

BLUE ACTION BANOS

EMPOWERING
SUSTAINABLE TRANSITIONS FOR
BALTIC & NORTH SEA BLUE
COMMUNITIES

**Informatie over open oproepen,
met voorbeeldprojecten**

18 december 2025



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Agenda

- **Informatie over open oproepen**
 - *Introductie tot Mission Ocean en BlueActionBANOS (BAB)*
 - *Twee open oproepen: CLA & TA*
 - *Activiteiten en entiteiten voor BAB-financiering*
 - *Aanvraag- en beoordelingsprocedure*
- **Voorbeelden van gemeenschapsprojecten**
 - *BELREEFS, by Bernd Herremans (Mantis Consulting)*
 - *I3FLOAT & TREASURE, by Niko Fierens (MULTI.engineering)*
- **Vragen en volgende stappen**



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Informatie over open oproepen

Jonas Lescroart

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Vlaams Instituut voor de Zee (VLIZ)

The right side of the slide features a vertical strip with an underwater photograph. It shows a sunlit water column with rays of light filtering down, a small fish swimming in the middle, and a dense field of green seagrass at the bottom.

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Introductie tot Mission Ocean en BlueActionBANOS (BAB)

An underwater photograph showing a school of small fish swimming over a dense bed of green seagrass. Sunlight rays penetrate the water from the top right, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere. The image is partially obscured by a dark blue diagonal shape on the left side of the slide.

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- Meetbare bijdragen aan:
 - Behoud van biodiversiteit
 - Terugdringen van vervuiling
 - Transitie naar klimaatneutrale, duurzame blauwe economie
- Overgang van fase 1 (2021-2025) naar fase 2 (2026-2030)
 - Repliceerbare oplossingen uit fase 1 opschalen
 - Dergelijke oplossingen toepassen in verschillende contexten en regio's

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MISSION LIGHTHOUSES

'Mission lighthouses' zijn regio's voor het testen, demonstreren en uitrollen van Mission Ocean activiteiten in Europese zeeën en wateren.

Ze laten toe nieuwe ideeën te testen en betrekken lokale gemeenschappen in het proces.



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Danube - Black Sea

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BlueActionBANOS in een notendop

- '**Cascade funding**' gefinancierd door Horizon Europe
- **18** partners, inclusief VLIZ en De Blauwe Cluster
- **11** landen rond de Noord- en Baltische Zee (BANOS)
- **4** jaar (september '25 – augustus '29)
- **12.4** miljoen EUR budget



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Netherlands Enterprise Agency

België



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Noorwegen



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Zweden



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Letland



Litouwen



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BlueActionBANOS: Visie

Voorzien van **gerichte financiële steun**, **technische begeleiding**,
en kennisoverdracht ter ondersteuning van het opschalen en
implementeren van Mission Ocean activiteit in de BANOS-regio.

Community-Led
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Transition
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Technische ondersteuning
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Community-Led Actions (CLA) en Transition Agendas (TA)

Gericht op herstel van mariene ecosystemen en promotie van de duurzame blauwe economie



‘COMMUNITY-LED ACTIONS’ OPEN OPROEP



VOOR WIE:

Consortia van 2 tot 12 entiteiten geregistreerd in landen aan de Noord- en Oostzee (BANOS-gebied)



Steun van **€200 000 tot €2 miljoen** ter uitvoering van actiegerichte projecten die vervuiling tegengaan, mariene ecosystemen herstellen of de duurzame blauwe economie bevorderen

Met ondersteuningsprogramma tot max. 2 jaar

Actieplannen voor lokale transformatie



VERDUURZAMINGSAGENDAS OPEN OPROEP



VOOR WIE:

Individuele entiteiten of consortia tot 3 entiteiten geregistreerd in landen aan de Noord- en Oostzee (BANOS-gebied)



Steun tot **€100 000** voor het ontwerp van een actieplan gericht op lokale duurzaamheid, natuurherstel, verminderde uitstoot en klimaatadaptatie

Met ondersteuningsprogramma tot max. anderhalf jaar

Community -Led Actions (CLA)

- Initiatieven geleid door **plaatsgebonden belangengroepen** (of thematisch gebonden) met **actie in de BANOS-regio** die bijdragen aan Mission Ocean doelstellingen.
- Oplossingen met impact die **innovatief zijn voor de betrokken gemeenschap**, met een inclusieve aanpak die lokale belanghebbers bekrachtigt, **verder bouwen op lokale kennis en duurzame praktijken**, en toewijding aan de doelstellingen van Mission Ocean versterken.
- Voor **consortia van 2 tot 12 entiteiten** geregistreerd in één of meerdere BANOS-landen.
- Financiële steun (100% - geen co-financiering vereist) van **200.000 tot 2 miljoen EUR**, met **tot 500.000 EUR per entiteit**.
- Duur: tot **2 jaar**.
- Totaalbudget voor CLAs is 7 miljoen EUR



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Transition Agendas (TA)

- Ontwikkelen van strategische actieplannen om **duurzame, systemische verandering** te bekomen binnen de betrokken organisaties
- Projecten zullen **meerjarenplannen** ontwikkelen met doelstellingen die bijdragen aan Mission Ocean.
- Voor **consortia van 1 tot 3 entiteiten** geregistreerd in één of meerdere BANOS-landen.
- Financiële steun (100% - geen co-financiering vereist) tot **100.000 EUR**, met **tot 60.000 EUR per entiteit**.
- Duur: tot **1,5 jaar**.
- Totaalbudget voor TAs is 2 miljoen EUR

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Ondersteuning voor kandidaten en lopende projecten



Technische ondersteuning & kennisoverdracht

- Nationale contactpunten
- Webinars tijdens aanvraagronde
- Consultaties
- Toegang tot expertise van BAB partners voor gefinancierde projecten
- ...



Monitoring en evaluatie



Informatie over financierings- opportuniteiten

Netwerking en samenwerkings- verbanden

Activiteiten en entiteiten voor BAB-financiering

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WAT kan gefinancierd worden?



Bescherm en herstel aquatische ecosystemen en biodiversiteit

- Protect at least 30% and strictly protect 10% EU's sea areas
- Restore 25.000 km free flowing rivers
- Marine nature restoration targets (incl. degraded seabeds, coastal ecosystems)

Voorkom en elimineer vervuiling van onze oceaan, zeeën en wateren

- Reduce by at least 50% plastic litter
- Reduce by at least 30% microplastics
- Reduce by at least 50% nutrient losses, chemical pesticides

Maak de blauwe economie koolstofneutraal en circulair

- Net zero maritime emissions
- Zero carbon aquaculture,
- Low carbon multipurpose use of marine space

ENABLERS

Digitaal kennissysteem voor oceaan and wateren

Publieke mobilisatie en betrokkenheid

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Volledige opdeling* van Mission Ocean doelstellingen is ontwikkeld door het Marine Information System for Europe (WISE Marine)

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Voor de definitieve/limiterende lijst van specifieke acties die in aanmerking komen, zie **Annex I** van de **Call Terms & Conditions**.

