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Policy Dialogue on Aligning Priorities in the Western Balkans

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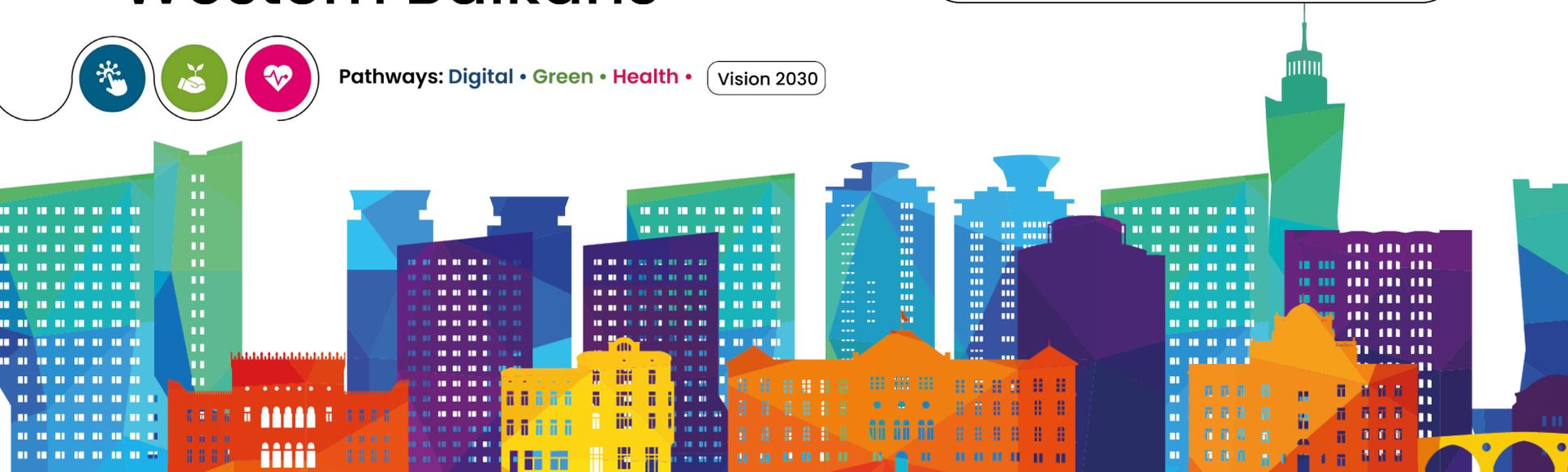


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Pathways: Digital • Green • Health • Vision 2030



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◀ Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

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Sustainable Blue
Economy Partnership

The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership will design, steer and support a just and inclusive transition to a regenerative and circular blue economy.

▶ Vision



The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership will deliver solutions to enable the European Green Deal and Digital Europe strategies and ultimately support the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Policy context



