

BLUE ACTION BANOS

EMPOWERING
SUSTAINABLE TRANSITIONS
FOR BALTIC & NORTH SEA
BLUE COMMUNITIES

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Tervetuloa BlueActionBanos -projektin hakuinfoon!

- Infon järjestää BAB –projektin Suomen tiimi Geologian tutkimuskeskuksesta



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Ohjelma ja käytännöt

Ohjelma:

13:00 – 13:05 BlueActionBanos –projekti lyhyesti

13:05 – 13:30 Rahoitushaun esittely – sisältö ja aikataulu

13:30 – 13:45 Q&A – vapaa sana

- Esitysten aikana toivotaan kysymyksiä chattiin, lopussa aikaa keskustelulle
- Vastaamatta jääneet kysymykset kerätään yhteen ja vastaukset toimitetaan tilaisuuteen osallistuneille sekä FAQ-muistioon
- Toivomme ettei AI-avustajia käytetä muistiinpanoissa
- Sekä tämä tallenne että esitykset tulevat saataville projektin nettisivun kautta tällä viikolla
- Tässä webinaarissa emme ota kantaa yksittäisten hankkeiden/hakijoiden hakukelpoisuuteen → Kysymykset hakukelpoisuudesta ja muut hakutekniset kysymykset tulee osoittaa suoraan konsortion helpdeskiin (englanniksi): BAB_helpdesk@fundingbox.com



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Project Facts

- **18** Project Partners
- **11** Countries
- **48** Months (September '25 – August '29)
- **12.4** Million EUR Budget (Horizon Europe Programme)
- Coordinated by SUBMARINER Network For Blue Growth EEIG



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Netherlands



Netherlands Enterprise Agency

Belgium



Denmark



Germany



Norway



Norsk institutt for vannforskning

Coordination



Sweden



Swedish Environmental Research Institute

Estonia



Finland



Latvia



Lithuania



Poland



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Mission Ocean and Project Objectives

- Aligned with **the EU Mission “Restore Our Ocean and Waters by 2030”** and the European Green Deal.
- To deliver and support measurable contributions to:
 - Biodiversity conservation
 - Pollution reduction
 - The transition to a climate-neutral, sustainable blue economy
- To facilitate the transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of Mission Ocean in the BANOS Lighthouse Area:
 - Scaling up solutions piloted in the early stages
 - Deploying them across a broader set of contexts and regions



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Mobilise & empower diverse communities of actors with **practical, easily accessible support** to implement **innovative, high-impact actions** to restore our ocean, seas and waters.

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BlueActionBANOS & Mission Ocean

Four-year project part of the EU Mission *Restore Our Ocean and Waters*.
To **restore, protect, and preserve** the health of our ocean, seas, and inland waters by 2030.

Protect and restore marine
and freshwater
ecosystems and
biodiversity.

Prevent and eliminate
pollution of our oceans,
seas, and waters.

Make the sustainable blue
economy carbon-neutral
and circular.



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MISSION LIGHTHOUSES

Mission lighthouses are sites to test, demonstrate, and deploy the Mission activities across EU seas and river basins. They try out new ideas and involve local businesses and people in the process.



ATLANTIC - ARCTIC



BALTIC & NORTH SEA



DANUBE-BLACK SEA



MEDITERRANEAN

BlueActionBANOS: Vision

Provides **targeted financial assistance**, **technical guidance**, and **strategic knowledge-sharing** to support the scale-up and deployment of Mission Ocean solutions within the **Baltic and North Sea Lighthouse Area**.

Community-Led
Actions



Transition
Agendas



Technical Assistance &
Knowledge-Sharing

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Overview of the Open Calls

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Geologian tutkimuskeskus GTK



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Community-Led Actions (CLAs) – “Yhteisöjohtoiset toimet”

🌐 Initiatives led by **area-based or interest-based stakeholder groups within Baltic and North Sea (BANOS) countries that contribute to Mission Ocean and Waters objectives**

📋 Impactful solutions that are innovative for their community, presenting **participatory approach that empowers local stakeholders**, builds on their local know-how and application of sustainable practices, and **encourages their long-term commitment to Mission Ocean and Waters objectives.**

👥 Eligible applicants are **consortia of 2 to 12 entities** registered in one or more BANOS countries

💰 Grants of up to **EUR 2M per Community-Led Action**, and **up to EUR 500k per one entity**

📅 Duration of support programme: up to 24 months

Transition Agendas (TAs) – “Siirtymäohjelmat”

🌐 Development of **strategic roadmaps for sustainable systemic shifts, targeting Mission Ocean and Waters objectives in the Baltic and North Sea.**

📋 Projects will develop **multi-year plans** for goals that support Mission Ocean and Waters objectives.

