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# EU Partnership Sustainable Blue Economy

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**Transnational  
Call 2024**

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Sustainable Blue  
Economy Partnership

**National Call  
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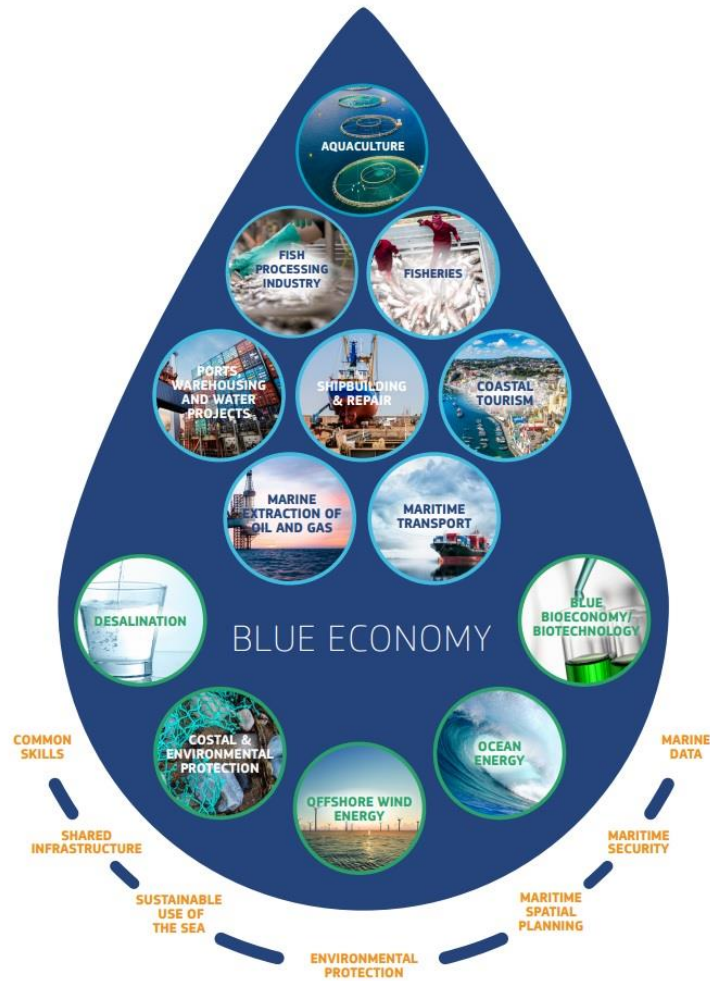
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# EU Partnership Sustainable Blue Economy: 2<sup>nd</sup> Call (2024)

# 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.



## Participating Funding Organisations

This second co-funded call aims to support transnational research and innovation projects for 36 months.

**26 Countries, 38 PFOs** responsible for funding R&I actions in the blue economy combined with the contribution from the European Union.

- ▶ 20 Member-States: Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands
- ▶ 5 Associated Countries: Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway, Tunisia, Türkiye
- ▶ 1 Third country: Brazil

