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1. Background

The Directorate General for Maritime Policy is organizing a Matchmaking in the area of Maritime Technologies for Observation and Monitoring of the Ocean, to be held on 6th December 2019, at IPMA – Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera, I.P., Magellan Auditorium, Av. Dr. Alfredo Magalhães Ramalho, N°6, 1495-006 Lisboa-Portugal.

The main objective of this event is to promote bilateral partnerships and identify cooperation opportunities for Norwegian, Icelandic, Liechtenstein and Portuguese entities operating in the Blue Economy sector under the Blue Growth Programme, more specifically the development of technologies dedicated to the observation and monitoring of the marine environment, considering both physical and chemical as well as biological aspects, which can be applied to improve ocean data and knowledge.

The Blue Growth Innovation and SMEs Programme's main objective is to increase value creation and sustainable growth in the Portuguese blue economy. In addition, the intention is to increase research and promote education and training in marine and maritime areas.

Registration for the event and application for travel expenses must be made through the website: <https://www.dgpm.mm.gov.pt/matchmaking-eeagrants>

2. Eligibility of applicants

Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person either in Portugal or in the Donor States, are considered eligible project promoters.

3. Available Fund

The available fund for this notice is EUR15.000.

The evaluation and awarding of support is carried out in order of submission, according to the available budget.

4. Amount of support

The non-reimbursable support from the Fund for Bilateral Relations to be granted within the scope of this notice constitutes a travel allowance, allocated in a single payment, per entity, as a reimbursement, through a lump sum, subject to the following limits:

- Entities of Iceland - amount of 800,00 Euros
- Liechtenstein and Norway - amount of 600,00 Euros

- Entities of the Autonomous Regions (Azores and Madeira) - amount of 250,00 Euros
- Entities of Continental Portugal maximum amount of 100,00 Euros (except for entities based in the Lisbon metropolitan area)

Entities operating in the market under competitive conditions are subject to the application of the Commission Regulation (EC) n.º 1407/2013, of 18th of December, (de minimis rule), and Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (de minimis rule).

5. Activities and eligible expenditure

Travel expenses for participation in the matchmaking event, with a view to establishing bilateral partnerships between Portugal and Donor Countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) operating in the blue economy value chain (Blue Growth), are eligible.

The application must demonstrate a project idea eligible for EEA GRANTS Blue Growth Programme and will be promoted both as a promoter and/or as a partner with responsibility for performing tasks. It should also demonstrate a partnership type (experience or technology) required to implement the project.

The travel shall be provided by the Entity to which the travel support is allocated.

Travel support is allocated by entity.

6. Deadline for submission of applications

Deadline for submission of applications: **2nd December 2019**

7. Selection criteria

The allocation of travel support is defined according to the following criteria:

- Eligibility of candidates
- Concrete idea of projects in the area of maritime technologies for observation and monitoring of the Ocean (identified in point 1)
- Request for partnership / cooperation
- Order of submission of applications (applications **submitted until 02/12/2019**)

8. Selection and decision-making process

The assessment is carried out continuously up to the allocation limit available under this notice.

Applicants are notified of the decision of the registration and request support by email.

Candidate entities must ensure written approval is obtained prior to travel.

9. Payment of financial support and report condition

Non-refundable support is awarded to applications that meet all eligibility requirements, in accordance with EEAGRANTS 2014-2021 Regulation, and other applicable legislation, up to the limit available in this notice.

The grant will be awarded as a lump sum of expenses already incurred. The applicant must cover the expenses and request the reimbursement to the Directorate General for Maritime Policy, after the displacement.

The refund request must be accompanied by the following documents:

1. Request for the travel support signed and dated (available at: <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/blue-growth/calls/matchmaking-blue-growth/>)
2. Proof of travel (e.g. copy of boarding pass)
3. Confirmation of participation in the event (signature on registration of entry to the event)

The documents mentioned in points 1 and 2 should be sent to the email: eeagrants@dgpm.mm.gov.pt **within one month after the event.**

Expenses are reimbursed to the entity that made them and not to an individual person.

10. Additional Information

Requests for clarification should be sent to: eeagrants@dgpm.mm.gov.pt

More information available at: <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/blue-growth/calls/matchmaking-blue-growth/>