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MARINE LITTER: EFFICIENT STRATEGIES AND TECHNOLOGIES AGAINST MARINE LITTER





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Challenge

- Marine litter is one of the **main pressures on our oceans**, along with impacts of climate change, unsustainable fishing, shipping emissions etc.
- An estimated **3 trillion plastic particles** are floating in the ocean with 5 to 13 million tons being added each year
- **No one size fits all solution**: prevention, reduction, recycling, recovery
- Many **initiatives and projects ongoing**, locally, regionally and internationally, it is imperative that any new activity must build on what is already known



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Objectives

- **Reduce** the amount and harmfulness of marine litter from sea-based sources
- **Monitor and quantify** the contribution of sea-based sources of marine litter
- **Remove and recycle**, in an environmentally sound and resource-efficient way, marine litter found in seas and oceans in the European sea basins



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Priority Areas

Reduction and prevention

Development and testing of methodologies and/or technologies to prevent and reduce marine litter from sea-based sources, including increasing recyclability of fishing and aquaculture gears, such as

- *Methodologies and/or technologies to prevent the loss or discarding of fishing or aquaculture gears*
- *Better practices of on-board waste management, e.g. segregation of household and operational waste*
- *Training and awareness raising of fishers and the fishing and aquaculture sectors in general*



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Priority Areas

Monitoring and quantification of marine litter

Development and testing of methodologies and/or technologies to monitor and quantify the contribution of sea-based sources of marine litter in the different compartments including transport pathways and hotspots of marine litter facilitating harmonised and standardised approaches as far as possible, such as

- *Developing/testing of a harmonised methodology for quantification*
- *Assessing the contribution of containers lost at sea*
- *Assessing the contribution of waste generated on large cargo*
- *Developing tools for identifying marine litter hotspots and forecasting marine litter*



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Priority Areas

Removal and recycling

Development and testing of methodologies and/or technologies for environmentally sound and cost-efficient retrieval of marine litter, such as lost gear, fragments of plastic, etc., in open waters and/or coastal areas and for methodologies and/or technologies facilitating recycling and contributing to increasing recycling rates, such as

- *Development of cost efficient and sustainable measures and methodologies for retrieving marine litter in different compartments i.e. floating litter, sea column, sea floor*
- *Schemes for the separate collection of garbage at ports*
- *Schemes for the collection, dismantling, preparation for recycling and/or transportation to recycling facilities of fishing gears*



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Type of Activities

Core Activities:

- Development and testing;
- Evaluation of the cost-efficiency;
- Assessment of the environmental impacts;
- Assessment of quantifiable contribution to objectives;
- Consultation/validation with relevant stakeholders;
- Cooperation with ongoing projects;
- Targeted communication and dissemination;
- Assessment of replication potential;
- Sustainability of the project/the activity.



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Type of Activities

Complementary activities:

- E.g. field work, training and capacity building, coaching, creation or development of partnerships, market oriented activities, fund raising, etc.
- Must be well justified and in coherence with objectives.



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Expected Outputs

(non exhaustive)

- Added value compared to state of the art
- Mechanism for buy-in from relevant stakeholders
- Strategy for long-term sustainability



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Expected Impacts

(non exhaustive)

- Reduced risk of loss/abandonment of fishing gears
- Less marine litter from sea-based sources
- Increased technological innovation and recyclability
- Better harmonised monitoring and quantification
- More cost-efficient and sustainable retrieval
- Better preparation of gears for recycling
- Higher recycling rates of retrieved marine litter
- Improved skills, investments, business opportunities



MARINE LITTER : PRACTICAL ASPECTS



ELIGIBILITY

section 3 of the strand



Geographical eligibility:

- From EU MS;
- From third countries bordering EU sea basins & participating in cooperation frameworks (e.g. EU Atlantic Strategy, ...) and neighbouring waters of Outermost Regions.