👥 Eligible applicants are **individual entities or consortia of up to 3 entities** registered in one or more BANOS countries

💰 Grants of up to **EUR 100k per Transition Agenda**, and **up to EUR 60k per one entity**

📅 Duration of support programme: up to 18 months

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Basic rules

- Goals aligned with **Mission Ocean and Waters objectives**
- Applicants must be established in a **BANOS** country that is a Member State or Associated Country to Horizon Europe.
- Proposals may concern actions in one BANOS country or several BANOS countries
- **Impact** of proposed projects **must be within BANOS area**

An underwater scene with a fish swimming above a field of seagrass. Sunlight rays filter through the water from the top right.

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Open Calls: CLAs and TAs

Community-Led Actions

- **Innovative actions** involving local (public and/or private) actors **that form inclusive partnerships** to collaboratively design & implement concrete actions aimed at restoring the oceans, seas, and waters. ← **Huom. sisältää sisävedet**
- Should be **area-based and leverage local knowledge, resources, and expertise** to address specific environmental challenges.

Transition Agendas

- **Strategic roadmaps** towards reaching the objectives and targets of Mission Ocean.
- Should include a **multi-year plan outlining expected outcomes, results, impacts, strategies, and financing** to support these objectives.



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Open Calls: Criteria & Funding

Community-Led Actions “Yhteisöjohtoiset toimet”

Consortia delivering large, impactful projects with the potential for tangible, local change in pollution reduction, ecosystem restoration, or sustainable blue economy solutions.



€200,000 to
€2 Million

Transition Agendas “Siirtymäohjelmat”

Individual entities or small consortia developing detailed action plans that guide local sustainability, restoration of marine or freshwater ecosystems, decarbonization, and climate adaptation pathways.



Up to €100,000

Note: only one project can be funded by BAB (includes CLA and TA) for one entity*. This includes both project coordination and participation.

- one entity can participate in only one programme;
- one entity can receive grant only once

* Entity = BIC number

Type of activities that qualify for financial support

Community-Led Actions	Transition Agendas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Re-naturalising coastal zones and reducing artificial surfaces within and around port areas.● Introducing nature-based solutions within port and coastal environments.● Establishing protected areas or restoring natural ecosystems in riverine, lacustrine and marine coastal areas and ports.● Designing and deploying solutions that enhance coastal and riverine resilience to sea level rise and extreme weather events.● Supporting spatial and temporal management of coastal and fisheries activities to reduce ecosystem pressure.● Promoting nature-based infrastructure to buffer coastal communities against climate-related risks.● Supporting local initiatives for ecosystem-based planning and stakeholder-led resource management.● Supporting sustainable blue tourism practices, especially from a multi-use perspective.● ... 21 items more!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Developing integrated strategies for decarbonising coastal and port areas, combining renewable energy deployment, clean fuel adoption, and electrification of port operations. Plans should include stakeholder dialogues, policy mapping, and investment pathways.● Coordinating multi-stakeholder decarbonisation roadmaps for maritime, riverine, and hinterland logistics, including modal shifts, port-hinterland electrification, and collaboration across the transport chain to reduce emissions and improve efficiency.● Designing multi-annual action plans for circular blue economy practices, including roadmaps for zero-waste seafood processing, innovative blue bioproduct valorisation, smart waste reuse systems, or closed-loop supply chains.● Developing multi-annual action plans for sustainable blue tourism, combining tourism with nature restoration, sustainable fishing and aquaculture practices, and other relevant sectors.● ... 14 items more!

FULL LIST

OC Terms&Conditions, **Annex I**  <https://blueactionbanos.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/>

