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# EU Partnership Sustainable Blue Economy



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CLUSTER 1: Health	CLUSTER 4: Digital, Industry & Space	CLUSTER 5: Climate, Energy & Mobility	CLUSTER 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Agriculture,...
Innovative Health Initiative	Key Digital Technologies	Clean Hydrogen	Circular Bio-based Europe
Global Health Partnership	Smart Networks & Services	Clean Aviation	Rescuing Biodiversity to Safeguard Life on Earth
Transforming Health Care Systems	High Performance Computing	Single European Sky ATM Research 3	Climate Neutral, Sustainable and Productive Blue Economy
Risk Assessment of Chemicals	European Metrology (Art. 185 of the TFEU)	Europe's Rail	Water4All "Water security for the planet"
ERA for Health	Artificial Intelligence, Data and Robotics	Cooperative, Connected and Automated Mobility (CCAM)	Animal Health and Welfare*
Rare Diseases*	Photonics	Batteries "Towards a competitive European industrial battery value chain"	Agroecology "Accelerating Farming Systems Transition"
One Health / Antimicrobial Resistance*	Made in Europe	Zero-emission Waterborne Transport	Agriculture of Data*
Personalised Medicine*	Clean Steel - Low Carbon Steelmaking	Zero-emission Road Transport (2ZERO)	Safe and Sustainable Food Systems*
Pandemic Preparedness* <i>Co-funded or co-programmed</i>	Processes4Planet	People-centric Sustainable Built Environment (Built4People)	
	Globally Competitive Space Systems**	Clean Energy Transition	
		Driving Urban Transitions to a Sustainable Future	

Institutionalised Partnerships  
(Art 185 or 187 of the TFEU)

