

DIREÇÃO-GERAL DE POLÍTICA DO MAR

Blue Growth Programme

**Call for Expression of interest for in-person participation at  
Business Cooperation on Blue Growth in Greece**

Athens, Greece

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## 1. Background

Innovation Norway is organizing a Conference and Matchmaking in the area of Business Development, Innovation and SMEs, to be held from 10 to 11 May 2022 in Athens, with the aim of fostering partnerships and identifying business opportunities for Norwegian companies, Icelandic and beneficiary countries of the European Economic Area Mechanism 2014-2021 operating in the sea economy sectors (Blue Growth): Portugal, Croatia, Romania, Poland and Greece.

To register for this initiative, visit the website: [Business Cooperation on Blue Growth in Europe \(innovasjonnorge.no\)](https://innovasjonnorge.no)

To apply for in-person participation, you must fill out the form (<https://wix.123formbuilder.com/form-6122215/> )

Registration for the event and application for travel expenses must be made through the website: [:Business Cooperation on Blue Growth in Europe \(innovasjonnorge.no\)](https://innovasjonnorge.no)

The event will have a hybrid nature (online and in person), so online participation is possible by registering here [Business Cooperation on Blue Growth in Europe \(innovasjonnorge.no\)](https://innovasjonnorge.no)

## 2. Eligibility of applicants

Only SMEs Promoters of the EEA Grants Blue Growth Programme Projects from the private sector (with less than 25% of public capital) established in Portugal, operating in the following sectors of activity will be accepted:

- Green shipping, including hydrogen and electricity;
- Smart ports
- Offshore wind energy
- Blue bioeconomy / algae production

2 to 3 entities per business area will be selected for on-site participation.

### 3. Required documentation

- SME Certificate

### 4. Available Fund

The available fund for this notice is EUR 12.500.

### 5. Amount of support

For in-person participation, the non-reimbursable support from the Blue Growth Programme Bilateral Relations Fund to be granted within the scope of this initiative constitutes a travel subsidy, awarded in a single payment, per entity, by way of reimbursement, through a **Lump Sum in the amount of 1250 Euros**, under the “de minimis” State of Aid regime, provided in Commission Regulation (EU) n.º 1407/2013 of 18 December.

A maximum of 10 entities can be supported. Registration and application for travel expenses must be done through the website: [Business Cooperation on Blue Growth in Europe \(innovasjon Norge.no\)](http://businesscooperationonbluegrowthinEurope.innovasjon Norge.no)

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: **08 de abril 2022**

### 7. Selection criteria

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

- Eligibility of applicants
- Application submission within the stipulated period;
- SME status, proven by obtaining the SME certification;
- Development of an economic activity within the sectors of activity mentioned in point 1;

In the event of a tie, will be selected the applications whose promoters present a higher physical and financial achievement in relation to the approved projects.

### 8. Selection and decision-making process

The evaluation will be carried out continuously until a maximum of 10 entities are selected.

Applicant entities are notified of the decision on the support request by the **22/04/2022**, by email.

Applicant entities should ensure they obtain written approval 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 DirectorateGeneral 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>)
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)
4. Presentation of the non-debit statements to the updated Tax and Social Security Authority

The documents mentioned should be sent to the email: [eeagrants@dgpm.mm.gov.pt](mailto: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](mailto:eeagrants@dgpm.mm.gov.pt)