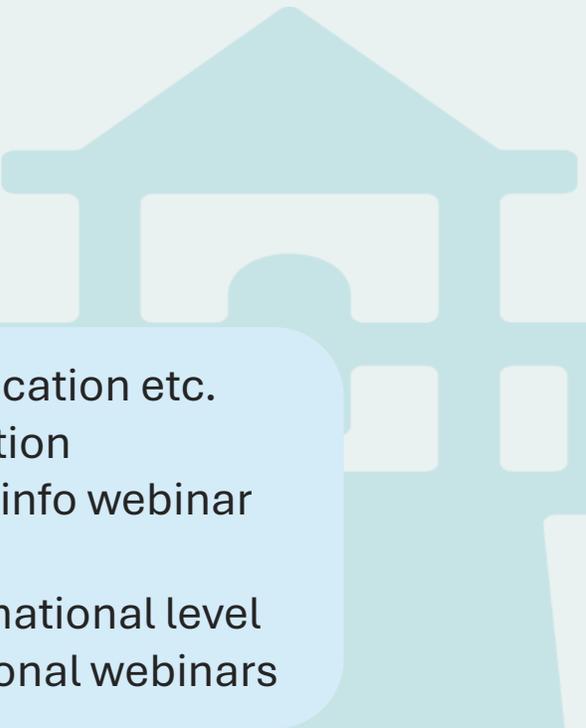
Support for Applicants

Technical Assistance

- **BAB helpdesk:** Eligibility, consortium structure, budget allocation etc.
- **National contact point:** will help you find required information
- **BAB webinars:** inspiration, scoping, technical info (general info webinar 5.2.2026, inspirational webinar 18.2.)
- **Individual consultations:** support application process on national level
- **FAQ:** updated constantly, based on e.g. feedback from national webinars

Knowledge Sharing & Networking

- **Knowledge sharing hub** on BlueBioMatch
- **Cross-action learning** (workshops, webinars, and peer exchanges)



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Two Step Application Process

**Project Idea Form
&
Individual Consultation**

Submit your PIF
early and get an
early consultation!



Full Proposal

Project website: <https://blueactionbanos.eu/> → news, webinars etc.

LinkedIn profile: <https://linkedin.com/company/blueactionbanos>

Consortium helpdesk: BAB_helpdesk@fundingbox.com



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Open Call: Timeline



REQUIRED

Independent Evaluation Criteria (full proposal stage; 2. step)

(1) **RELEVANCE** - relevance of the proposed project to the Call

- Ambition - proposal's relevance to the Call objectives and expected results.
- Innovation *defined in relation to the area-based context of the proposed project*
- Soundness of the approach and credibility/ feasibility of the proposed methodology

2) **IMPACT**

- Measurable impact
- Societal impact
- Economic/Technological impact

(3) **IMPLEMENTATION** - quality of the proposed project design and plan

- Work Plan
- Resources
- Team
- Stakeholder and/or citizen engagement



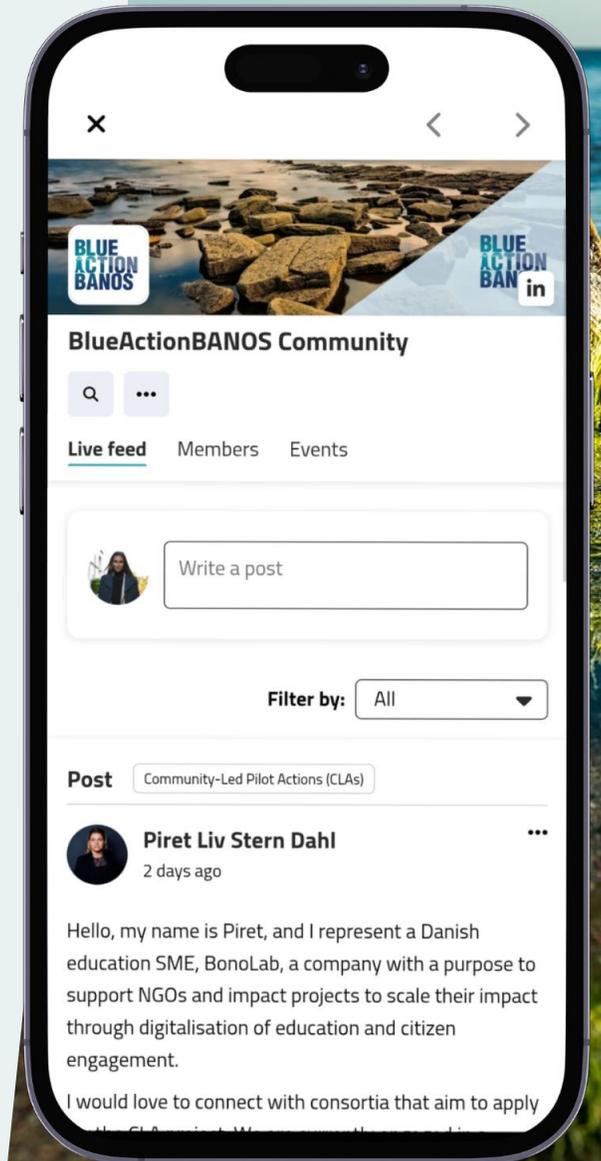
<https://qrco.de/beWskQ>

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Find relevant contacts, explore partnerships, and share updates related to our Calls for CLAs and TAs!

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