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SUSTAINABLE TRANSITIONS FOR
BALTIC & NORTH SEA BLUE
COMMUNITIES

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Agenda

- 1.) Vision och mål för BlueActionBANOS och Mission Ocean
- 2.) Typer av projekt och aktiviteter som är berättigade till finansiellt stöd
- 3.) Ansöknings- och utvärderingsprocess
- 4.) Viktiga krav för framgångsrika ansökningar
- 5.) Frågor och svar (Q&A)



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1.

Vision & Objectives of BlueActionBANOS and Mission Ocean

An underwater photograph showing sunlight rays filtering through the water. A small fish is visible in the middle ground. The foreground is filled with green seagrass.

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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

Poland



Sweden



Estonia



Finland



Latvia



Lithuania



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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.

Digital Ocean and Waters Knowledge system

Public mobilization and engagement



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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.



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BALTIC & NORTH SEA



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BANOS: BAltic and NOrth Sea

PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT AND PILOTING 2022-2025

Research and innovation activities lay the foundations for implementing the three Mission objectives and enabling actions, paving the way to further citizens participation and engagement.

PHASE 2 DEPLOYMENT AND UPSCALING 2026-2030

The solutions will be further deployed, replicated and scaled up. Activities aim at supporting transformative and innovative solutions to be demonstrated in view of their deployment.

Mission Ocean and Project Objectives

I linje med EU:s uppdrag ”Återställa våra hav och vatten till 2030” och den europeiska Green Deal så stödjer BlueActionBANOS. mångfald av "communities att:

- Ta upp och **implementera lösningar i en bredare** kontext och flera regioner och att **skala upp lösningar** som testats tidigare.

Lösningar och insatser som ger mätbara effekter till att:

- Skydda ekosystem och biologisk mångfald
- Eliminera föroreningar
- Göra den blå ekonomin klimatneutral och cirkulär.

Samt

- Digitala applikationer och data
- Medborgarengagemang

Att underlätta övergången från **fas 1 till fas 2** av Mission Ocean i BANOS området.



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Mission Ocean and Project Objectives

- Aligned with the “2030”
- To deliver
 - Biodiversity
 - Policy
 - The
- To facilitate in the E
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 - Deploying them across a broader set of contexts and regions

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: Vision

Provide **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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2.

Types of Projects and Activities Eligible for Financial Support (IVL)

Ansvarig partner för finansieringssupport och information om ansökningar:



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Community-Led Actions

 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

Lokala aktörer/intressent-grupper som gemensamt implementerar lösningar

Lösningar som bidrar till en omställning inom Missions målen, är lokalt förankrade, ökar deltagandet

2-12 partners, max 24 månader, upp till 2 miljoner Euro, max 500 000 Euro per partner

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Transition Agendas

 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

Omställningsagendor, färdplaner som bidrar till missions målen.

1-3 aktörer, max 18 månader, upp till 100 000 Euro max 60 000 Euro per aktör.

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Eligible applicants

Types of actors

- Regional and local **authorities**
- **NGOs, foundations, professional associations**, and other entities engaged in **local development and nature conservation activities**
- **Educational establishments**
- **Locally based companies** (provided this is not in conflict with the State Aid rules)
- **Research performing organisations**

Ports (including inland ports) -
Islands -
Fishing communities, aquaculture producers and other representatives of blue economy -
Operators of various vessels -
Local Action Groups described by the Community-Led Local Development strategies -
Waterfront cities or regions / communities (avoiding overlaps with Cities' Mission) -
Conservation communities -
Representatives of the **tourism sector** -
Maritime infrastructure operators (incl. offshore platforms and their operators) -

Communities

3.

Application and Selection Process

A black and white photograph showing two people from behind, walking away on a sandy path. They are carrying shopping bags, suggesting a cleanup activity. In the background, there is a flagpole with a flag and some coastal vegetation.

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Application detail [...]

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How to Apply

Only projects that submit the Project Idea Form and go through the individual consultation will be invited to submit a full proposal.