HORIZON EUROPE

EURATOM

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

*Exclusive focus on
defence research
& development*

Research
actions

Development
actions

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE & EIT*

Exclusive focus on civil applications



**Pillar I
EXCELLENT SCIENCE**

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Research Infrastructures



**Pillar II
GLOBAL CHALLENGES &
EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL
COMPETITIVENESS**

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Centre



**Pillar III
INNOVATIVE EUROPE**

European Innovation
Council

European innovation
ecosystems

European Institute of
Innovation & Technology*

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

Fusion

Fission

Joint
Research
Center

* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme



About

60 partners, 25 countries



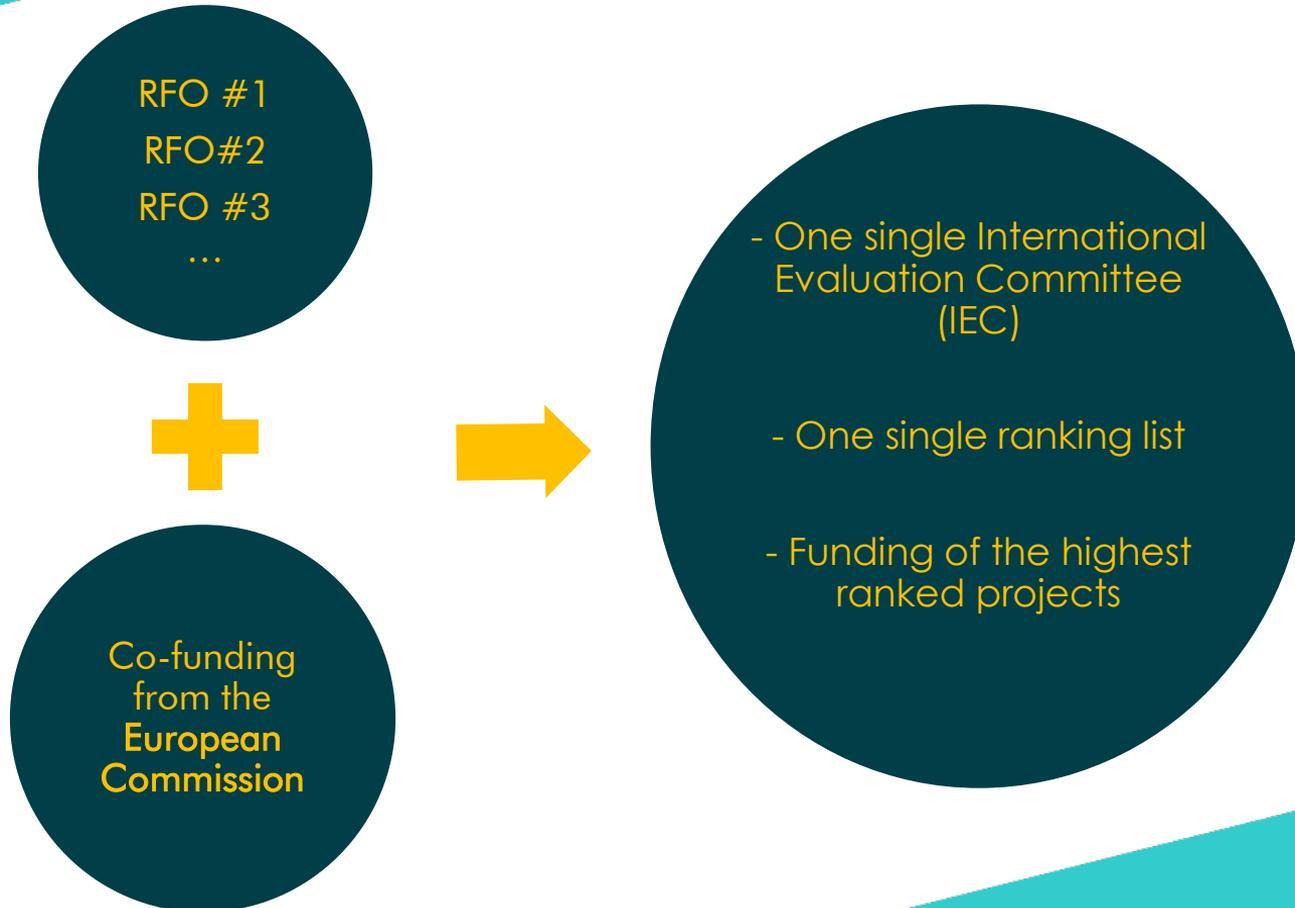
pooling research and innovation investments and aligning national programmes at pan-European scale taking into consideration the sea-basin (Mediterranean, Black Sea, Baltic and North Sea) and Atlantic Ocean dimension

450 million € over 7 years

Coordinator: Italian Ministry of Universities and Research
Co-coordinator: Research Council of Norway



How does the call works?





PILLARS

1

A blue economy
in harmony with
nature

2

Blue economy
solutions towards
climate neutrality

3

A thriving blue
economy for the
people

4

Integrated and responsive ocean governance

Digitalisation

FAIR data

Human capacity

Ocean literacy

Infrastructures

Social innovation

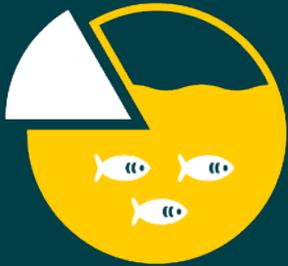
Sustainable finance

KEY ENABLERS



Intervention areas

The five Intervention areas below have been the basis for the first call



Development and validation of **Digital Twins** of the Ocean at sub-sea-basin scale



