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Overview of the Blue Economy call

EMFF-BlueEconomy-2018 call

3 December 2018 – Algiers



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BLUE ECONOMY CALL

Apply by 31/01/2019 via the Participant Portal

€18.7M

Available from the
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund



€5M

Blue Labs
Topic 1



€5.5M

Blue Careers
Topic 2



€8.2M

Blue Economy
Topic 3



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EMFF-01-2018 (Topic 1): Blue Labs: innovative solutions for maritime challenges

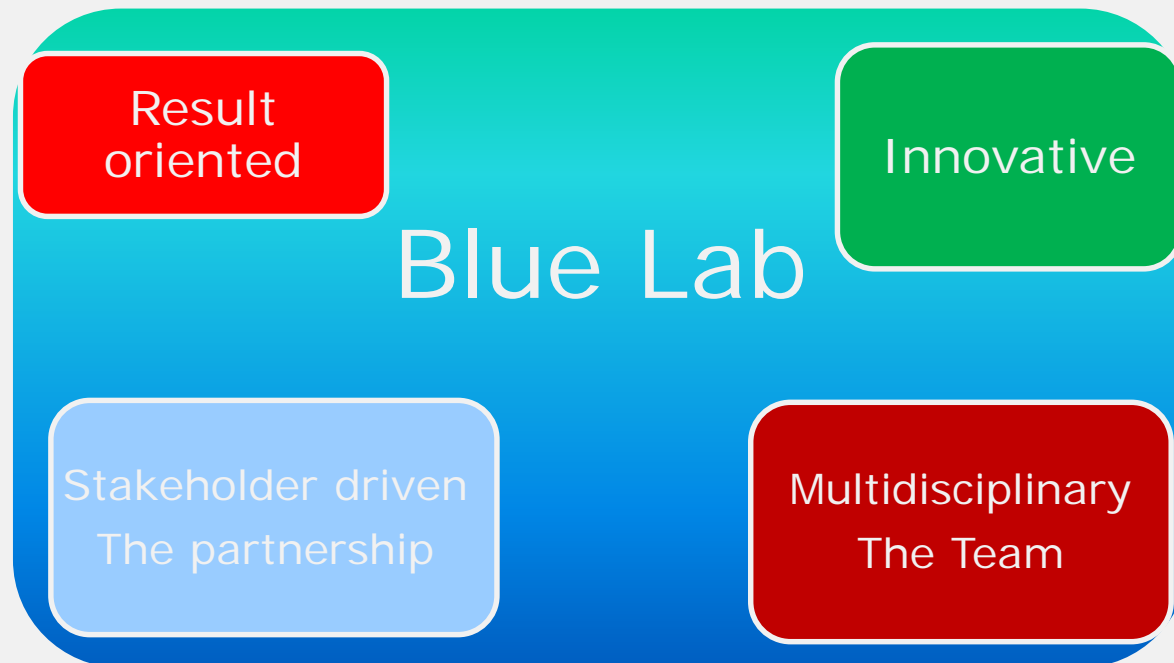


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EMFF-01-2018 (Topic 1): Blue Labs The concept



A "Blue Lab" is the **collective endeavour** to develop a **new idea** and to **apply it in the maritime domain** and/or marine environment.



EMFF-01-2018 (Topic 1): Blue Labs *Themes & priorities*



- Blue (bio)remediations
- Unexploded ordnances at sea
- Innovative marina and leisure boats
- Marine biomass and blue-bioeconomy
- Eco-friendly aquaculture





EMFF-02-2018 (Topic 2): Blue Careers in Europe



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EMFF-02-2018 (Topic 2): Blue Careers *Themes & priorities*



- Introducing innovative teaching and training methodologies to boost entrepreneurial and soft skills + boost links with entities such as incubators
- Promoting structured and permanent collaboration between industry and education to develop more practice oriented and flexible trainings + promote qualitative apprenticeships
- Developing industry-education-public authorities networks at sea-basin level



EMFF-02-2018 (Topic 2): Blue Careers *Expected Results*



The expected results to be achieved by the end of the project must be **concrete**, **realistic** and **quantified** as far as possible.

Examples of expected results of the project per theme:

- **Theme 1:** Improved employability of students thanks to acquisition of entrepreneurial and soft skills;
- **Theme 2:** New synergies and structured cooperation between education and training institutions on the one hand and maritime industry on the other;
- **Theme 3:** Better pooling and sharing of resources between different educational institutes and companies at national and trans-national level.



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EMFF-03-2018 (Topic 3): Grants for the Blue Economy: investing in innovation



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EMFF-03-2018 (Topic 3): Blue economy *Objectives*



- supports demonstration projects based on innovative technologies testing/deploying/scaling-up of new industrial or service applications and solutions for the blue economy
- helps bridge the “valley of death” from research to commercialization and harness new business and investment opportunities in the blue economy and facilitates scaling up of business models and service concepts
- open to projects with High Technology Readiness Levels TRL 6 to 9 (i.e. between “technology demonstrated in relevant environment” and “actual system proven in operational environment”)
- de-risk the deployment of these demonstration projects by providing the necessary credibility to access other financing/funding opportunities