The Project Idea Form must be submitted by 16 March 2026, 17:00 CET. We reserve the right to contact and consult only those applicants who submit complete and full information in the Project Idea form. While submitting the Project Idea Form and undergoing the consultation are mandatory steps, these are not subject to evaluation. We will evaluate only complete full proposals that were submitted via official tools within the indicated deadline.

Open Call Documents

Terms and Conditions

FAQ

Project Idea Form template

Full Proposal Form template



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Funding Opportunities

BlueActionBANOS offers targeted financial assistance, technical guidance, and strategic knowledge-sharing to support the scale-up and deployment of [Mission Ocean and Waters](#) solutions within the Baltic and North Sea Lighthouse Area.

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

Application process



Project Idea Form

- Short and simple
- Let us know your idea
- Estimate the budget
- **Not evaluated**
- **Compulsory**
- 🕒 **16 March 2026, 17:00 Brussels time**

Consultations

- Scheduled individually
- Online
- About 25 mins
- BlueActionBANOS experts
- To support you
- **Not evaluated**
- **Compulsory**

Full proposal

- Long form where you provide complete information
- **Evaluated** (independent evaluation)
- 🕒 **29 May, 2026, 14:00 Brussels time**

SELECTION PROCESS

Project Idea Form | 

16 March 2026, 17:00 Brussels Time

till April 2026

Individual Consultation

!!!Rejection!!!

1

Full Proposal Submission | 

29 May 2026, 14:00 Brussels Time

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

SGAs signature

Oct./Nov. 2026

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We will also provide:

**Networking and
collaboration**



**Further financing
opportunities**



**Monitoring &
evaluation**

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Before you start the application process

1. Visit our website <https://blueactionbanos.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/>
2. 📣 Read Terms & Conditions!!!
3. Questions? Send an email to BAB_helpdesk@fundingbox.com

4.

Key Requirements for Successful Applications

Ansvarig partner för finansieringssupport och information om ansökningar:



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Eligible applicants

1. **Vilket community/nätverk är du engagerad i?**
2. **Är detta community/nätverk relevant för BlueActionBANOS??**
3. **Vilken typ av organisation är ni?**
4. **Var är ni etablerade?**
5. **Kommer ert projekt att bidra till målen inom Mission Ocean and Waters?**
6. **Kommer projektets effekter att finnas inom BANOS-området?**
7. **Passar ert projekt inom ramen för de stödberättigade aktiviteterna?**
8. **Kontroll av eventuella intressekonflikter**

Eligible applicants

Exempel

1. Vilket community/nätverk är du engagerad i?
2. Är detta community/nätverk relevant för BlueActionBANOS??

- Hamnar,
- Fartygsoperatörer
- Lokala finansinstitut/kooperativ/impact-investerare
- Företag som främjar inkludering/kompetens/anställning i nom den blå ekonomin
- Turistsektorn
- Operatörer av maritim infrastruktur (inklusive havsbaserad energi)
- Öar
- Kustsamhällen
- Hamnstäder
- Regioner
- BlueTech, Digitala innovationscommunityn (som stödje robservation, datadelning eller cirkulär blå ekonomi),
- Fiske- och vattenbruksaktörer
- Lokala aktionsgrupper (CLLD)
- Aktörer runt ett avrinningsområdes
- Avrinningsområdes-/inlandsvattengrupper (med fokus på vattenförvaltning/föroreningar)
- Vattenvårdsgrupper
- Vattenförvaltning aktörer
- Gemensam sanering av föroreningar
- Naturvårds- och Miljöorganisationer
- Medborgarutbildnings
- Allmänhet inkluderad i övervakning/restaurering
- Kulturarvs- och maritim identitetsgrupper
- Havs- och vatten medvetenhet

Check Open Call Terms&Conditions  <https://blueactionbanos.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/>

