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Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters

Implementation in the Mediterranean Basin

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Mission objectives and targets

Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030

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



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Mission four lighthouses:

sites to pilot, demonstrate, develop and deploy the Mission activities across EU seas and river basins



Baltic & North Sea basin

**1st phase 2021-2025:
focus on Objective 2
(Zero Pollution)**

Mediterranean sea basin



Danube river basin



Atlantic & Arctic sea basin



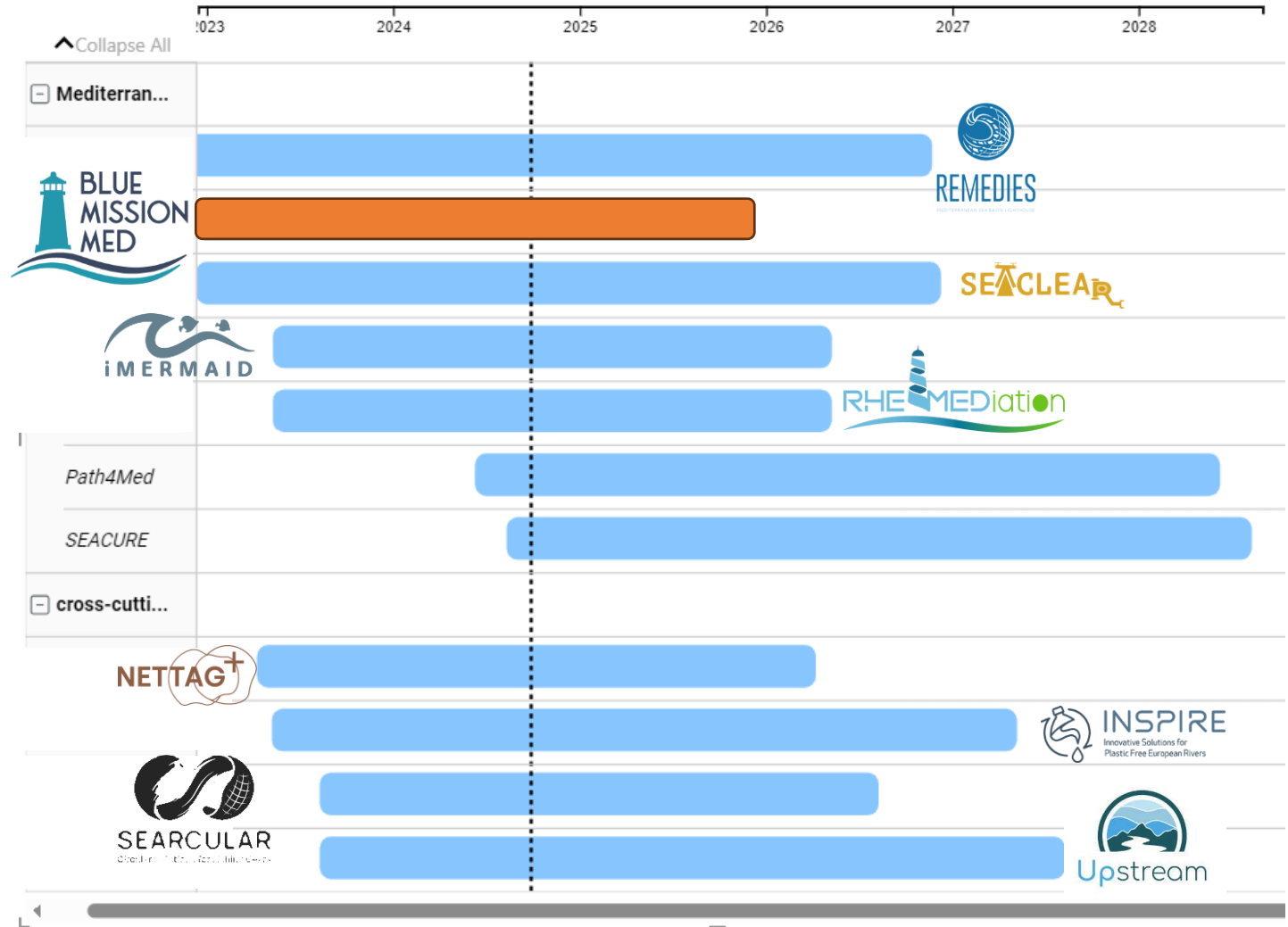
HE: Mission Ocean Work Programmes & Calls





