

BLUE ACTION BANOS

EMPOWERING
SUSTAINABLE TRANSITIONS FOR
BALTIC & NORTH SEA BLUE
COMMUNITIES

3rd Open Calls Webinar

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Agenda

1. **Vision & objectives of BlueActionBANOS and Mission Ocean**
2. **Open Call mechanics:** quick review
3. **After the Open Call:** from submission to implementation
4. **Support programme structure:** key stages and why it is important to start well
5. **What's on offer:** support available for CLAs and TA
6. **Q&A**



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1.

Vision & Objectives of BlueActionBANOS and Mission Ocean

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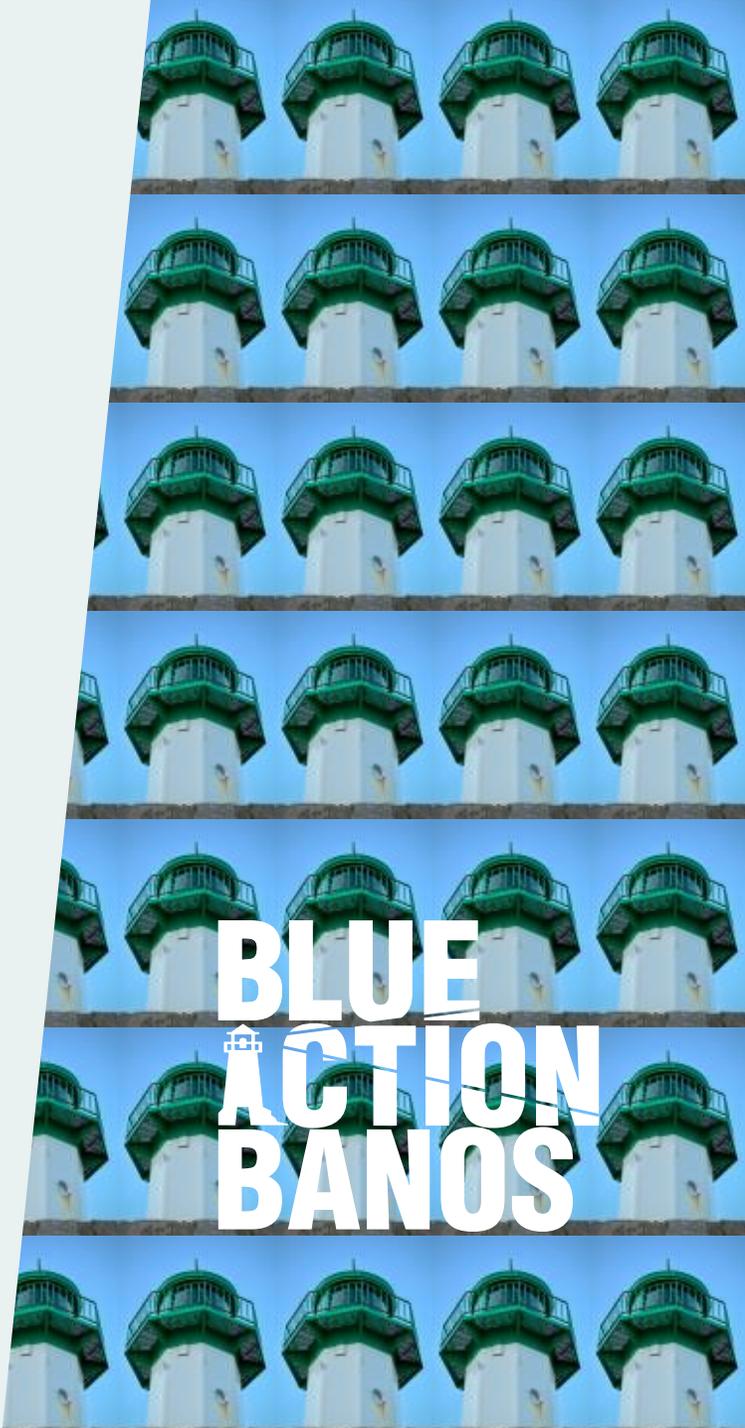
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BlueActionBANOS Project Facts