Eligible applicants

3. Vilken typ av organisation är ni?

Exempel

- Regionala och lokala myndigheter (inklusive öar och kust-/vattennära områden);
- Icke-statliga organisationer (NGO:er),
- Stiftelser
- Bransch-/yrkesorganisationer med fokus på lokal utveckling, naturvård, miljöskydd, hållbara marina resurser eller blå ekonomi;
- Utbildningsinstitutioner och forskningsorganisationer;
- Lokalt baserade företag, små och medelstora företag (SMF) samt startups (i enlighet med regler för statligt stöd);
- Kunskapsförmedlande aktörer och stödjande/främjande organisationer;
- Företag, kooperativ och registrerade organisationer som främjar inkludering, kompetensutveckling eller en hållbar blå ekonomi;
- Finansinstitut eller registrerade kooperativ som stöder hållbara investeringar och/eller lokal utveckling.

Alla andra juridiska personer inom de relevanta communityna/nätverken.

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4. Var är ni etablerade?

Baltic and North Sea basin (BANOS) countries that, at the time of application, are Member States or Associated Countries to Horizon Europe:

Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland and Sweden.



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Eligible applicants

5. Kommer ert projekt att bidra till målen för Mission Ocean and Waters?

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.

6. Kommer projektets effekter att finnas inom BANOS-området?

Utanför BANOS-området? → måste motiveras! **Projektets effekt måste ligga inom BANOS-området.**
Konsortier: **Koordinatorns organisation måste vara registrerad i ett BANOS-land.**

7. Activities eligible 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/>

Eligible applicants

8. Kontrollera eventuella intressekonflikter. (Conflict of Interest - Col)

Kapital- eller personliga kopplingar, såsom:

- Ägarförhållanden;
- Familje- och personliga relationer;
- Materiella, särskilt ekonomiska, relationer;
- Anställning, samarbete eller befintligt civilrättsligt avtal;
- Att kvarstå i en juridisk eller faktisk relation som kan ge upphov till berättigad tvivel om de involverade personernas opartiskhet i urvalsprocessen.

→ Om dessa förekommer vid tidpunkten för en åtgärd eller har förekommit tidigare (under de senaste 3 åren innan åtgärden påbörjas). Tidsgränser gäller inte för familje- och personliga relationer.

Alla fall av intressekonflikt (Col) kommer att bedömas från fall till fall.