Co-Programmed

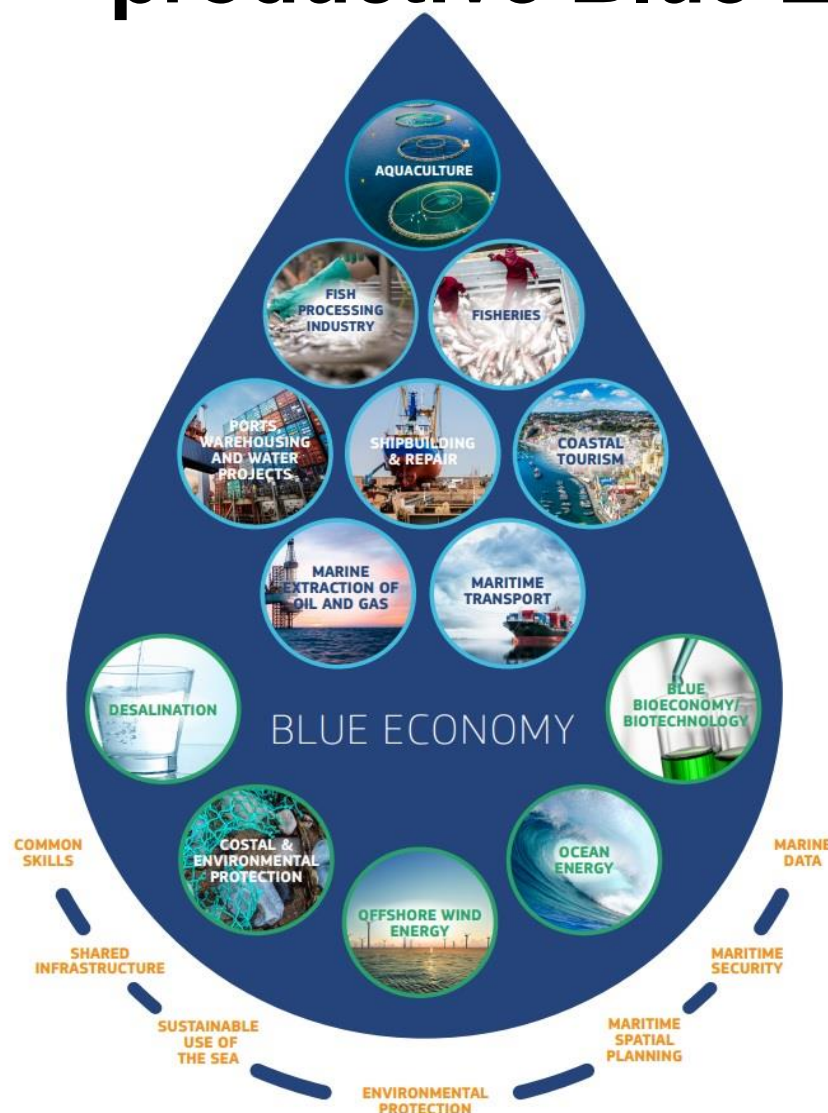
Co-Funded

\* Calls with opening dates in 2023-24

\*\* Calls with opening dates not before 2022



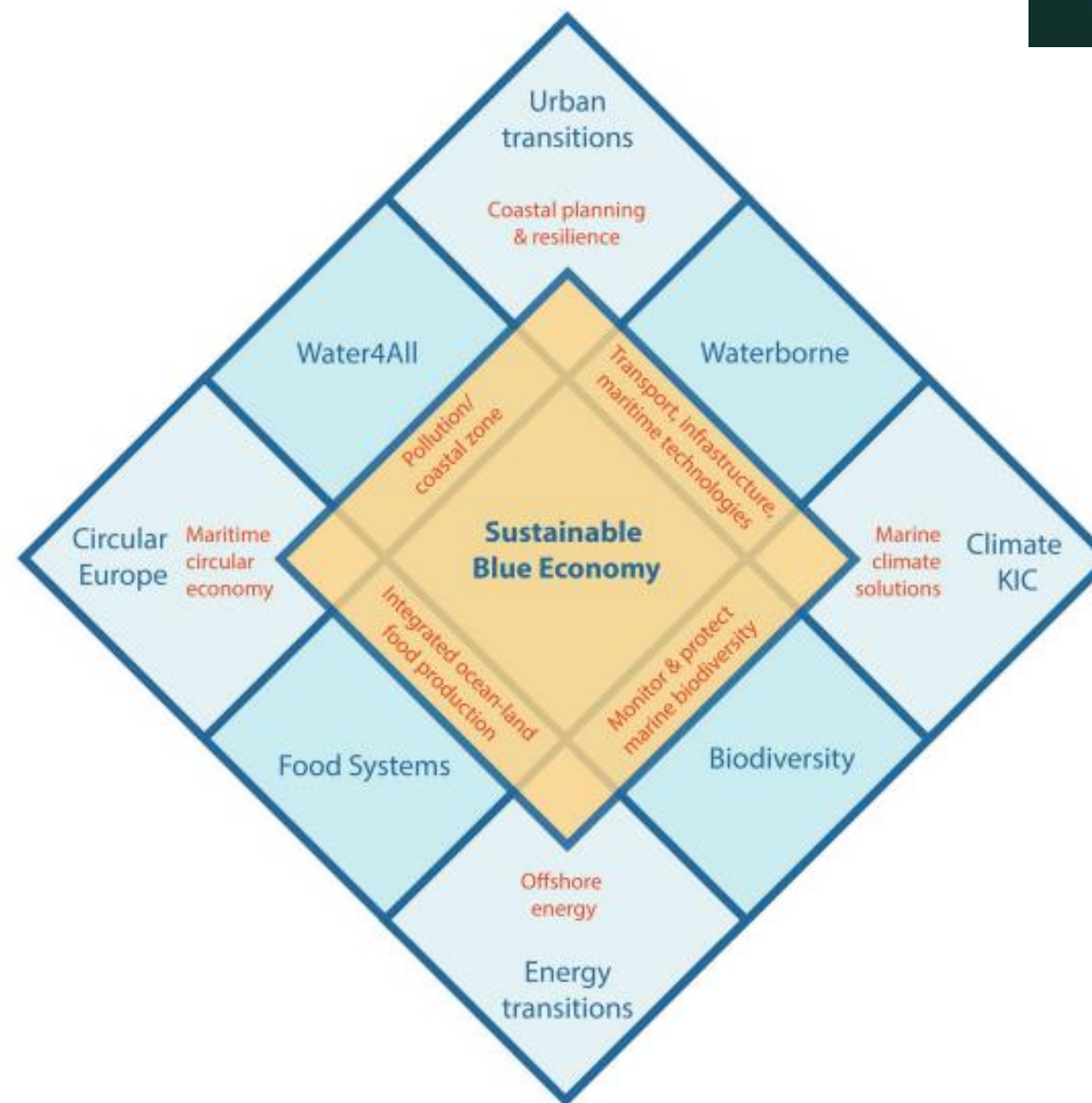
# A climate neutral, sustainable and productive Blue Economy



## Vision

To boost the transformation towards a climate-neutral, sustainable, productive and competitive blue economy by 2030, while creating and supporting the conditions for a healthy ocean for the people by 2050. Achieving this vision through cooperation will enable addressing key EU policy objectives of Green transition, digital transformation and recovery and ultimately contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.