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## ◀ Facts & figures



**€ 450 Million**

Planned investments over 7  
years



**60**

Partners



**25**

Countries

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## Priority areas



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



**Blue economy  
sectors,**  
development of  
marine multi-use  
infrastructures



**Blue Bioresources**



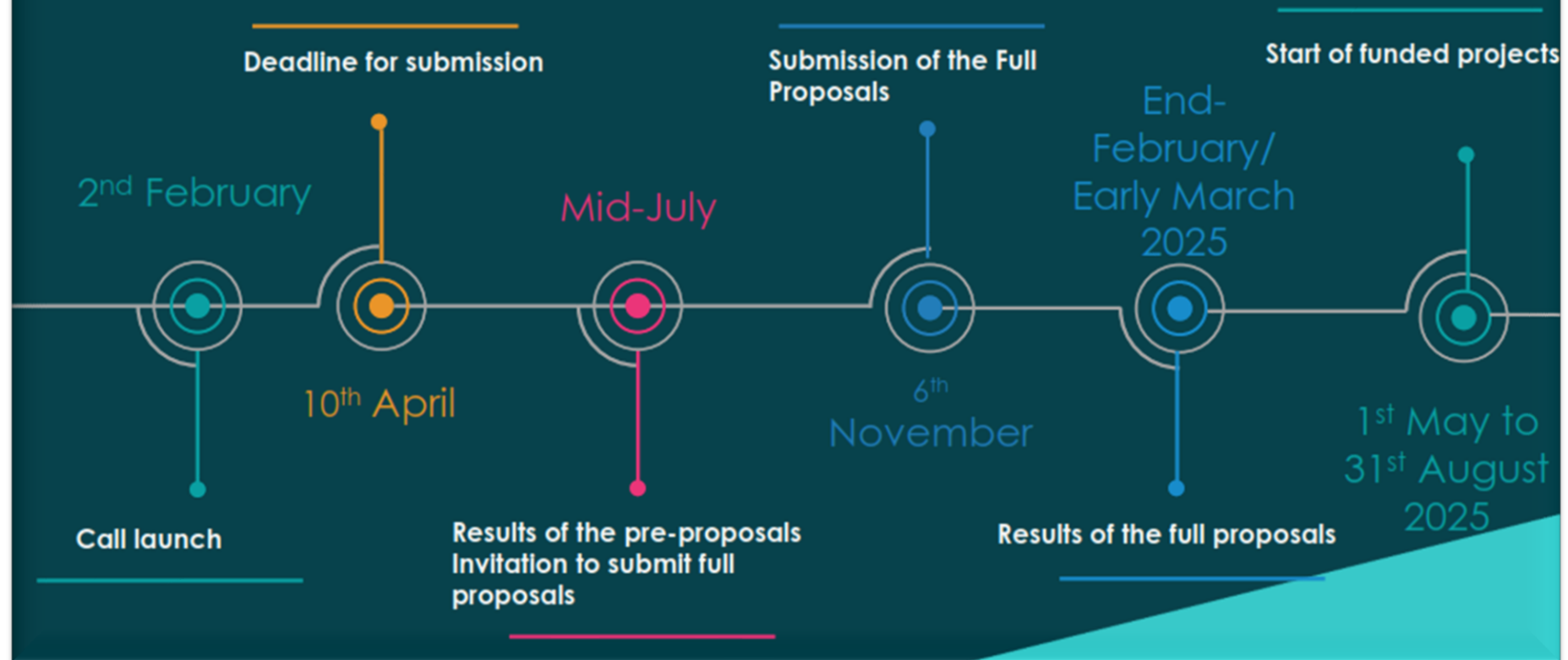
**Digital Twins** of the  
Ocean (DTOs) at  
regional sub- basins  
scale

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# Call Timeline



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## Addressing geographical differences

Proposals are strongly encouraged to cover a broad geographic scale. The proposals are expected to consider **a minimum of two European sea basins and to assess the project proposal's impact on various basins.**

Proposals can target European regional seas such as Adriatic Sea, Aegean Sea, Arctic, Barents Sea, Celtic Sea, etc. but these regional seas must be from **a minimum of 2 different European Sea basins which are: the Baltic Sea, the Black Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.**

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# Call process

## Stage 1: Pre-proposal Submission

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

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## 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!**

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<https://bluepartnership.eu/>

Looking for a partner or a project to join? Use the SBEP Partner Search Tool available [here](#).

Applicants will have up to 10 April 2024 (15H00 CEST) to submit their pre-proposals. A first evaluation of pre-proposals will be organised and the deadline to submit full proposals is foreseen for November 2024.