To apply

1. Go to

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

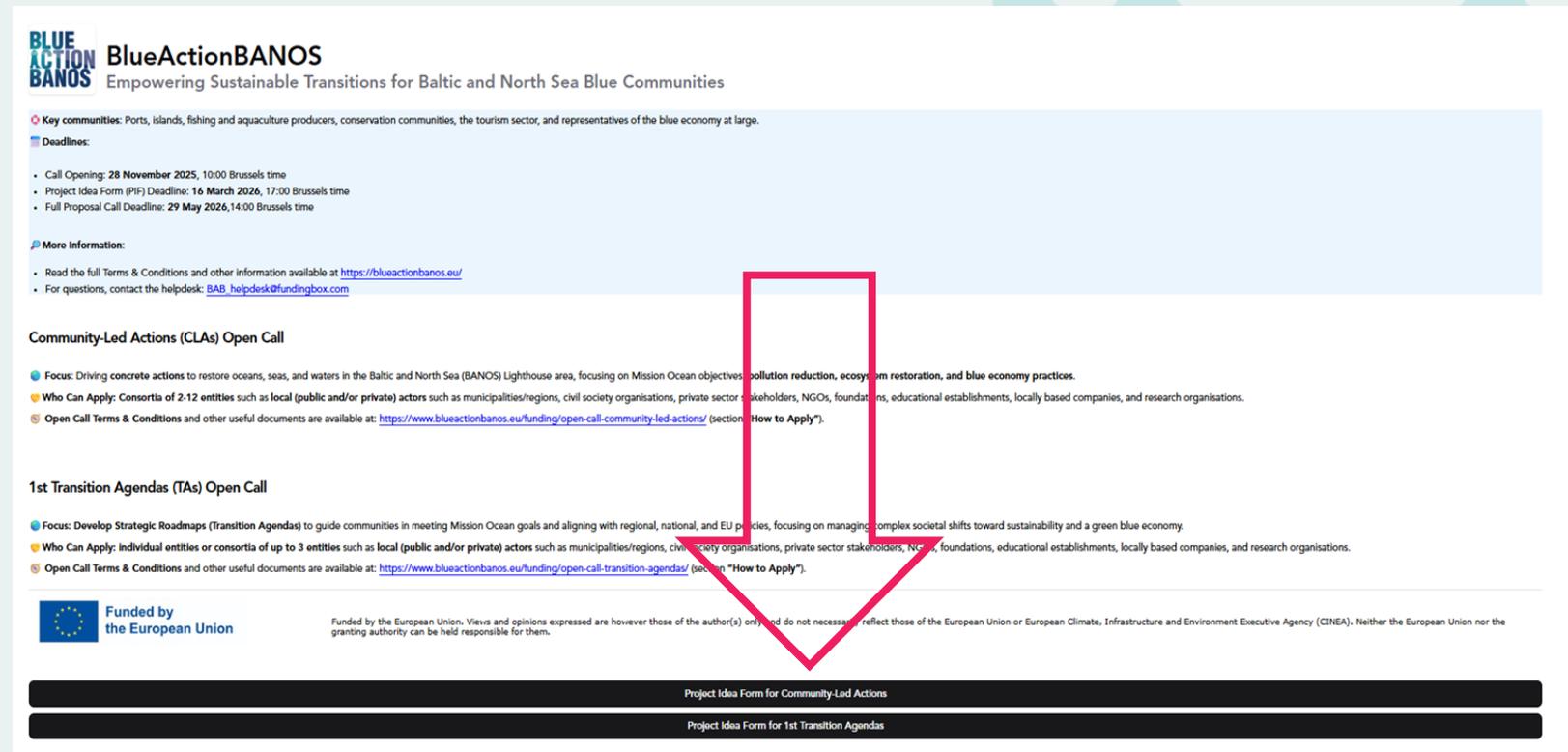
2. Select the programme

3. Use the right button:

4. Register an account

5. Complete the form

6. Submit the form



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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.
- **Open Call Terms & Conditions** and other useful documents are available at: <https://www.blueactionbanos.eu/funding/open-call-community-led-actions/> (section "How to Apply").

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.
- **Open Call Terms & Conditions** and other useful documents are available at: <https://www.blueactionbanos.eu/funding/open-call-transition-agendas/> (section "How to Apply").

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[Project Idea Form for Community-Led Actions](#)

[Project Idea Form for 1st Transition Agendas](#)

Key requirements

1. Both Project Idea Form and Full Proposal forms must be completed **in English**.
2. Both Project Idea Form and Full Proposal forms must include **complete, true and up to date information**.
3. **No Project Idea Form** => no consultation => no Full Proposal => no evaluation => **no** 
4. **Deadlines!!** Project Idea Forms **16th March 2026**; Full Proposal **29th May 2026**
5. **Mission Ocean and Waters goals, impact must be in BANOS region**
6. No Conflict of Interest
7. Financial stability
8. Original work
9. **Gender Equality (in Full Proposal)**



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Eligible applicants



Q. Kan en organisation ansöka med olika konsortier?

Inom ett program: Ja, men en organisation kan endast ta emot ett bidrag från BlueActionBANOS en gång. Alltså, om båda projekten blir beviljade, måste er organisation delta i det ena utan budget (dvs. för 0 €).

Inom två olika program: en organisation kan endast delta i ett program under BlueActionBANOS. Därför bör ni från början bestämma om ni vill ansöka till Community-Led Actions (CLAs) eller den första utlysningen för Transition Agendas (1st TAs).

Next steps

1. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#)
2. Register for upcoming webinars or events via our project webpage: www.blueactionbanos.eu
3. Join our [BlueActionBANOS Community on BlueBioMatch](#): www.bluebiomatch.hivebright.com/
4. Prepare your Project Idea and submit it before **16 March 2026, 17:00 CET**
5. Complete a **consultation**
6. **Submit your full proposal** before **29 May 2026, 14:00 CET**



Questions?

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Q&A

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