## ▶ Facts & figures



**€ 450 Million**

Planned investments over 7  
years



**60**

Partners



**25**

Countries



Call Announcement

**2023 First Joint Transnational Co-  
Funded Call**

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



Sustainable Blue  
Economy Partnership



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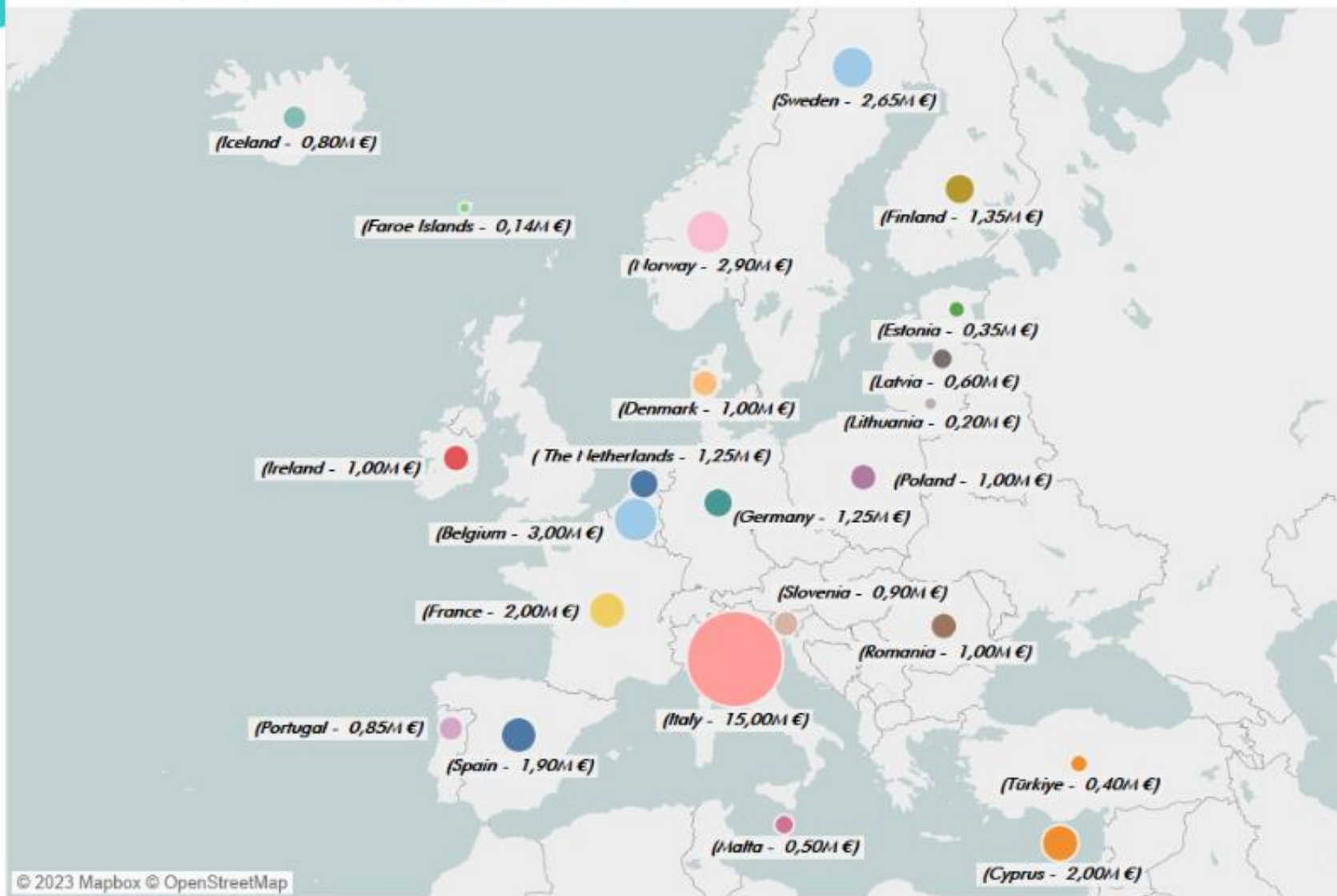
SBEP 2023 Call

Total budget allocated by FOs

42,035M €

+12M€ from EU  
Total 54M€

## Total budget per Participating Country







# Priority areas



**Planning and managing**  
sea-uses at the  
regional level



Development of  
**offshore marine multi-use infrastructures** to  
support the blue  
economy



Climate-neutral,  
environmentally  
sustainable, and  
resource-efficient  
**Blue Food and feed**



Green transition of  
**'Blue Food'**  
**production**



**Digital Twins** of the  
Ocean (DTOs) test  
use cases at EU sea  
basins and the  
Atlantic Ocean





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



- ▶ This first co-funded call aims to support transnational research and innovation projects with a duration of **36 months**.
- ▶ 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.