- **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

Norway



Norsk institutt for vannforskning

Sweden



innovatum
science
park



Swedish Environmental
Research Institute

Finland



Latvia



Lithuania



Belgium



BLUE
CLUSTER



pioneer in
marine science

Coordination



Estonia



Denmark



Food & Bio Cluster
Denmark



SDU

Germany



Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

Poland



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Research and
Innovation Network

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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 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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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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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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ATLANTIC - ARCTIC



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BALTIC & NORTH SEA



SOS2LearnDBS
Danube - Black Sea
DANUBE-BLACK SEA



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MEDITERRANEAN

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**.



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2.

Open Calls mechanics: quick review

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A black and white photograph showing two people walking away from the camera on a sandy path. They are carrying bags and a box. In the background, there is a flag on a pole and some vegetation.

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Overview of topics discussed in previous webinars

1. [Webinar 1](#): General information about Open Calls for Community-Led Actions and the 1st Transition Agendas
2. [Webinar 2](#): Eligibility, selection and independent evaluation process
3. **Webinar 3**: What happens after the Open Call is closed



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- BlueActionBANOS logo
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- Rollup Version 1
- Rollup Version 2

Webinars

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TRANSITIONS FOR A BLUE
Community-led Webinars
December 16, 2025

Video recordings from the BlueActionBANOS webinar held on 10 December 2025 titled "Open Calls for Community-Led Actions and the 1st Transition Agendas".

Download Slides

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

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



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Basic rules

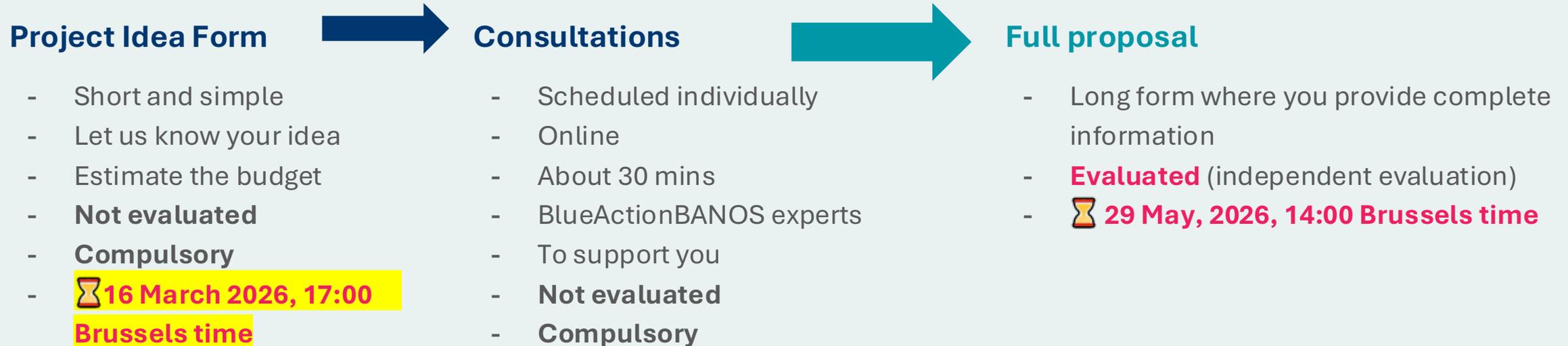
- Goals aligned with **Mission Ocean and Waters objectives**
- Applicants must be established in a **BANOS** country that is a Member State or Associated Country to Horizon Europe.
- Proposals may concern actions in one BANOS country or several BANOS countries
- **Impact** of proposed projects **must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

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Application process



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After the Open Call: from submission to implementation