Blue generation **marine structures**



Planning and managing sea uses



Healthy '**Blue Food**' under a 'One Health' approach

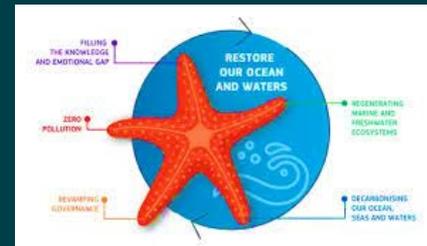


Enabling the green transition of '**Blue Food**' production



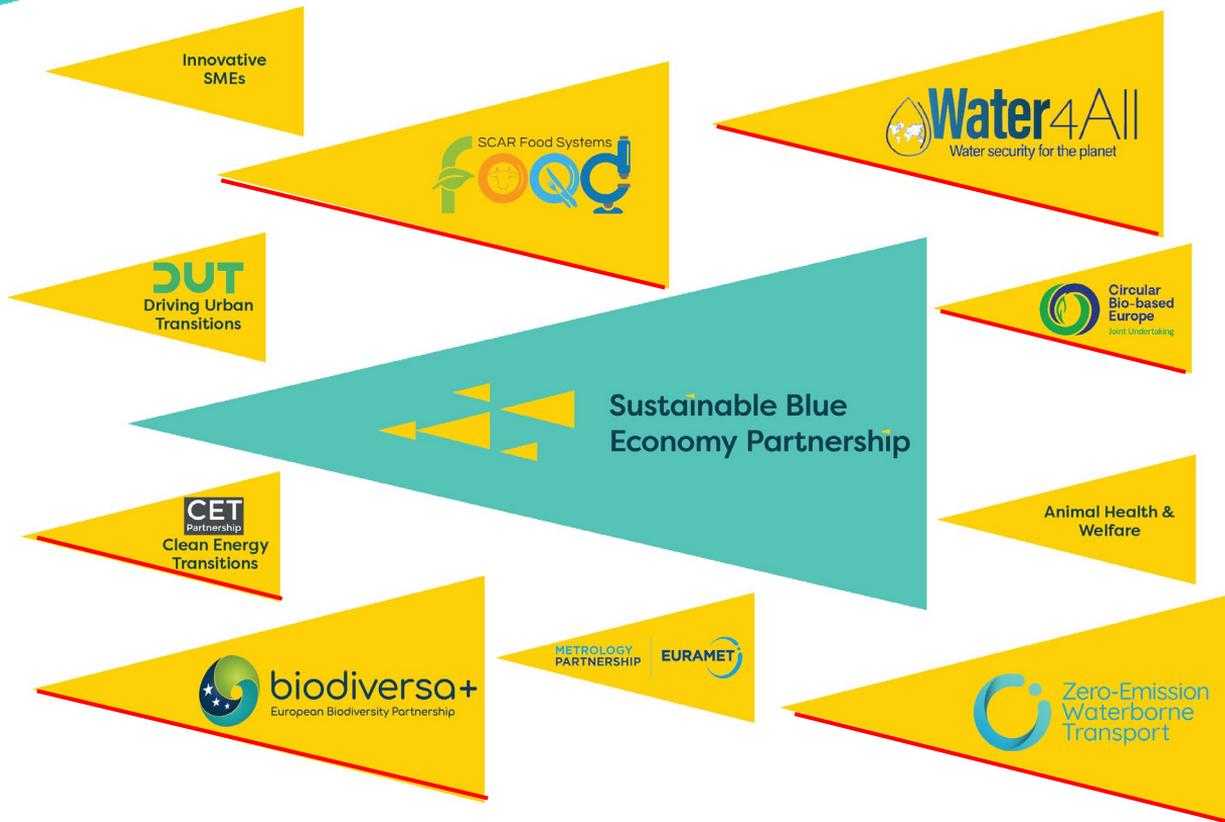
Connectivity towards impact

- ▶ **Interconnecting National > Regional > European > Global level**
- ▶ Synergies with other **European Partnerships** and the **Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters**
- ▶ Alignment of different **funding streams** including structural funds, recovery and resilience package
- ▶ Interaction **across disciplines** from hard science to social sciences and humanities
- ▶ Uptake of perspective, opportunities and planned actions by the **public and private sectors, decision makers, disciplinary communities and society** at large





Seeking synergies with other Partnerships





Contact nodes

Atlantic:

- ▶ Ireland
- ▶ Portugal

Mediterranean Sea:

