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 **29 September**
 11h00 (GMT+1)

WEBINAR

Call4#RESEARCH
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Call#4 - Research

Main Objectives



- ❑ **Enhance the performance of Portuguese research organizations in Blue Growth**, including technological development, and promote monitoring and knowledge improvement of marine environmental issues, including natural and social capital and ecosystems services.
- ❑ **Fund projects aiming at technological development and promote cooperation between research organizations and business sector.**
- ❑ **Establish and strengthen cooperation between Portugal and Donor States** (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein)

Research Priorities



#01

Support of **marine biotechnology, sustainable fisheries, coastal and offshore aquaculture**

#02

Commercial activities as well as natural **capital and marine ecosystem services** - Marine protected areas

#03

Research and innovation into thematic areas focusing on **technology development and innovative solutions**, including **bigdata and Artificial Intelligence**, new models and tools and **digitalization solutions**.

#04

Projects in the **blue biotechnology and aquaculture** sectors all the **3 pillars of sustainability** should be taken into consideration.

#05

Support research and knowledge to contribute to **better ocean policy instruments**, like the ones related to **marine space and marine resources management**, including **monitoring and surveillance**.

#06

Climate change forecasts based on better modelling of the atmosphere-ocean system.

OUTCOME 3 - Enhanced performance of Portuguese research organisations



- 5-7 joint research projects**
- 10 joint articles** submitted to peer-reviewed publications together by Portuguese and Donor State authors.
- 20 articles** submitted to peer-reviewed publications
- enhanced performance of **10 Portuguese research organisations**
- 7 new products/ technologies or services** developed

THEMATIC AREAS



#01

Sustainable fisheries, aquaculture and blue biotechnology to improve added value from fishing products and other marine resources, **considering sustainability and circular principles;**

#02

Develop and standardize **new methodologies to assess the status on Portuguese national fishery resources**, not evaluated by international scientific fora;

#03

Approaches to develop integrated **ecological-economics fisheries management;**

#04

Improve **aquaculture in open offshore** conditions in Portuguese maritime areas, including **bio-economic modelling;**

#05

Marine natural capital and ecosystem services in order to **fulfill gaps of data and knowledge on new areas** with potential natural value for conservation (including economics, human activities pressures, legal regimes or management solutions), with emphasis on **deep sea habitats, and/or restoration solutions**, namely through **sea forestation;**

THEMATIC AREAS



#06

Social impact of Blue Growth, concerning **sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, namely offshore, marine biotechnology**, and local communities, in Portugal;

#07

Climate change forecasts, **climate change impacts on marine ecosystems services and natural capital**, including economic impacts in Portuguese maritime zones, and **climate solutions, nature marine ecosystem-based solutions and blue carbon**;

#08

Data analysis and methodologies/tools for multidimensional assessment of cumulative **environmental and socioeconomic impacts to support decision making** on marine spatial planning and/or on localization of maritime activities in the Portuguese maritime zones;

#09

New technologies for environmental monitoring and maritime surveillance, development and/or transfer, namely in deep-sea habitats and resources, to improve data and knowledge

Call#4 - FAQs



- **Is my project under the thematic areas of the call?**
- **Can a project be under the scope of more than one thematic area? **Yes!****

EEA Grant

Total amount available

5.423.529 €

Maximum and minimum
Grant Amount

1 M€ - 500 K€

Maximum and
minimum duration

2 – 3 years



Grant Rate – State Aid

The maximum funding rate

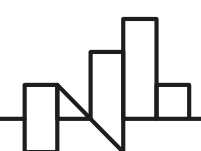
100%

Commission Regulation (EC) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014
General Block Exemption Regulation – GBER

Article 25 - research and development projects of GBER,
the aid intensity for each beneficiary shall not exceed:

- a) **100 %** of the eligible costs for fundamental research;
- b) **50 %** of the eligible costs for industrial research;
- c) **25 %** of the eligible costs for experimental development;
- d) **50 %** of the eligible costs for feasibility studies.