On-going projects

- 1 Lighthouse CSA + 6 LH-specific Innovation Actions
- 4 cross-cutting Innovation Actions under objective 2



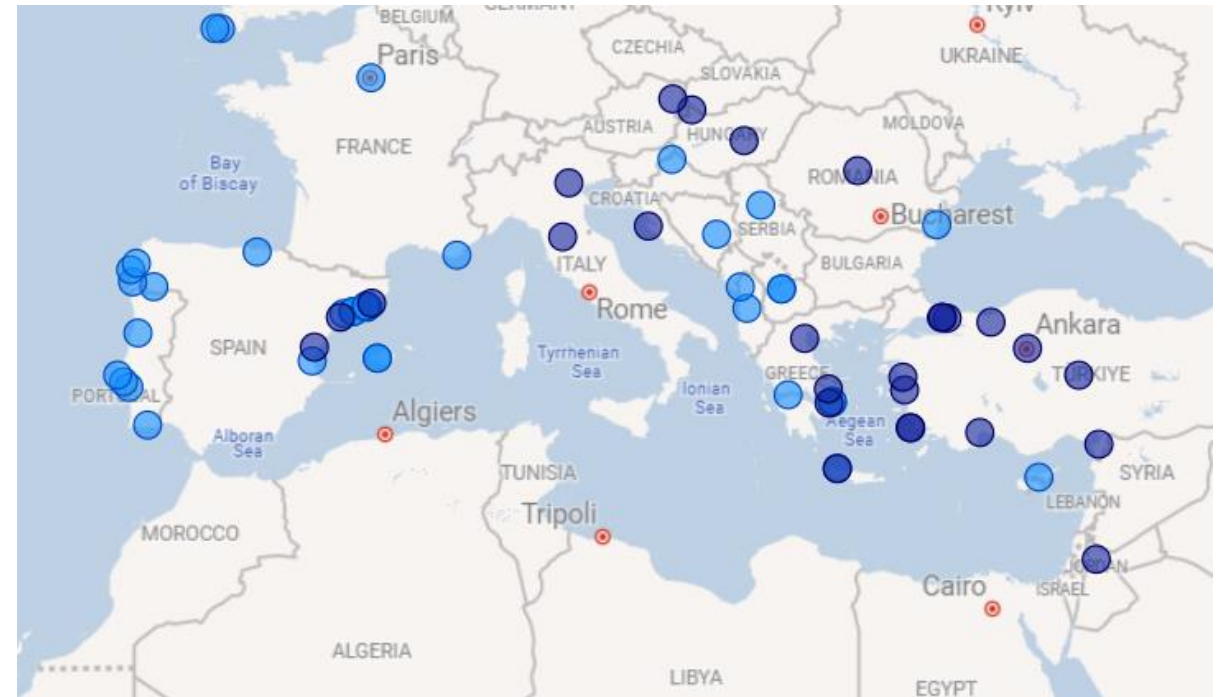


Examples of local deployment of the Mission in the Mediterranean Basin

Demonstration sites



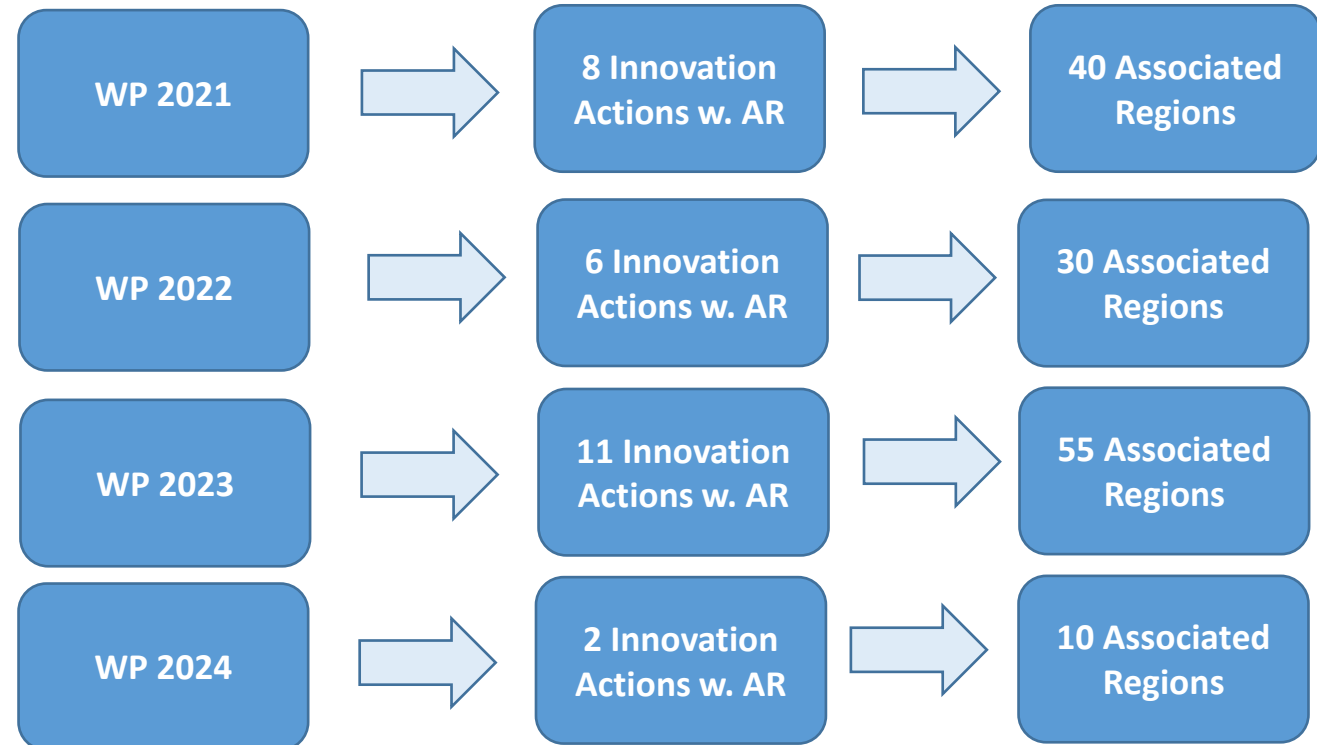
School Grants





Associated regions

- Areas with ecosystems that can benefit from the demonstration activities (e.g., neighbouring regions and/or regions in a different sea basin) and/or less-developed regions, with the need to build capacity to implement the innovative solutions to restore marine/freshwater ecosystems.
- Calls for Associated regions organised by relevant projects, with an evaluation based on transparent and fair procedures