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- 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.
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Vb. duurzaam blauw toerisme

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Vb. lokaal ondernemerschap

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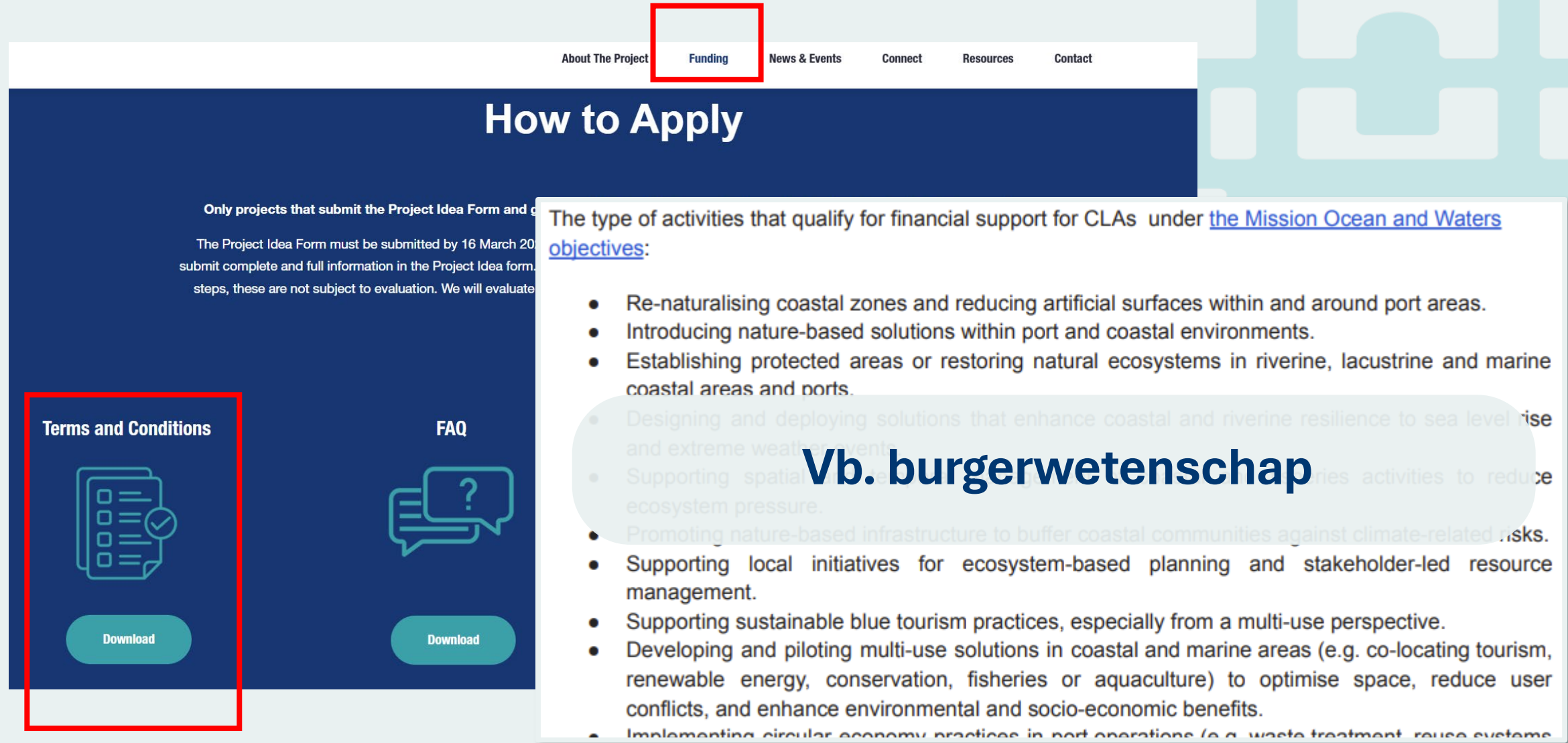
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Vb. nature-based solutions in scheepsvaart

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Vb. burgerwetenschap

WAT kan gefinancierd worden?

- Acties zijn bottom-up, maar moeten beargumenteerd worden i.k.v. Mission Ocean doelstellingen.
- WISE Marine opdeling van Mission Ocean doelen als begeleiding bij je aanvraag, maar niet sluitend
- Zie <https://water.europa.eu/marine/europe-seas/eu-mission-restore-our-oceans-and-water>
- Voor de definitieve lijst van specifieke acties die in aanmerking komen, zie **Annex I** (p. 21) in **Terms & Conditions** op BAB website onder 'Funding'



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WIE kan gefinancierd worden?

- Kortweg: elke legale entiteit geregistreerd in een EU lidstaat aan de Noord- of Baltische Zee (BANOS).

Overheden

- Regionale en lokale besturen

Academia

- Kennisinstellingen
- Educatieve instellingen
- Onderzoeksorganisaties

Industry

- Lokale KMO's en bedrijven
- Kennisoverdracht, consultancy, facilitators
- Financiële instellingen
- Cooperatieven, professionele associaties

Civil society

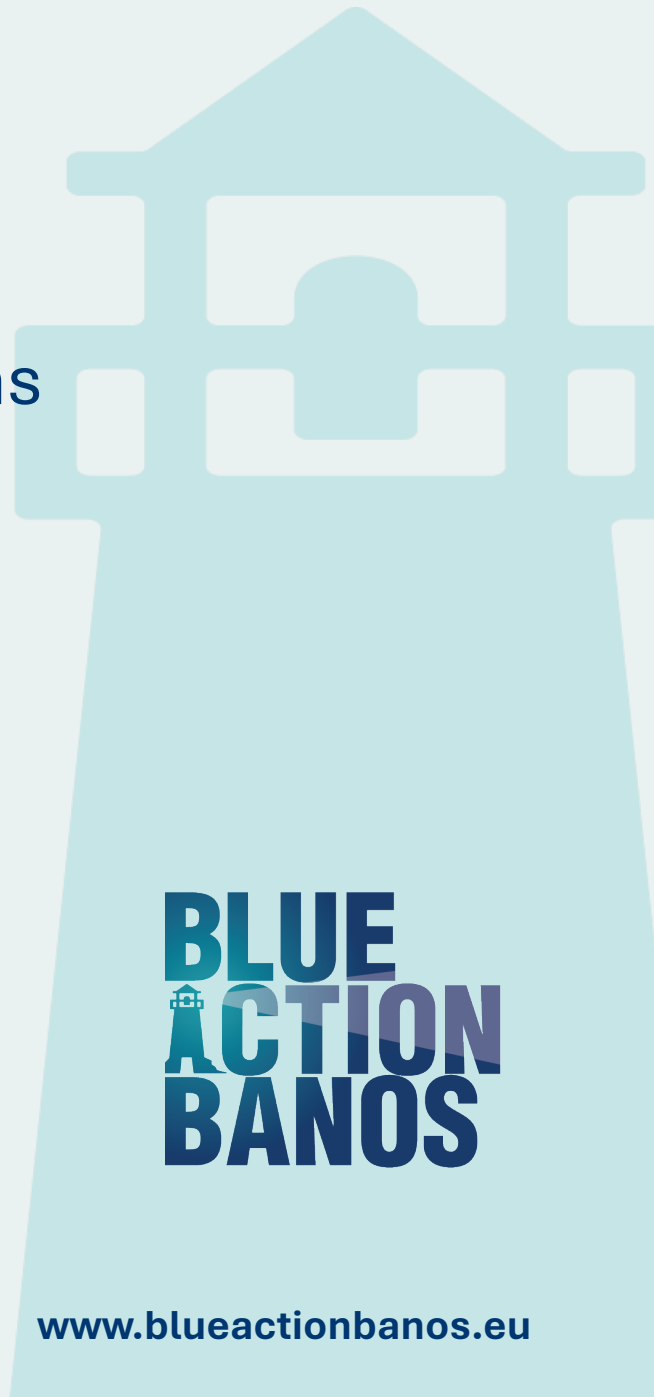
- VZW's, stichtingen
- Elke geregistreeerde entiteit werkend voor natuurbeheer, sociale cohesie, lokale ontwikkeling...

