

Large-scale demonstration of protection, restoration and management of blue forest ecosystems in European sea basins

Horizon Europe

● PENDING

Code

HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-05

Scope

International

Location

Europe

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Support type

Non-Refundable

Maximum Funding Rate

100%

Budget

15.9M€

Eligible Project Value

3.5M€ - 4.0M€

DATES & DEADLINES

Publication Date

October 9, 2026

Opening Date

February 9, 2027

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September 21, 2027 at 05:00 PM GMT+2

DESCRIPTION

Objectives

This topic, under the EU Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters”, aims to accelerate the deployment of innovative solutions that contribute to the protection, restoration and sustainable management of marine and freshwater ecosystems. The action seeks to mobilise regional and local authorities, research organisations, businesses, civil society organisations and water-related stakeholders to address key environmental challenges affecting oceans, seas, coastal areas and inland waters.

Projects are expected to support the Mission’s objectives by improving ecosystem health, reducing pollution, enhancing biodiversity, increasing resilience to climate change and promoting sustainable blue economy activities. A strong emphasis is placed on demonstrating solutions that can be replicated and scaled up across European regions, generating tangible environmental, social and economic benefits.

Funding

Funding is provided under a Horizon Europe Innovation Action (IA) within the framework of the EU Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters”. The topic has an indicative budget of €15.9 million, with the European Commission expecting to fund four projects. The expected EU contribution ranges between €3.5 million and €3.975 million per project, although proposals requesting different amounts may be considered where appropriately justified.

As a Horizon Europe Innovation Action, the funding rate is generally up to 70% of eligible costs for for-profit entities and up to 100% for non-profit organisations, in accordance with Horizon Europe funding rules.

The funding is intended to support the demonstration, validation and deployment of innovative solutions that contribute to the objectives of the EU Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters”, accelerating the transition towards healthier and more resilient marine and freshwater ecosystems. Projects are expected to demonstrate solutions in operational environments and generate measurable environmental, social and economic impacts, while creating clear pathways for large-scale uptake and replication across Europe.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Personnel Costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs

ELIGIBILITY

Application Mode

Consortium / Copromotion

Eligible Sectors

- Blue Economy
- Energy & Environment
- ICT & Software
- Industry

Company Typologies

- Micro
- SME
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities

Action Types

- Innovation Action
- Demonstration Projects
- Pilot Initiatives

EU PROGRAMME DETAILS

Call ID	Cluster
HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-05	Mission
Destination	Submission Mode
Restore our Ocean & Waters	Single-stage
EU Contribution	Expected Projects
Around €3,500,000.00 and €3,975,000.00 per project	4
Funding Rate Rule	
Up to 70% for Innovation Actions (up to 100% for non-profit entities only)	

OFFICIAL LINKS

Official Regulation

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-05?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&keywords=HORIZON-MISS-2027-03-OCEAN-05&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503>

Grantavia page

<https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/large-scale-demonstration-of-protection-restoration-and-management-of-blue-forest-ecosystems-in-european-sea-basins>

Schedule a meeting

<https://calendly.com/sandra-cardoso-epsa/reuniao>