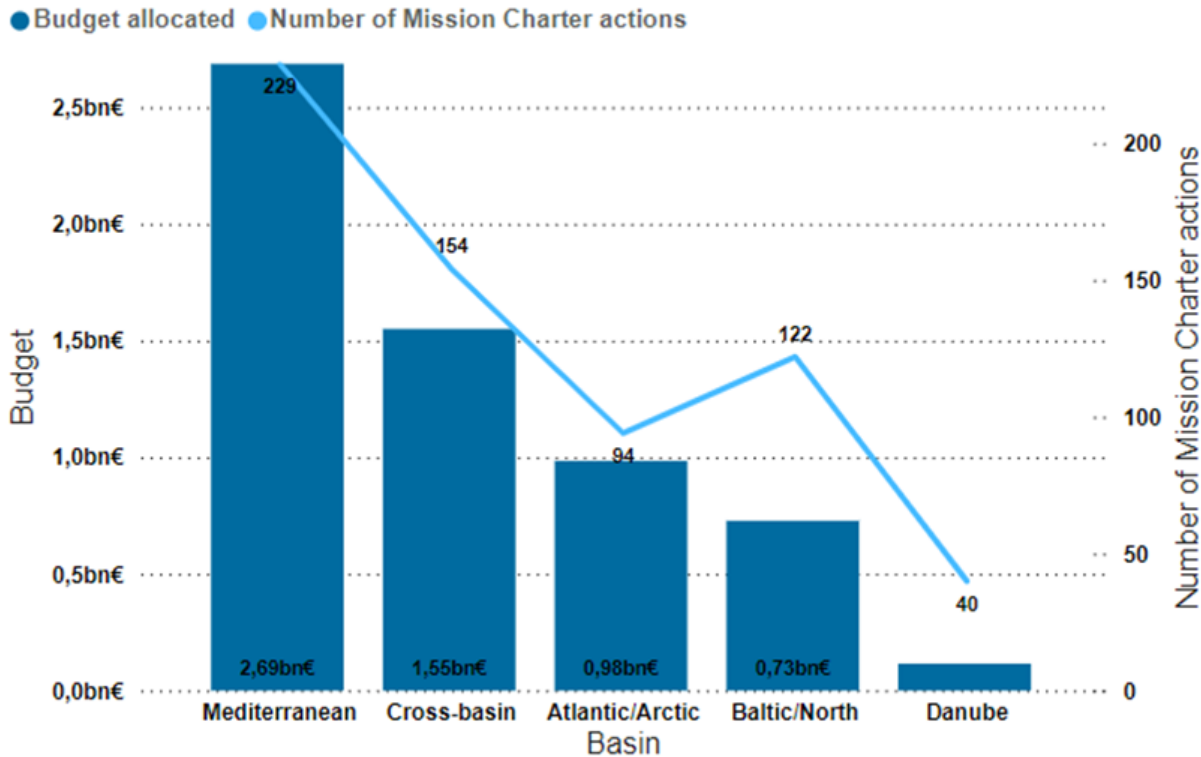




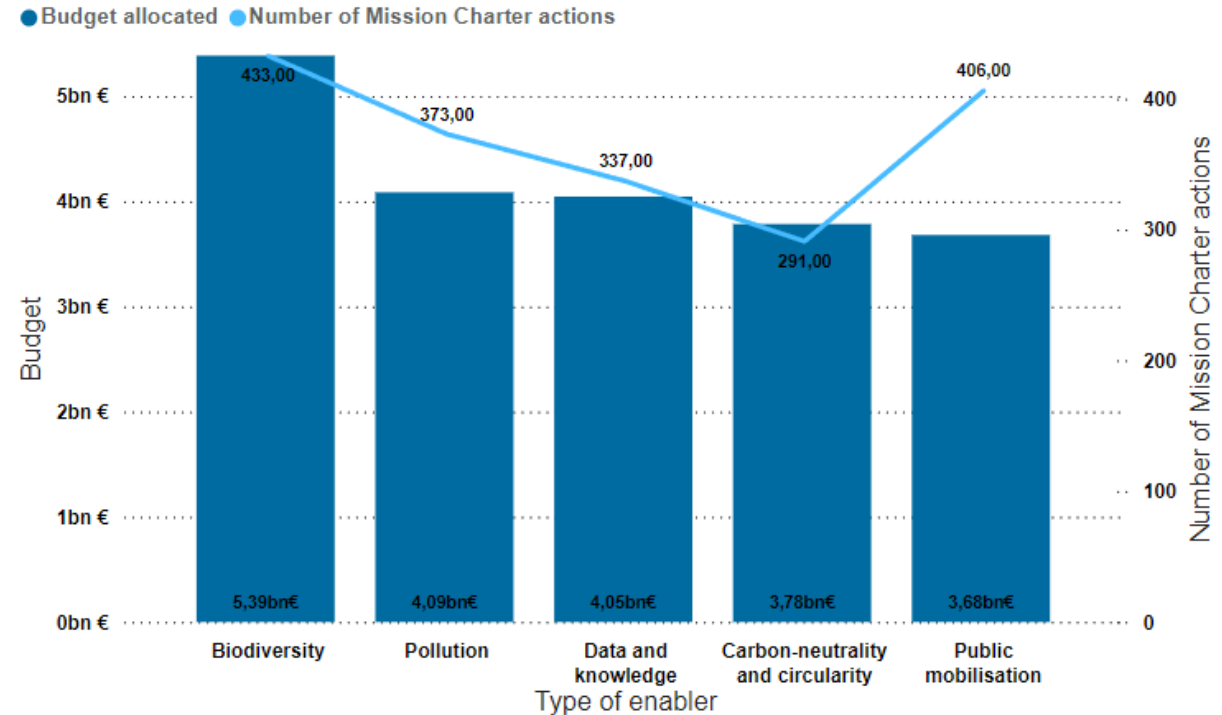
Mission Charter actions

More than 800 actions pledged with 639 actions visible to the Mission Atlas
Budget: €6 billion