## Sustainable Blue Call 2024 on "Unified Paths to Climate-Neutral, Sustainable, and Resilient Blue Economy: Engaging Civil Society, Academia, Policy, and Industry"

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="#">Dr Foundation</a>	project	Portugal	We are looking for opportunities for our secretariat in the areas of stakeholder engagement, capacity building, dissemination, communication, networking. We can help you find a partner from our extensive network in any scientific area across France, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Romania...
<a href="#">Director Food Science Garcia-Vaquero</a>	project	Ireland	I will be interested in joining a research project in which the use of innovative technologies, chemical characterisation, new ingredients, valorisation of the biomass and biological activity of the ingredients will be relevant.
<a href="#">Prof. Dr. Alkan</a>	project	Türkiye	We are interested in joining a project subject to, raising awareness and methods developed to protect the coastal ecosystem from pollution
<a href="#">PhD Giorgi</a>	project	Italy	Our artificial intelligence approach can be of service for an improved digital twin of the ocean, as well as metocean survey intelligence for offshore renewable energy applications.
<a href="#">Professor Maalej</a>	project	Tunisia	We're looking to joint a project on the development of marine bioresources through fermentor culture, production and purification of novel biomolecules of cosmetic interest. We want to scale up our production of ectoine, an extremolyte with high moisturising power, from laboratory to pilot scale.
<a href="#">Dr Koning</a>	project	Netherlands	Energy scientist; interested in offshore wind power and green hydrogen production

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# European Partnerships - SBEP Programme EP/SBEP/0324



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# European Partnerships - SBEP Programme

Pillar	I. SMART GROWTH
Programme	European Partnerships – Sustainable Blue Economy (SBEP)
Call Identifier	EP/ SBEP /0324
Call Budget	1.300.000 Euros The budget covers all modules of the Call
Maximun Funding Per Project	250.000 for the Cypriot Consortium
Publication Date	13 March 2024
Submission Deadline to the EU	Stage 1: Pre-Proposals 10 April 2024, 15:00 (Brussels Time)  Stage 2: Full Proposals 6 November 2024, 15:00 (Brussels Time)
Deadline for Proposal Submission to the RIF	Stage 1: Pre-Proposals 17 April 2024, 13:00 (Local Time)  Stage 2: Full Proposals 13 November 2024, 13:00 (Cyprus time)

RIF's Call General Information



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# ▶ European Partnerships - SBEP Programme

This Call covers the following **4 topics**:

- Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub- sea-basin scale
- Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure
- Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level
- Blue Bioresources

Topics



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## ► Specific Conditions for Participation

- Host Organisation (of the Cypriot Consortium) could be an Enterprise, a Research Organisation or an Other Organisation.
- Research Organisations, Enterprises and Other Organisations can participate as Partner Organisations (in the Cypriot Consortium).
- Participation of **Large Enterprises is only permitted when an SME** is also participating in the Cypriot Consortium.
- **Maximum number** of organisations in the Cypriot Consortium should be between one to **three (1-3)**.
- The Projects can include Basic Research and/or Industrial Research and/or experimental development.
- Projects must fall within **Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 1-8** in compliance with the relevant definitions adopted by the EU.

Rules for  
Participation



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## ► 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

Eligible Costs



## ► Proposal Submission

- **Transnational Proposal** is submitted electronically (on-line application form) by the Transnational Project Coordinator, through the SBEP system platform.
- **Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium should also submit a Proposal to RIF** through IRIS.
- **Project Coordinator and all local participating organisations** of the Cypriot Consortium, should **register in advance on IRIS**.
- Proposal **submitted to the RIF** includes only general information regarding the Transnational Proposal and the Consortium and detailed budget for each partner participating in the Cypriot Consortium  
Proposal Parts:
  - ✓ Part A – General Information & Budget
  - ✓ ANNEX II **Mandatory Submission** (document to be uploaded as an Annex on the IRIS Portal in PDF format and includes the «SMART SPECIALISATION SECTORS (S3Cy 2023-2030)»

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



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► **Thank you!**

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