- ▶ Greece
- ▶ Malta

Baltic Sea:

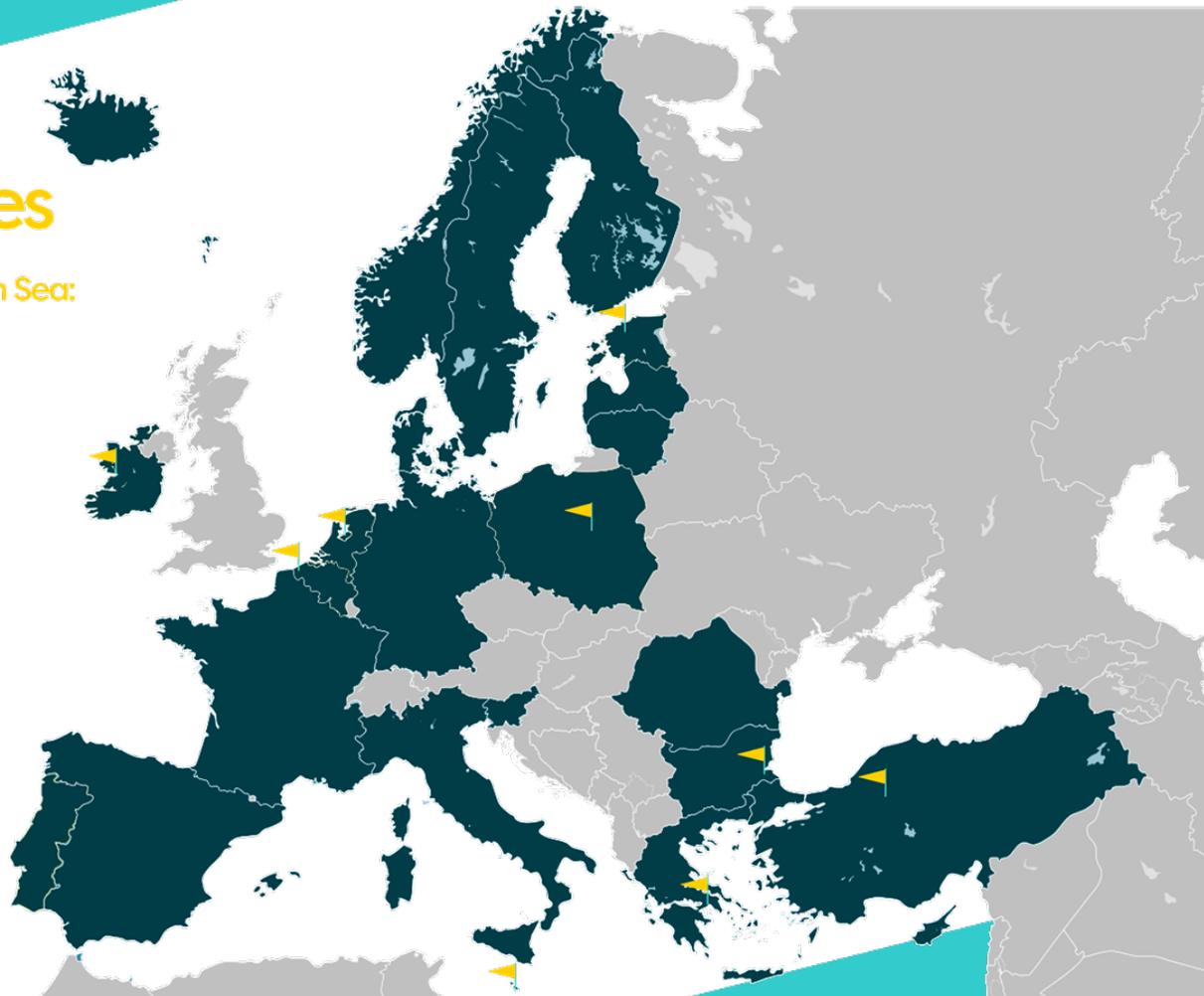
- ▶ Estonia
- ▶ Poland

North Sea:

- ▶ Belgium
- ▶ Netherlands

Black Sea:

- ▶ Bulgaria
- ▶ Turkey



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Stay tuned for the Partnership symposium (Brussels, 13-14 Feb 2024)
and launch of the 2nd Joint Cofunded Call (Feb 2024)!



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