**Grant Rate – per
Promoter/Partner**



Grant Rate – State Aid



The aid intensities for industrial research and experimental development may be increased up to a maximum aid intensity of **80%** of the eligible costs as follows:

- **+10 %** for medium-sized enterprises and by **20%** for small enterprises;
- **+ 15%** if some conditions is fulfilled – e.g. the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publication, open access repositories, or free or open source software.

Exemption from application of State aid rules - economic activities carried out by the entity are secondary (having a weight of less than 20% of the total activity)

Economic benefits that are expected to be generated in the course of the project as a result of receiving a financial contribution.

Call#4 - FAQs



- **What is the funding rate for my project?**

Eligibility of project promoters and project Partners



Promoter: Research Organizations, defined in the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2014/C198/01), established in Portugal.

Partners: Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, as well as nongovernmental organization established as a legal person either in Portugal or in Donor States

DPP Partner – MANDATORY! - at least one research organization

Third Countries - participants from third countries cannot be supported by the grant.

Eligibility of project promoters and project Partners - FAQs



How many application can be submitted as a Promoter or as a Partner?

No restrictions.

IMPORTANT!

The Project Promoter must designate a Principal Investigator

- provides the scientific lead for the research project on a daily basis
- at least a doctoral degree and show relevant professional and/or academic experience
- of any nationality
- employed full time in the Project Promoter,
- cannot be the authorized representative of the Project Promoter;
- the involvement must be significant and sufficient for proper implementation of the project;
- only one proposal in the Blue Growth Research call.

Call#4 - FAQs



- **Is my organization considered an eligible promoter?**
- **Can the promoter submit more than one application?
And as a Partner? **Yes!****
- **What are the conditions for the Principal Investigator?**

Selection and decision procedures

1st phase – Administrative and eligibility criteria check

- a) Administrative criteria
- b) Eligibility Criteria

2nd phase – Peer Review Evaluation

Each application will be scored on a scale of **0 to 20 points**, according to the evaluation criteria.

Three international independent and impartial experts (must be resident and working outside the respective Beneficiary State and the Donor States)

Consolidated assessment (by a designated rapporteur) - consensus report, is considered the **final assessment**



Selection and decision procedures

2nd phase – Peer Review Evaluation

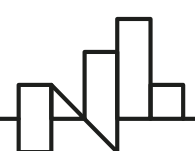
Applications falling below the thresholds **will not be supported**:

1. Scientific and/or technical excellence - **8 points**
2. Quality and efficiency of the implementation and management, including quality and implementation capacity of the applicants and contribution to capacity and competence building - **3 points**
3. Potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results – **3 points**

Programme Committee (PC)

- Review the ranking list - will examine and compare the consensus reports and confirm consistency of the scores;
- May decide to change the final score;
- Project proposals which have received the same number of points, the PC may take into the consideration the geographical and the thematic distribution of the projects (balanced portfolio of financed projects).

Applications that have sufficient quality but cannot receive a grant due to the limitations in funding available, should be put on a **ranked reserve list**.



Submission of applications



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Call #4 - Research

This Open Call aims to finance projects to enhance the performance of Portuguese research organizations in Blue Growth, including technological development, and promote monitoring and knowledge improvement of marine environmental issues, including natural and social capital and ecosystems services.

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Call Documents

- [Research - Call#4](#)
- [Application Form - Research](#)
- [Guideline for Applicants](#)
- [Guideline for Evaluators](#)

Other documents

<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/en/programmes/blue-growth/calls/call-4-research/>

Deadline:
12:00:00 GMT 30-10-2020

Call#4 – Research



Q&A



Call#5 - Education



Main Objectives

- Finance projects to **improve skills and competences in marine and maritime themes** through education and training.
- To establish and **strengthen cooperation between Portugal and Donor States** (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein)

Education priorities



#01

Ranges from **elementary school** to **university level** and also includes **professional degrees**.

#02

Cooperation/partnerships between **education, research and business** is essential.

#03

Traineeships, apprenticeships and work placements, and also **professional development of teachers and lecturers** is included.