Eligible applicants:

- Applicants must be legal entities. They can be public or private bodies;
- International organisations are eligible (e.g. RSCs)

Project consortia:

- Transnational consortium: min. 2 legal entities from different countries (at least 1 from EU MS);
- Additional partners can participate;
- Consortium coordinator must be established in an EU MS

AWARD CRITERIA

section 4 of the strand



AWARD CRITERIA

- to evaluate the quality of the proposals against transparent criteria
- 4 award criteria for a total of 100 points

Name of the award criterion	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
1. Relevance and Added Value	20	40
2. Project Implementation	12.5	25
3. Cost-Effectiveness	5	10
4. Impact	12.5	25
Total	65	100

BEWARE:
reaching 50% for each criterion is not enough
Minimum overall mark is 65%



1) RELEVANCE AND ADDED VALUE (40 pts):

➤ **Relevance of the proposal and its expected outputs/impacts to achieving the objectives (max 20 pts):**

- Relevance to the objectives of the strand & priority areas
- Needs/challenges identification & justification
- Sound intervention logic & clear and realistic objectives

➤ **Added value of the activities (max 20 pts):**

- Added value & synergies/complementarities with existing projects, strategies or technologies
- To tackling marine litter from sea-based sources & supporting marine litter EU policies
- Sea-basin or macro-regional strategies and marine litter action plans



2) PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION (25pts):

- **Effectiveness and coherence of the work plan:**
 - Implementation (description of activities, workplan, ...)
 - Expected results and impacts clearly identified; indicators
- **Complementarity of partners and project management:**
 - Partnership composition
 - Project management mechanisms
 - Risks & mitigation measures

3) COST - EFFECTIVENESS (10 pts):

- Clear, consistent & detailed budget
- Value for money



4) IMPACT (25pts):

➤ **Impact, communication, dissemination and exploitation:**

- Impacts
- Consultation and involvement with relevant stakeholders
- Communication and dissemination

➤ **Sustainability:**

- Environmental sustainability
- Concrete measures to sustain the project after the project end

➤ **Transferability and multiplier effect:**

- Concrete measures for transferability

INDICATIVE TIMETABLE



- **Submission Deadline: 08/02/2018**
- **Evaluation period: March-July 2018**
- **Information to applicants: August-Sept. 2018**
- **Grant Agreement preparation: Sept.-Dec 2018**
- **Start of the projects: January 2019**

PAYMENTS & REPORTS

section 11 of the call



PAYMENTS

➤ Pre-financing

- For 12-months projects: **60% within 30 days after signature** by EASME
- For 24-months projects: **40% within 30 days after signature** by EASME

➤ Interim payment

- For 12-months projects: **no interim**
- For 24-months projects: **30 % of the grant amount** will be made within 60 days of receipt and approval by the EASME of an interim report

- **Balance payment** will be made within 60 days of receipt and approval by the EASME of the final report

REPORTS

➤ Progress reports (PR):

- For 12-months projects: 1 technical PR at month 6
- For 24-months projects: 2 technical PRs at months 6 and 18

➤ Interim report (IR) is due within 60 days of the end of the interim period:

- For 12-months projects: **no interim**
- For 24-months projects: 1 IR at month 12

➤ Final report (FR) within 60 days of the end of the project duration.

➤ Report on the distribution of the EU financial contribution



➤ **What is at stake?**

Tackling marine litter from sea-based sources & removing and recycling marine litter, contributing to cleaner seas

➤ **What do we expect?**

Projects that develop strategies and technologies for reducing, monitoring and quantifying marine litter from sea-based sources, and for removing and recycling marine litter from EU seas and coasts.

➤ **Total budget and co-financing rate: EUR 2.000.000; 80%**

➤ **Grant range per project: EUR 200.000-500.000**

➤ **Duration of projects: 12/24 months**

➤ **Deadline for submission: 08/02/2018**



ANY QUESTION?

Useful links:

Call for proposals webpage:

<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/sustainable-blue-economy>

FAQs:

<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/frequently-asked-questions-emff-calls-proposals>

Beginner's guide from DG BUDG:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/funding/index_en



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