WIE kan gefinancierd worden?

- Types gemeenschappen: zie Call Terms & Conditions (p. 7)

- Ports (including inland ports);
- Islands authorities and communities;
- Fishing and aquaculture communities, producers, processors, retailers and manufacturers, and other representatives of blue economy;
- Operators of various vessels;
- River basin and inland water communities engaged in water management and pollution reduction;
- Citizen-led initiatives contributing to marine or freshwater monitoring or restoration;
- Indigenous and traditional knowledge communities involved in sustainable use and stewardship of marine and freshwater resources;
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Vb. Cooperatieven in aquacultuur



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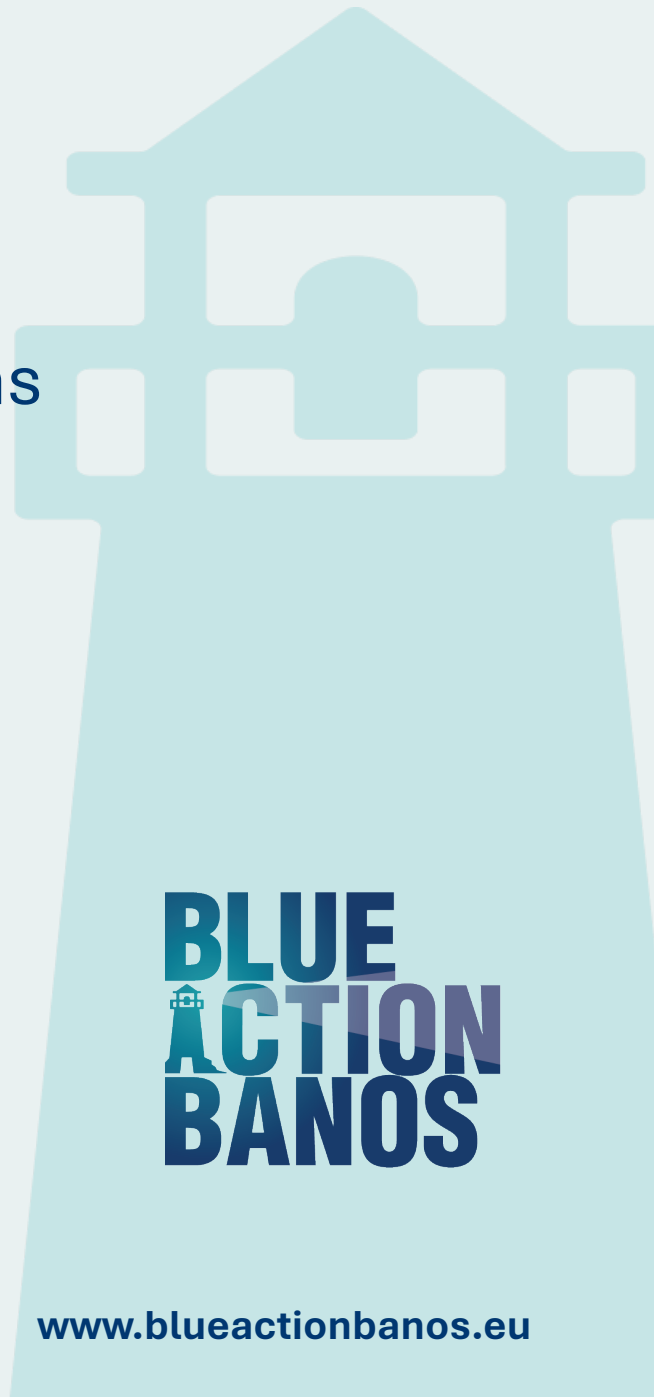
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**Vb. Gemeenschap marien cultureel
erfgoed**



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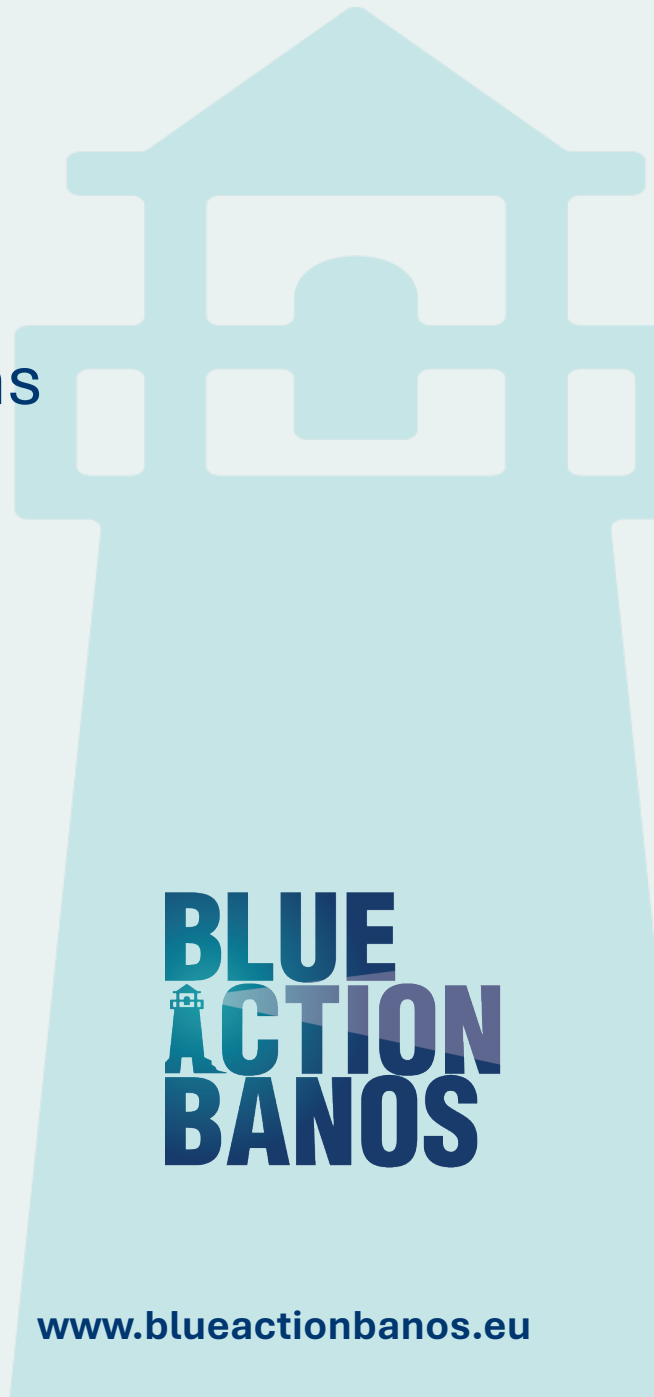
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Vb. Sociale ondernemingen voor ontwikkeling van Blue Skills



