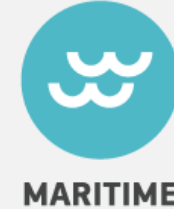




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Overview of the Blue Economy call

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EMFF-BlueEconomy-2018 call
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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



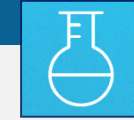
€5.5M

Blue Careers
Topic 2



€8.2M

Blue Economy
Topic 3



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)



TIMETABLE & BUDGET
Section 3 of the call



Timing (planned)	
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%



Admissibility

➤ Electronic submission

- Submitted before the call deadline via the PP
- Submission in English is strongly recommended to facilitate the evaluation

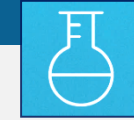
Other conditions

➤ 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
- 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 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*
 - and
 - be necessary for the implementation of the project
- *Linked to EU sea-basin strategies. For EU ORs: the countries with neighbouring waters*

Consortium coordinator/single applicant for topic 3

- Has to be established in an EU MS



Award Criteria scoring

Name of the award criterion	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
1. Relevance and Added Value	6	10
2. Project Implementation	6	10
3. Impact	6	10
Total	21	30

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



Common Award criteria

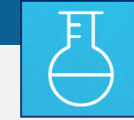
Award criterion	Common for Topics 1 and 2* <i>*Some of these also applicable to topic 3</i>
1. Relevance and added value (max. 10 points):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Relevant to the objectives of the topic & themes (section 3)- Needs/gaps analysis and justification- Added value compared to the status-quo/state-of-the-art- Synergies/complementarity with other relevant projects- Added value for the sustainable development of the blue economy
2. Project Implementation (max. 10 points):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clear, consistent & realistic objectives- Clear description of planned activities (WP, etc)- Expected results; qualitative and quantitative indicators & evaluation- Added value of the transnational approach- Resources & management structure & risks- Budget: clear, consistent, justified & value for money



Common Award criteria

Award criterion	Common for Topics 1 and 2* <i>*Some of these also applicable to topic 3</i>
3. Impact (sustainability & long-term impact (max. 10 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Long-term impact of the results on the blue economy- Measures to ensure the sustainability of the project after the end of the EU funding- Communication & dissemination plan- Transferability of the project activities & results

➤ **Specificities of topic 3 – flagged in call document!**



😊 **Pay attention to part B - Description of the action**

- ✓ Use the guide for applicants to help you (& the award criteria)
- ✓ Clearly explain the starting point of your project
- ✓ Clearly present how your project will make the difference
- ✓ Be concise and to the point – 45 page limit!!
- ✓ Use simple and clear language
- ✓ Check/link the project with relevant EU/other projects

😊 **Have the right partners for a good consortium:**

- ✓ Avoid “sleeping” partners without real contribution
- ✓ Look for the right expertise to realise the project objectives
- ✓ The size of projects and of consortia should be the result of the intended project objectives



Call relevant links:

[EASME EMFF page](#)

[Funding & tender opportunities portal](#)

[Participant Portal](#)

[General EMFF FAQs](#)

[EMFF-BlueEconomy-2018 call specific FAQs](#)



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