EMFF-03-2018 (Topic 3): Blue economy *Themes & priorities*



- tackle innovation that goes beyond research and aims at helping innovative maritime technologies and/or maritime services close to market-readiness to advance towards the commercial phase
- contribute to at least one of the EU priority areas of the Circular Economy, the (Blue) Bioeconomy, as well as the Energy union and climate, and
- demonstrate a clear link/application of enabling technologies such as imaging and physical sensors, satellite technologies, advanced materials, ICT, big data analytics, autonomous systems, biotechnology, nanotechnology, subsea engineering and/or based on transferring technology from outside the maritime industry



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Timing

Call publication:	16 October 2018
Opening of submissions:	23 October 2018
Deadline for applications:	31 January 2019 – 17:00 CET
Evaluation:	February-May 2019
Information on evaluation result:	June-July 2019
Grant agreement signature:	August-October 2019
Starting date:	01 November 2019

Topic	Indicative budget	Estimated EU contribution per project and number of projects to be funded	Co-financing
1 – Blue Labs	EUR 5,000,000	Between EUR 0.5M – 1M ≈ 6 proposals	80%
2 – Blue Careers	EUR 5,500,000	Between EUR 0.5M – 1M ≈ 7 proposals	80%
3 – Grants for the Blue Economy	EUR 8,200,000	Between EUR 0.5M – 1M ≈ 9 proposals	65%



Submission

- Submission via PP/ [Funding & tender opportunities portal](#)

The call package

The call documentation is divided into:

- **Call for proposals**
- **Guide for applicants**
- **Proposal template documents which include:**
 - ✓ Administrative Forms (part A)
 - ✓ Technical Submission Template (part B)
 - ✓ Detailed budget table (annex 1 to part B)
 - ✓ Operational capacity fiche (annex 2 to part B)
 - ✓ EMFF project indicators table (annex 3 to part B)





Admissibility

➤ Electronic submission

- Submitted before the call deadline via the PP
- Paper submissions no longer possible
- Submission in English is strongly recommended to facilitate the evaluation

Other conditions

➤ Financial capacity

- Make sure the applicant has sufficient and stable financial resources
- Financial capacity check done based on documents uploaded in the PP
 - will be done only to the proposals proposed for funding during grant preparation

➤ Operational capacity

- Make sure the applicant has the know-how & qualifications to perform the action
- Fill in the **operational capacity fiche** (*annex 2 to Proposal Template (partB)*)



Common Eligibility conditions to all 3 topics

Participants

- be legal persons
- belong to one of the following categories: private entities, public entities, or international organisations
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the project
- be established in an EU Member State (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)) OR for projects with activities extending to neighbouring waters outside the EU territory:
 - be established in one of the **eligible non-EU countries listed in the call**
 - be necessary for the implementation of the project
 - **Linked to EU sea-basin strategies**: for activities related to the Union for the Mediterranean (including the Western Mediterranean Framework for Action): **Algeria**, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, **Mauritania**, Monaco, Montenegro, **Morocco**, Palestine, **Tunisia**, Turkey

Consortium coordinator/single applicant for topic 3

- Has to be established in an EU MS



EMFF-01-2018 (Topic 1): Blue Labs *Specific Eligibility**



**In addition to common eligibility conditions to all 3 topics*

- **Minimum requirements:**

Minimum two legal entities from two different countries (coordinator + partners).

Applications by single applicants are NOT allowed.

- **Project consortia:**

- a) A scientific/research body/institution (e.g. higher education institution, research center, technology institute)
- b) a business entity (companies, business associations)



EMFF-02-2018 (Topic 2): Blue Careers ***Specific Eligibility****

**In addition to common eligibility conditions to all 3 topics*

- **Minimum requirements:**

Minimum two legal entities from two different countries (coordinator + partners).

Applications by single applicants are NOT allowed.

- **Project consortia:**

- a) an educational/training organisation (e.g. higher education institution or an organisation providing vocational training; and
- b) a business entity, company or chamber of commerce or legally established maritime cluster.



EMFF-03-2018 (Topic 3): Blue economy *Specific Eligibility**

**In addition to common eligibility conditions to all 3 topics*



The applications can be submitted by a consortium of partners or a single applicant complying with the following conditions:

- **For single applicants:** a business partner in the sense of a profit making legal entity
- **For consortia:** the consortium must comprise at least one business partner in the sense of a profit making legal entity
- Applicants must be active in the field of blue economy sectors and related value chains (such as marine renewable energies, blue biotechnology, coastal tourism, aquaculture, maritime transport, shipbuilding and ship repair, shipping, offshore oil and gas, fisheries or aquaculture);
- International organisations are eligible as additional partners.



Common award criteria Topics 1 & 2//some applicable to topic 3

Name of the award criterion	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
1. Relevance and Added Value: e.g. Synergies/complementarity with other projects; added value for the sustainable development of blue economy	6	10
2. Project Implementation: e.g. clear, consistent & realistic objectives; clear description of planned activities ; expected results; qualitative and quantitative indicators	6	10
3. Impact: e.g. measures to ensure the sustainability of the project after the end of the EU funding; transferability of project activities & results	6	10
Total	21	30

BEWARE SCORING!! reaching 50% for each criterion is not enough. **Minimum overall threshold is 21 points**



Call relevant links:

[EASME EMFF page: https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/news/blue-economy-call-187-million-available-funding](https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/news/blue-economy-call-187-million-available-funding)

[EMFF-BlueEconomy-2018 call specific FAQs:](https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/european-maritime-and-fisheries-fund/blue-economy-call-questions-and-answers)

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