# General recommendations

(Pre-)proposals should/are encouraged to:

- ▶ **Go beyond the state of the art by providing high-quality R&I** and, when appropriate, make use of innovative technologies, approaches, and concepts to do so;
- ▶ **Be scientifically excellent and relevant to policies framed under Blue Economy and consider ongoing research activities funded by other EU Missions, instruments, programmes, or projects.** Cooperation with these activities is of high importance to avoid redundancy, favour complementarity and increase synergies;
- ▶ **Contribute to cross-cutting themes** such as the open data policy, development of capacity-building activities and ocean literacy activities, promote the inclusion of young people in the activities and knowledge transfer, follow *partnership communication guidelines using a common visual identity, to promote equal opportunities for participation of women and men in the research consortia and comply with EC ethics self-assessment principles*;
- ▶ **(Pre-) proposals are strongly encouraged to cover a broad geographic scale (i.e., more than one sub-sea basin). Projects are expected to consider several EU sea basins or, at least, to consider the impact of the projects on several EU sea basins**



# General recommendations

(Pre-)proposals should/are encouraged to:

- ▶ **Consider geographical balance** and implementation in appropriate geographic settings and according to the objectives of the proposal, including in low- and middle-income countries/regions, and less-performing countries
- ▶ **Involve stakeholders (i.e., small, and medium enterprises (SMEs), industries, authorities, public administrations, associations, as well as civil society organisations) as partners or self-funded partners.** The modalities of participation of stakeholders are defined in the national/regional eligibility criteria. Stakeholder engagement in the research projects will enhance innovation, policy, and societal relevance and ultimately the impact of the projects;
- ▶ Integrate the gender dimension of R&I activities



## ▶ European Partnerships - SBEP Programme

- ☐ **National Funding Scheme** for the support of local Organisations wishing to participate in SBEP Projects
- ☐ Budget: **€ 2.000.000** for 2021-2027
- ☐ Regular **Calls for Proposals**

### ***Current Call for Proposals: EP/SBEP/0223***

- ☐ Budget: € 2.000.000
- ☐ Announcement Date: 22 February 2023
- ☐ Funding per Project (for Cypriot partners): € 250.000
- ☐ Funding Intensity: According to state aid rules
- ☐ Deadlines:
  - ✓ 14 April 2023, 13.00 (CEST) - Submission to the SBEP
  - ✓ 21 April 2023, 13:00 (Local Time) – Submission to RIF



## ► Specific Conditions for Participation

- ☐ Host Organisation (of the Cypriot Consortium) could be an Enterprise, a Research Organisation or an Other Private or Public Organisation
- ☐ Research Organisations, Enterprises and Other Private or Public Organisations can participate as Partner Organisations (in the Cypriot Consortium)
- ☐ Maximum number of organisations in the Cypriot Consortium should be between one to three (1-3)
- ☐ Participation of Large Enterprises is only permitted when an SME is also participating in the Cypriot Consortium.



## ► Eligible Activities and Costs

### ☐ Eligible Costs:

- Personnel costs \*
- Instruments and Equipment Costs (Depreciation)
- Costs for External Services
- Costs for Travelling Abroad
- Consumables
- Other Specific Costs
- Overheads (Up to 20% of Direct Costs)

- *All beneficiaries that have not previously participated in the RESTART 2026-2020 Programmes, should make use of the simplified cost Method «Standard Scales of Unit Costs» for the calculation of personnel costs.*
- The calculation of the Proposal Budget will be based on the **simplified cost method «Personnel Costs» plus 40%** on Personnel Costs for covering the rest of the Project costs



## ► Proposal Submission

- ☐ Transnational Proposal is submitted electronically (on-line application form) by the Transnational Consortium through the Transnational system platform
- ☐ Coordinator of the Transnational Consortium submits the proposal to RIF through IRIS by the end of the deadline for the submission of organizations of the Transnational Consortium on IRIS
- ☐ Proposal submitted by the Transnational Consortium regarding the Transnational Consortium detailed budget for the Transnational Consortium
- ☐ Proposal Parts:
  - ✓ *Part A – General Information & Budget*

If the Cypriot Consortium does not submit the proposal on IRIS it will be deemed ineligible





# General Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ **Scope:** (Pre-)proposals must address **one main priority area**.
  - ▶ Not all sub-themes within the priority area must be addressed
- ▶ **Duration:** 36 Months
- ▶ **Requested Budget:** Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal
- ▶ **(Pre-)proposal must:** be written in English, submitted using the EPSS, be complete, respect pages limits, number/type of attachment files
- ▶ **(Pre-)proposal must** be submitted before the deadline