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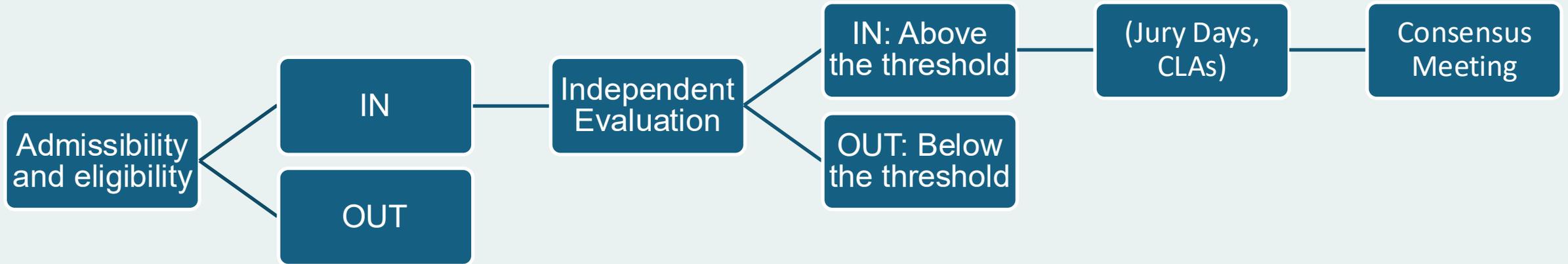
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A black and white photograph of two people walking away from the camera on a sandy beach path. They are carrying bags, suggesting they are participating in a cleanup activity. In the background, there is a flagpole with a flag and some coastal vegetation.

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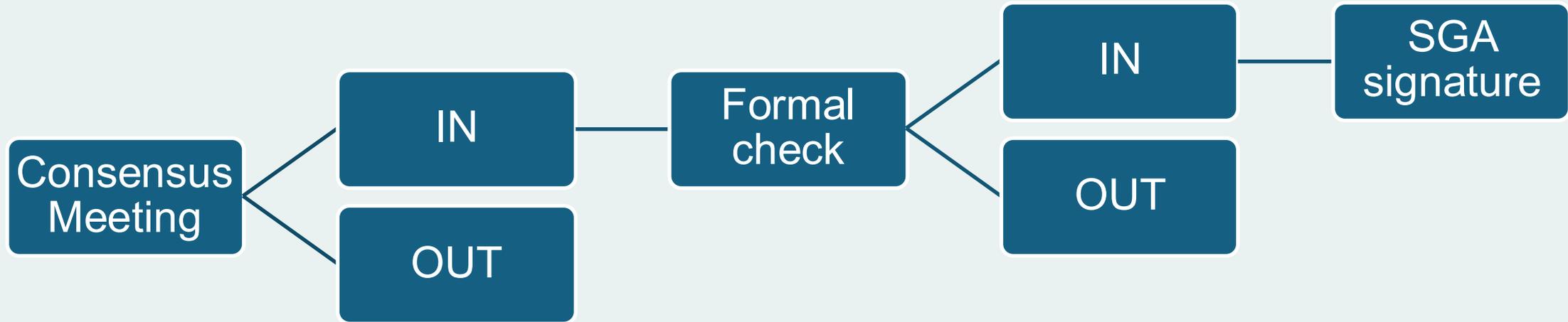
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Open Call closes on **29 May 2026, 14:00 Brussels Time**



Check how to perform self-assessment  [Webinar 2](#)

After Consensus Meeting



SGA signature = you officially become the beneficiary of BlueActionBANOS support programme; your project implementation officially starts

4.