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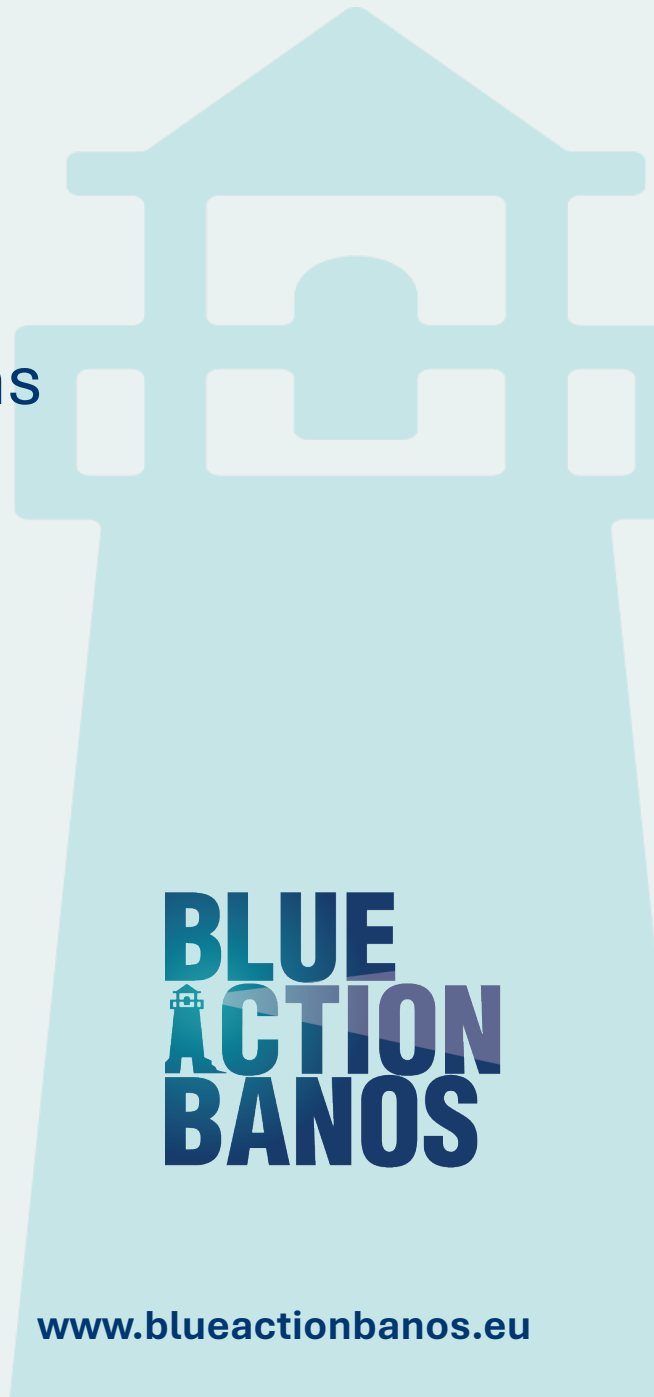
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Vb. Gemeenschap voor natuurbescherming



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Funding Opportunities

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Below you'll find all the information needed to explore, apply for, and understand our funding instruments.

Two Open Calls are
officially open now!

Community-Led Actions Open Call

1st Transition Agendas Open Call

Aanvraagprocedure



Project Idea Form

- Kort en eenvoudig
- Zodat we op de hoogte zijn van je idee
- Inschatting budget
- **Niet ter evaluatie**
- **Verplicht**
- 🕒 **16 maart 2026, 17u00 onze tijd**

Consultaties

- Individueel ingepland
- Online
- Ca. 30 mins
- BlueActionBANOS experts
- Ter ondersteuning
- **Niet ter evaluatie**
- **Verplicht**

Volledige aanvraag

- Lang formaat voor volledige projectinformatie
- **Ter evaluatie** (Onafhankelijke evaluatie)
- 🕒 **29 mei, 2026, 14u00 onze tijd**

SELECTION PROCESS

Project Idea Form



16 maart 2026, 17u00

Individual Consultation

Tot april 2026

!!!Rejection!!!

1

Full Proposal Submission



29 mei 2026, 14u00

2

Admissibility & Eligibility Check

Mail

'List of Eligible Applications'

3

Independent Individual Evaluation

'Ranking List'

4

Jury Day (optional)

Community-Led Actions

5

Consensus Meeting

Mail

'List finalist'

6

Formal Check/Ethics

Aug./sept. 2026

Okt./nov. 2026

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Voor je de aanvraagprocedure start

