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Oceans and seas

Funding in marine and aquatic resources under Horizon 2020

How to find calls for proposal for marine and aquatic resources

Due to the crosscutting nature of marine ecosystems, marine and maritime research you can find calls addressed in many societal challenges and work programmes of Horizon 2020. The list of these is in the related sections at the bottom of the page.

Blue growth flagging in Horizon 2020

A [new flagging system](#) ^[1] available through the Horizon 2020 Funding & Tenders Portal eases the identification of the 77 topics flagged for Blue Growth throughout the entire Horizon 2020 programme.

There are 27 topics in Societal Challenge 2, 23 topics in Societal Challenge 3, 12 topics in Societal Challenge 4, 6 topics in Societal Challenge 5, 4 in LEIT-NMBP, 4 in LEIT-Space, and 1 in FET Flagships.

The blue growth flagging mechanism once fully implemented will reveal the full extent of the funding allocated to marine, maritime and aquatic research across different parts of Horizon 2020 in the period of 2018 to 2020.

Accessing finance in blue economy innovation

The Commission is taking steps to improve access to finance for companies working in the blue economy.

European Investment Bank (EIB) study

The EIB published a [study on access-to-finance](#) ^[2] conditions for investment in bio-based Industries and the blue economy, in June 2017.

The study provides an in-depth analysis of the challenges and opportunities faced by bioeconomy projects, including marine, in attracting financing and mobilising investment.

As an outcome, [the Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Work programme 2018-2020](#) ^[3] includes a topic on launching a risk-sharing financial instrument - Circular Bioeconomy Thematic Investment Platform.

The Horizon 2020 SME instrument also has a topic on [supporting SMEs efforts for the development - deployment and market replication of innovative solutions for blue growth](#) [4].

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