023-BlueCareers

State of Play

- 36 Proposals received – 8 granted
- Project Starting Dates 1 September 2023
- Kick-off meeting in Brussels 22 September 2023

- Sea basins/areas covered: North Sea, Baltic Sea, Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, Outermost regions (indirectly) and EU in general.

EMFAF-2023-BlueCareers

State of Play

- Sectors covered: blue biotechnology, ports, maritime transport, offshore wind, aquaculture, fishing, underwater, coastal tourism, marine conservation.
- Third countries represented: Georgia and Tunisia (Blue Ports proposal)
- Coverage MED southern shore is limited

BLUE PORTS project

BLUE PORTS	Blue careers in net zero energy ports
Target Sea Basins	Mediterranean and Black Sea
Concept	Aims to develop a new, certified, training program for trainers and final users (professionals and students) to enhance digitalization and greening of port activities.
Activities proposed etc	Set up 'Trainings of the trainers' schemes, ensure dissemination of the most recent available knowledge, technology and practices; design and launch the virtual learning environment; eLearning platform for distance learning and handbook in 5 languages, deliver a mutually acknowledged certification scheme to keep high-quality standards for technologies and policies towards zero emission for ports at EU level and a roadmap for the implementation across the Mediterranean and Black Sea.
Consortium	8 partners (4 EL also coordinator, 1 ES, 1 IT, 1 GE and 1 TN)
EU contribution and duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 937 327 EUR• 24 months

3. EMFAF-2023-MSP call

Call for proposals

Opening: 26 October 2023 until 27 February 2024

Budget : 4M EUR

Granting 2 to 3 projects

Relevance for Mediterranean

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

The European Blue Forum

Objective: A stakeholder forum for users of the sea

To initiate and coordinate dialogue between sustainable blue economy stakeholders at all levels. Engage, exchange, discuss challenges, develop synergies and reflect on how to reconcile competing uses of the sea.

**EUROPEAN
BLUE FORUM**



Key Principles

- Representative
- Flexible and expandable
- Dialogue
- Cross-sector - Thematic focus areas at different geographical scales
- Long-term Process

<https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/european-blue-forum>

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