#04

Higher education student and staff mobility between **Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and Portugal** is considered relevant.

OUTCOME 4 - Education, training and cooperation in marine and maritime issues enhanced



- ❑ **50 ECTS** credits received by students in the Mobility projects 1;
- ❑ **12 joint intellectual outputs** created in cooperation projects (studies, curricula, teaching materials, conference papers, etc.);
- ❑ **120** participants who self-declare **improved skills and competencies** after the courses.

THEMATIC AREAS



#01

New courses in maritime affairs

#02

Professional internship programmes for SMEs

#03

Multidisciplinary postgraduate programmes

#04

Summer schools

#05

Intensive programmes

#06

Training courses

#07

Students/trainees, teachers and lecturers exchange and scholarships (physical and virtually).

Examples:



#01

Provide **platforms for digital learning** and also for **on board training of seafarers**, required to perform tasks under the standards of the International Convention on Standards of Training (STCW Convention).

#02

Education and training can be designed in the context of **existing/ongoing research projects between Portuguese and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway** entities, to maximize cooperation between these entities

#03

Exchange programs to be supported can be under master or PhD programmes already in place

#04

Scholarships can be included into projects related to other activities (1-6 in the list above), or as an isolated activity

Call#5 - FAQs



- **Is my project under the thematic areas of the call?**
- **Can a project be under the scope of more than one thematic area? **Yes!****

EEA Grant

Total amount available

1.550.000 €

Maximum and minimum
Grant Amount

250 K€ - 200 K€

Maximum and
minimum duration

~ 2 years



Grant Rate – State Aid

The maximum funding rate

90%



Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to De **Minimis aid**.

Exemption from application of State aid rules - economic activities carried out by the entity are secondary (having a weight of less than 20% of the total activity)

Economic benefits that are expected to be generated in the course of the project as a result of receiving a financial contribution.

Call#5 - FAQs



➤ **What is the funding rate for my project?**

Eligibility of project promoters and project Partners



Promoter: Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as legal persons in Portugal are considered eligible project promoters.

Natural persons are not eligible!

Each promoter may submit only **one application!**

Partners: Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, as well as nongovernmental organization established as a legal person either in Portugal or in Donor States, as well as VET-institutions in Switzerland, with a specific cooperation agreement with Liechtenstein, and Swiss universities regarding students of Liechtenstein nationality.

Call#5 - FAQs



- **Is my organization considered an eligible promoter?**
- **Can the promoter submit more than one application? **No!****
- **And as a Partner? **Yes!****

Selection and decision procedures

1st phase – Administrative and eligibility criteria check

- a) Administrative criteria
- b) Eligibility Criteria



2nd phase – Quality Selection

Each application will be scored on a scale of **0 to 100 points**, according to the evaluation criteria.

Two impartial experts (at least one of which shall be independent of and external to the Programme Operator)

In case the difference between the scores given by the two experts is higher than **30% of the highest score**, a third expert shall be commissioned.

Consolidated assessment (the average of the scores awarded by the experts shall be used) - consensus report.

Selection and decision procedures

2nd phase – Quality Selection

Applications scoring lower than 50 points **will not be selected for awarded granting.**

Applications that have sufficient quality (i.e. more than 50 points) but cannot receive a grant due to the limitations in funding available, should be put on a **ranked reserve list.**

Selection Committee (SC)

- Review the ranking list - will examine and compare the consensus reports and confirm consistency of the scores;
- May decide to change the final score
- Submit the list of recommended projects to the Programme Operator.



Submission of applications

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Call #5 - Education

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The call remains open until to 12:00:00 GMT 11-12-2020

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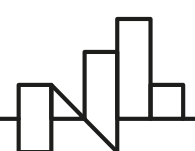
Call Documents

- [Education - Call#5](#)
- [Application Form - Education](#)

Other documents

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Call#5 – Education



Q&A





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Poderá recorrer à Linha Telefónica de Apoio ao Beneficiário do Programa Crescimento Azul (+ 351 218 291 000), nos dias úteis, de segunda a quinta-feira, das 10:00 às 12:00 (GMT).