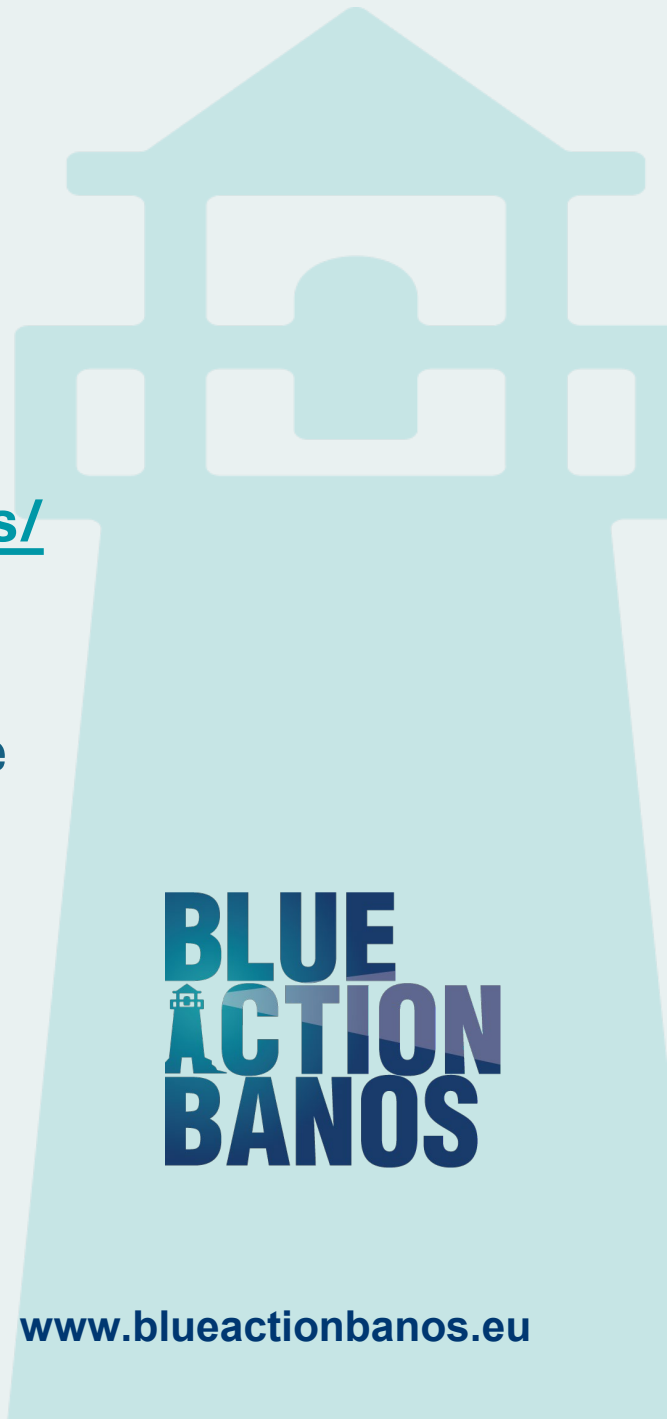
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<https://blueactionbanos.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/>

2. Lees de Terms & Conditions van de bijhorende oproep

3. Vragen? Voor algemene zaken, blueactionbelgium@vliz.be

Voor proceduredetails, BAB_helpdesk@fundingbox.com



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Starten van de aanvraag

1. Ga naar

<https://opportunities.getonepass.eu/applications/bab/start>

2. Selecteer de oproep

3. **Registreer** met een account

4. Vul de **Project Idea Form** in

5. Dien in

6. Daarna nemen we contact op om je **consultatie** te plannen en krijg je toegang tot het **volledige aanvraagformulier**



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Empowering Sustainable Transitions for Baltic and North Sea Blue Communities

Key communities: Ports, islands, fishing and aquaculture producers, conservation communities, the tourism sector, and representatives of the blue economy at large.

Deadlines:

- Call Opening: **28 November 2025**, 10:00 Brussels time
- Project Idea Form (PIF) Deadline: **16 March 2026**, 17:00 Brussels time
- Full Proposal Call Deadline: **29 May 2026**, 14:00 Brussels time

More Information:

- Read the full Terms & Conditions and other information available at <https://blueactionbanos.eu/>
- For questions, contact the helpdesk: BAB_helpdesk@fundingbox.com

Community-Led Actions (CLAs) Open Call

Focus: Driving concrete actions to restore oceans, seas, and waters in the Baltic and North Sea (BANOS) Lighthouse area, focusing on Mission Ocean objectives: **pollution reduction, ecosystem restoration, and blue economy practices.**

Who Can Apply: Consortia of 2-12 entities such as local (public and/or private) actors such as municipalities/regions, civil society organisations, private sector stakeholders, NGOs, foundations, educational establishments, locally based companies, and research organisations.

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1st Transition Agendas (TAs) Open Call

Focus: Develop Strategic Roadmaps (Transition Agendas) to guide communities in meeting Mission Ocean goals and aligning with regional, national, and EU policies, focusing on managing complex societal shifts toward sustainability and a green blue economy.

Who Can Apply: Individual entities or consortia of up to 3 entities such as local (public and/or private) actors such as municipalities/regions, civil society organisations, private sector stakeholders, NGOs, foundations, educational establishments, locally based companies, and research organisations.

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Project Idea Form for Community-Led Actions

Project Idea Form for 1st Transition Agendas

Template: Project Idea Form (CLA)

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2. PROJECT IDEA INFO

Country(-ies) where you are planning to implement the Community-Led Action*

Multiple-select dropdown

Which objective(s) of Mission Ocean will the Community-Led Action contribute to?*

Multiple-select list

Please describe the specific problem you want to solve.*

(max. 1000 characters including spaces)

Please describe the context in which the proposed Action will be implemented.*

(max. 1000 characters including spaces)

What long-term change will your Action contribute to?*

(max. 800 characters including spaces)

What specific objectives will be achieved by the end of the Action?*

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Briefly describe key activities to achieve the objectives. Activities should logically lead to measurable outputs. These outputs form the basis for performance KPIs in the full proposal.*

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What type of community(ies) will your Action benefit?*

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Tell us more about the partners you would like to engage (how many, type of organisations, their contribution to the Action).*

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Assumptions/Risks: What external factors could affect the success of your Action?*

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Beoordeeld op

- relevantie
- impact
- implementatie

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1. Zowel Project Idea Form als Full proposal dienen **in het engels** ingevuld te worden.
2. Zowel Project Idea Form als Full proposal dienen **complete, waarheidsgetrouwe en up-to-date informatie** te bevatten.
3. **Geen Project Idea Form** → geen consultatie → geen Full Proposal
→ geen evaluatie → geen 🏠 🏠 🏠
4. **Deadlines**
5. **Mission Ocean & Waters doelstellingen, impact in de BANOS-regio**
6. Geen belangenconflicten
7. Voor bedrijven: clausules financiële stabiliteit en staatssteun
8. Origineel werk
9. Publieke organisaties moeten beschikken over een **gendergelijkheidsplan** (Full Proposal)
10. Elke entiteit kan slechts 1x BlueActionBANOS-financiering ontvangen



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Voorbeelden van gemeenschapsprojecten