Budget and Number of Mission Charter Actions by Basin



Budget and Number of Mission Charter actions by Objective & Enabler





EUROPEAN UNION MISSION IMPLEMENTATION PORTAL

2. Supporting the transitions



Mission Ocean and Waters service portal

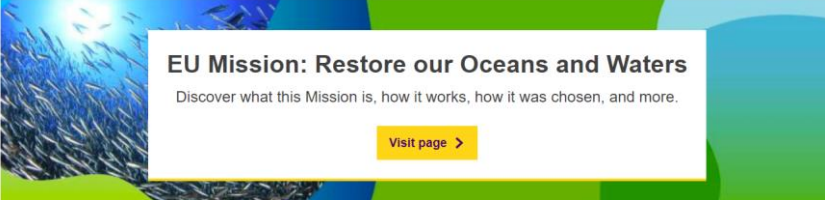
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Mission Ocean and Waters service portal

One-stop-shop for stakeholders involved and interested in the Mission Ocean implementation.

Mission Ocean projects

These Horizon Europe Mission Ocean-funded projects are part of the drivers to fulfill the Mission goals across all Lighthouses. Discover who they are and the work they do.



EU Mission: Restore our Oceans and Waters
Discover what this Mission is, how it works, how it was chosen, and more.

[Visit page >](#)

Find financing

Find a variety of financial programmes and instruments to finance projects and actions related to ocean conservation and blue economy.

Join the Mission

We provide different opportunities for actors and citizens to support and implement ideas related to ocean and water ecosystem restoration, the prevention and elimination of pollution, and making the sustainable blue economy circular and carbon-neutral.



Endorse the Mission Charter

We are calling on Member States, regions and a wide range of stakeholders to endorse the Mission Charter and pledge actions that will contribute to the successful implementation of Mission Ocean and Waters and its Lighthouses.



Join our Forum

Mission Ocean and Waters will present its progress at a Forum hosted annually in Brussels, allowing online exchanges and networking among the Mission Forum community. Find out more about the event here.



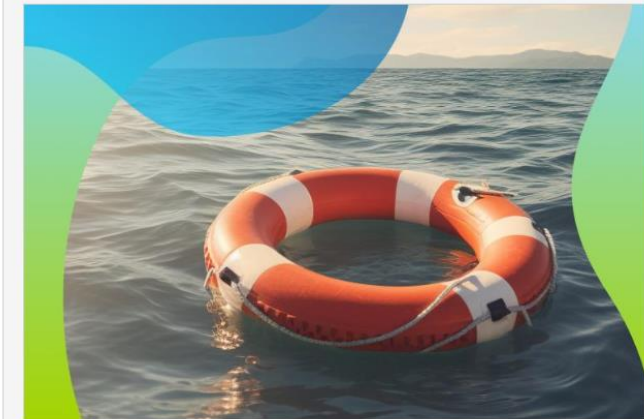
Join the EU Blue Parks Community

Join the EU Blue Parks Community, a collaborative platform for policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders to work together on marine conservation and achieve the goals of the 2030 EU Biodiversity Strategy.



Search for innovative solutions

Find shared knowledge and expertise, fostering collaboration and innovation.



Seek assistance in tailoring your research

Request support in customising your research and connect with solution owners. You can also submit your demand through our helpdesk webform.



What's next?

- Evaluation HE WP2024 projects
- Launch WP2025 (including renewed Basin Lighthouse CSAs)
- Mid-term review 2025
 - Comprehensive evaluation of the progress of the implementation of the Mission
- EU Ocean Research and Innovation Strategy