**Do not wait the last minute to submit!**





# Call process

## Stage 1: Pre-proposal Submission

- **Mandatory Step**
- General and national/regional **eligibility checks**
- **Evaluation** by an International Evaluation Committee (IEC)
  - At least **3 independent evaluators**
  - **2 evaluation criteria: Excellence and Impact**

## Stage 2: Full proposal Submission

- **Invited applicants only**
- General and national/regional **eligibility checks**
- **Evaluation** by an International Evaluation Committee (IEC)
  - At least **3 independent evaluators**
  - **3 evaluation criteria: Excellence, Impact, Quality and efficiency of implementation**



# Call timeline





### **Informative Webinar - 2 March, 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM CET**

On 2 March the Joint Call Secretariat hosted an online webinar to inform potential applicants. The webinar introduced the priority areas of the call and outline the process, evaluation criteria and selection process. The webinar presentation is available [here](#) and a video link [here](#).

Applicants will have up to **14 April 2023** (15h CET) to submit their pre-proposals (provisional date). A first evaluation of pre-proposals will be organised and the deadline to submit full proposals is foreseen for September 2023.

**Contact:** *sbep.call-secretariat@agencerecherche.fr*

**Updates - 3 March 2023:** The documents below have been updated to reflect the participation of Brazil (CONFAP) in the joint call. In addition, the funded priority areas for Latvia (LCS) have been updated.

#### **Call documents:**

1. [Call text \(Updated 3 March\)](#)
2. [Annex A – Theory of Change \(Updated 3 March\)](#)
3. [Annex B – National and regional funding regulations \(Updated 3 March\)](#)
4. [Annex C – List of beneficiaries of SBEP allowed to participate in R&I projects consortia \(Updated 3 March\)](#)
5. [Annex D – Pre-proposal form \(Updated 3 March\)](#)
6. [Annex E – Full proposal form \(Updated 3 March\)](#)
7. [Annex F – Open Access and Fair Data \(Updated 3 March\)](#)



Looking for a partner or a project to join?  
Use the SBEP Partner Search Tool available  
here

### **Matchmaking event**

To connect and meet with other potential partners, join the matchmaking event starting Monday 13th! Registration starts now. You can create your profile, look at other participant, and start booking meetings. Further details on the [matchmaking platform](#).



# Brokerage Event



**Sustainable Blue  
Economy Partnership**

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Welcome to the Sustainable Blue Economy  
Partnership Brokerage Event

13 March 2023 - 23 March 2023

**Sustainable Blue Economy  
Partnership - 1st Call -  
Brokerage event**

**Register now**

Open until 23 March 2023

Sustainable Blue Call 2023 on "The way forward: a thriving sustainable blue economy for a brighter future"

If you are looking for a partner or for a project to join:

Submit new partner / project search

Filter entries by:

Those looking for: [a partner](#) [a project to join](#) [display both](#)

Country: -- choose country --

Priority area: -- choose priority area --

Keyword: -- choose keyword --

Description:

Apply filter

Contact	Looking for a	Country	Description
<a href="#">Eng Navitski</a>	project	Portugal	Our team is eager to participate in new project proposals/consortiums and provide our technical expertise and experience in the areas of software development and artificial intelligence.
<a href="#">Professor_dr_juris_Siig</a>	project	Denmark	We offer to handle regulatory and safety-aspects of the MSP or Multi-Use priority area. 1. The existing legal framework under both priority areas are fragmented. Different uses and activities fall under different regulations that tend not to be aligned. Applying a specific and unique methodology...
<a href="#">Professor Skjetne</a>	project	Norway	Projects related to sea state estimation, time-domain wave prediction, and wave load estimation is of particular interest, both for use in multipurpose ocean structures and in digital twins. Our research group, Marine Energy Systems and Autonomics, have access to the research vessel R/V Gunnerus ...
<a href="#">Dr Gökmen</a>	project	Türkiye	We are looking for a project to partner with, that aligns with our interests and expertise. Broadly, we are keen to support projects that look at sustainable and green ports, green energy, circular economy, water management, strategic foresight e.g., scenario planning, strategy and policy develop...
<a href="#">Dr Chu</a>	project	Denmark	Would like to join a project with DTO development. Test use cases of offshore/subsea operations. Further development for operational planning and optimization based on DT simulation, monitoring and algorithms for predictions and early warning.
<a href="#">Prof Bachynski-Polić</a>	project	Norway	Load models for MPP, design optimization
<a href="#">Ph.D Santos</a>	project	Brazil	Blue economy promoting regional sustainable development

► **Thank you!**

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