Kinnie De Beule

Beheerder EU-projecten

De Blauwe Cluster

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Bernd Herremans

Projectingenieur Blauwe Economie

Mantis Consulting

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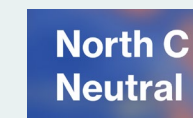
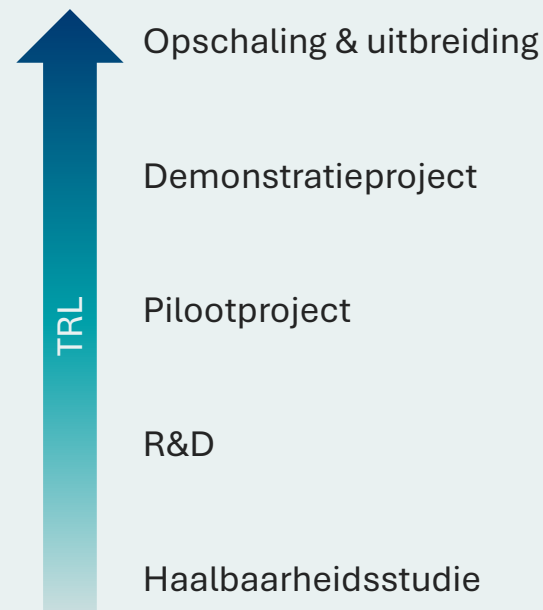
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Voornaamste diensten
Carbon footprinting Ecosysteemdiensten waardering Life Cycle Analysis (LCA, EPD, PCF) Design for climate resilience Permitting/regelgevend kader
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Mariene waterbouwers Kennisinstituten Lokale gemeenschappen Overheden



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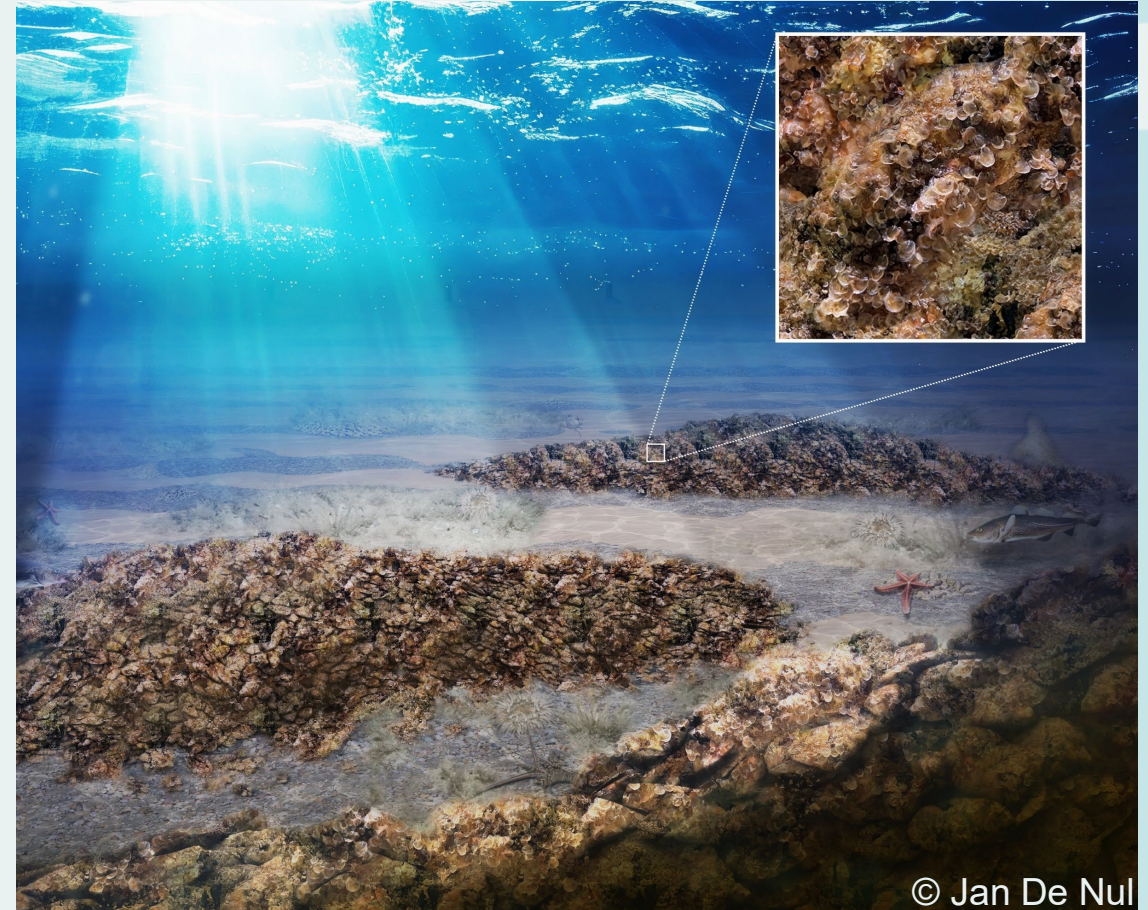
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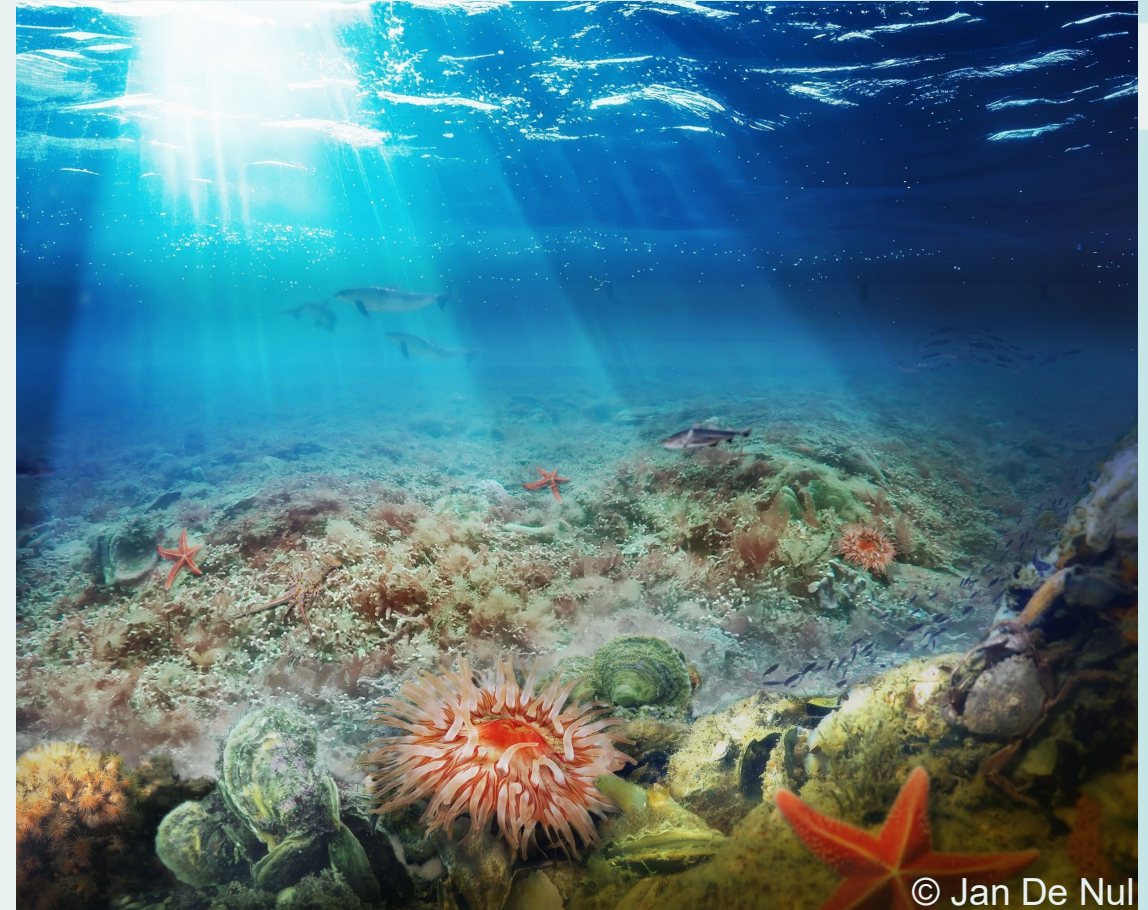
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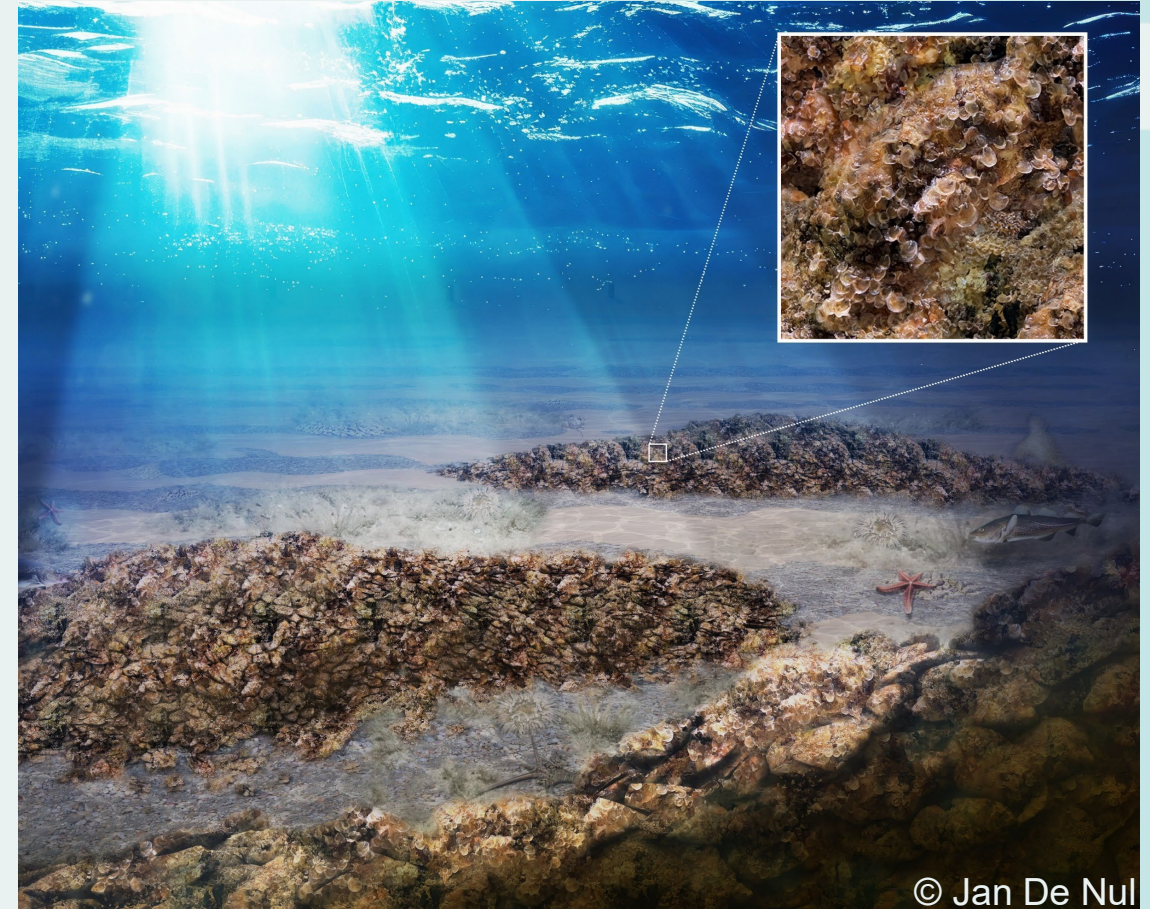


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Consortium & samenwerking

- Partners:  **JAN DE NUL**  natural sciences .be
-  **MANTIS** CONSULTING
- Ondersteuning:
 - DMM (FOD VVVL)
 - Expert review door Hein Sas (NORA)
- Samenwerking:
 - Stichting Zeeschelp & Oyster Heaven
 - Visserijsector
 - Haven van Oostende
 - Lokale bedrijven
 - Overheden

→ ≈Community-led action



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Stichting Zeeschelp & Oyster Heaven

- Leverenciers van oesterspat & substraat
- Spat-on-substrate:
 1. Remote setting in Oostende RAS (recirculating aquaculture system)
 2. Spat-on-substrate Stichting Zeeschelp
- Substraat – ‘Mother Reef’
 - Bakstenen
 - Afbreekbaar
 - Aanpasbare levensduur



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Lokale gemeenschappen

Visserij

- Installatie substraat en oesters
- Voordelen:
 - Korte termijn: alternatieve inkomsten/compensatie verlies aan visgronden
 - Lange termijn: spill-over effect (verhoogde visproductie rond projectlocatie)

Duikers

- Citizen science-monitoring
- Voordelen:
 - Esthetiek
 - Biodiversiteit
- Meer aantrekkelijke duiklocatie

Ecosysteemdiensten: (indirecte) voordelen voor maatschappij

→ Toerisme, (visserij)educatie, waterkwaliteitsregulatie, ...



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Uitdagingen

- Timing van installatie hangt af van
 - Groei oesters
 - Conditie op zee
 - Beschikbaarheid schepen
 - ...
- Beschikbaarheid van schepen → Overlap met hoogseizoen installatie windmolenparken
- Mariene projecten zijn **duur**
- Beschikbaarheid spat/larven → Ruim op voorhand controleren!
- Vrijwaring van bodemberoerende activiteiten!!!



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Lessons learned

- Natuurherstel vereist samenwerking:
 - Overheid → doelstellingen, visie, richtlijnen
 - Privé-sector → implementatie, management, alternatieve financiering
 - Kennisinstellingen → kennis, onderzoek, monitoring
 - Lokale gemeenschappen → kennis, ervaring
- Offshore ervaring is belangrijk
- Neem voldoende tijd voor design fase en permitting proces
- Natuurherstel op zee = uitdagend!
 - Ruwe omgevingscondities
 - Moeilijk bereikbaar
 - Streng regelgeving
 - **Steun op bestaande kennis en ervaring!**



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Actief natuurherstel is teamwork!

Op zoek naar een partner voor projectmanagement of ondersteuning?

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Meer info:

www.mantisconsulting.be/diensten/blauwe-economie

<https://noraeeurope.eu/belgium-belreefs/>

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I3FLOAT & TREASURE

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- 300 engineers
- 27 nationalities
- 5% R&D



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TREASURE

- Community Led type project.
- “**T**argeting the **R**eduction of **p**l**A**stic o**U**tfLOW into the no**R**th s**E**a”.
- Idea: Transnational project to reduce plastic pollution in waterways, by means of:
 - Active demonstrator projects
 - Data collection
 - Policy development
 - Educate & train
- Goal: Reduction of outflow of macro-plastics into the North Sea
- Location: Living labs in DK, NL, BE and FR.



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I3FLOAT

- Transition Agenda type project.
- Idea: Floating wind turbines open the door to new wind energy sources in deep water. I3FLOAT mobilises innovative initiatives and speeds up the adoption of floating wind technologies in Southern Europe.
- Goal: Reinforcing Europe's energy independence by building a solid value chain.
- Location: 4 pilots in Spain, France & Belgium.



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Funding programmes

	TREASURE	I3FLOAT
Programme	Interreg North Sea	EU I3 (Interregional Innovation Investments)
Budget	100.000 € (2,5 M€ total)	750.000 € (11 M€ total)
Funding	60.000 € (60%)	525.000 € (70%)
Duration	33 mths	36 mths
Application	Unclear budget format Issues: partner/subcontractor	No budget instructions/guidelines Issues: applicant, 1 st refusal, affiliated companies
Implementation	Project preparation (design): OK Permitting process difficult (stakeholders) Issues with partner vs subcontractor role	Time gap between first version and actual start of project
Reporting	Budget annotation Lack of support auditor System with assignment letters	Just started Good guidance by external consultant Cost calculation not clear

Project consortia

	TREASURE	I3FLOAT
Nr. of partners	15	25
Types	Local & regional authorities, public agencies, water boards, NGOs, enterprises, and research institutes.	Companies, clusters & research institutes.
Location	FR*, NL*, DK*, GE, BE*	FR*, PT, SL, PL, IT, BU, ES*, CR, BE*
Formation	• Initiative by VLIZ • Link through earlier projects DEMARC & PLUXIN • MULTI.engineering + partners IMDC & HBK	• Initiative by Blue Cluster • Link through Blue Innovation Award, membership & trade missions • MULTI.engineering in the lead for BE/FR partners (HAEDDES, 24SEA, Océanide)
Motivation	• Consortium: Expertise, different sectors and regions, relevance, know-how. Balanced mix of organization types, each with their existing stakeholder network. • M.E. team: Role in realization of demonstrator and future bring-to-market.	• Consortium: Expertise in different aspects and challenges to develop a full value and supply chain for floating wind energy. • M.E. team: Role in value chain.

Local community involvement

- **TREASURE:**
 - “Quadruple helix”: authority (local), research institute, industry and the public.
 - Public awareness on plastic waste: public & private cleanup action, press on living lab, public access to demonstrator.
 - Local authority involvement to manage effects on local yacht club.
 - Frequent & active communication & dialogue.
- **I3FLOAT:**
 - Focus on derisking floating wind energy production.
 - Identified challenges: design & materials, manufacturing efficiency, post-prototyping, logistics & installation, and maintenance & connectivity.
 - No involvement of local communities yet. Possibly in further stages.



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TREASURE (Community-Led Action)

- Living lab with visibility to the public.
- Demonstrator of technology.
- Combination of existing technologies, all combined and integrated in one technical solution to solve an environmental problem.
- Biggest question: “Who is willing to pay for this?”

I3FLOAT (Transition Agendas)

- It is still ongoing.
- Long term objective.
- It's great to develop new technology that can solve world problems in a sustainable way (renewable energy production).
- Still a lot to investigate and develop!



Lessons learned

- Each programme has its own dynamics, reporting schemes & formats, ...
- Investigate upfront eligibility of partners, subpartners and subcontractors.
- Inform yourself about budget approach.
- Inform yourself about reporting modalities.
- Request for extension in time.
- Schedule physical meetings.



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Vragen

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1. Volg BlueActionBANOS op [LinkedIn](#)
2. Ogen open voor toekomstige webinars
3. Neem deel aan de [BlueActionBANOS Community op BlueBioMatch](#)
4. Bereid je Project Idea voor en dien in tegen **16 March 2026, 17:00 CET**
5. Neem deel aan je **consultatiesessie**
6. Dien de Full Proposal in tegen **29 May 2026, 14:00 CEST**



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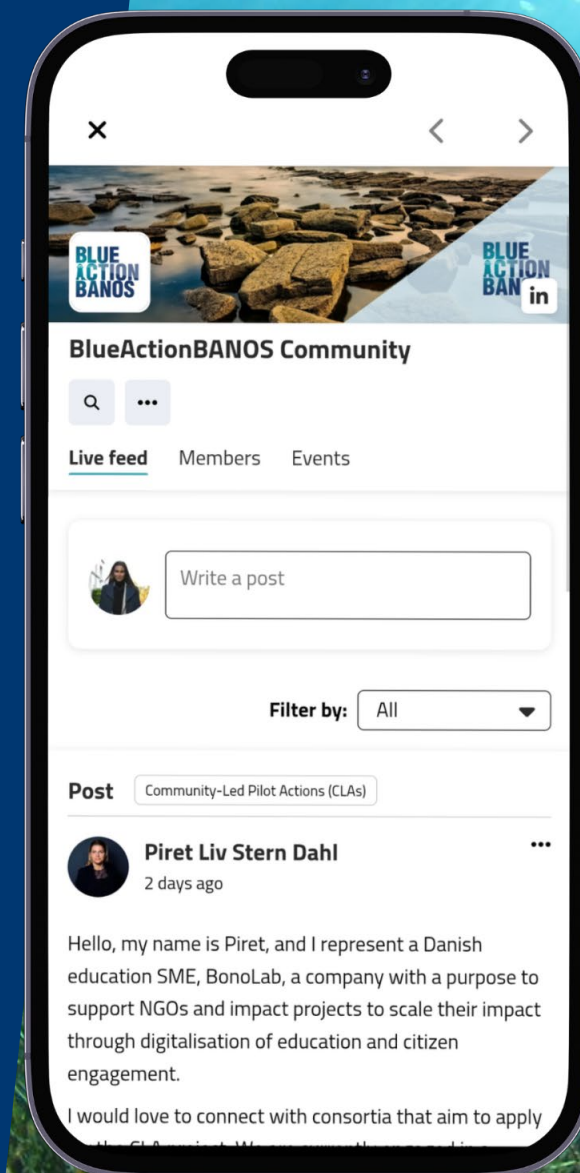


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