Support programme structure: key stages and why it is important to start well

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First steps:

- **SGA signature**
- **Comprehensive needs assessment**
- **Online kick-off meeting**

Welcome to the programme

Project Overview: scope and timeline

Expected outcomes

Financial support available

Non-Financial Support Services

Individual Integrated Project Plan and Budget

Payments

Q&A



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Support programme – key stages:

Community-Led Actions

No	Stage	Stage duration	Deliverable
1	Individual Integrated Project Plan (IIPP)	M1 - M2	Completed IIPP
2	Mid-Term Review	M3 - M14	CLA Mid-Term Report
3	Final Review	M15 - M24	CLA Final Report

Transition Agendas

No	Stage	Stage duration	Deliverable
1	Individual Integrated Project Plan (IIPP)	M1 - M2	Completed IIPP
2	Mid-Term Review	M3 - M12	Transition Agenda Roadmap
3	Final Review	M13 - M18	Transition Agenda Implementation Report



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Key document:

Individual Integrated Project Plan (IIPP)

- **Milestone 1 deliverable** to be submitted by the end of month 2
- Binding **reference document** guiding further implementation
- Formulation of **KPIs, acceptance criteria and means of verification**
– **specific for your project needs**
- Individual technical assistance plan
- **Detailed budget estimate:**
 - Cost categories breakdown
 - Per project and per partner
- **Necessary to receive the 1st payment**



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5.

What's on offer: support available for CLAs and TA

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Financial support

The grant will be paid as a **lump sum***, in instalments.

***LUMP SUM:** Less focus on financial management, more on project performance

Budget = approximation of actual costs.

Payments are released against deliverables - **after approval and validation**

NEEDED for lump sum payments	NOT NEEDED for lump sum payments
<p>Any document proving that the work was done as detailed in the Individual Integrated Project Plan (IIPP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Technical documents•Reports•Deliverables•Who did what	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•time sheets•payslips•travel invoices•actual costs <p>* But we encourage to keep your records for 5-6 years after the BlueActionBANOS project ends, in case of any audit and/or investigation by the specific EC bodies</p>

Non-financial support

Technical Assistance

- Ongoing support and guidance through an individual technical assistance plan as part of the Individual Integrated Project Plan (IIPP)
- **Project Key Accounts (PKAs)**
 - **primary point of contact** for the supported projects
 - ensure that the IIPP is followed and executed effectively
 - troubleshooting assistance
 - identify and enlist specific technical experts whose skills and knowledge align with the project's objectives
 - **assessment of the performance** and quality of submitted deliverables
- Online consultations with technical experts – based on projects' specific needs expressed in the needs assessment

Knowledge Transfer

- Knowledge Transfer Packages for specific technical assistance needs
- Feedback consultations



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PROJECT KEY ACCOUNTS

follow projects one-to-one and act as door-openers to the following BAB Support Pathways:



Clustered around most pertinent

TOPICS/CHALLENGES

presented by CLAs/TAs

To provide collective support to individual Project Key Accounts

INDIVIDUAL

TE EXPERTS

provide individual counselling to individual CLAs/TAs



To support, advise, guide, provide additional input



To create business plans, feasibility studies, impacts and needs assessment

Individual CLAs/TAs present their

CHALLENGES

NEEDS /

of TE Experts

To gain access to broad range of networks and expertise



To gain multi-disciplinary perspective



NATIONAL CLUSTERS

of CLAs & TAs

present and discuss their solutions

To a relevant range of authorities / funders to ensure integrated approach



TOPICAL CLUSTERS

of CLAs & TAs present and

discuss their solutions

Together with relevant matching topical projects



To relevant public & private funders to ensure integrated long-term funding pathways



ONLINE PLATFORM

provided for CLAs & TAs

To create and foster ongoing support across communities



INDIVIDUAL MATCHMAKING

of CLAs/TAs to facilitate study visits,

twinning and peer-to-peer reviews within and beyond the BANOS area



TRANS-LIGHTHOUSE MATCHMAKING

webinars

to foster collaboration between funded actions from different basins



6.

Q&A

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Key requirements

1. **No Project Idea Form** -> no consultation

- > no Full Proposal -> no evaluation -> **no** 

2. **Deadline for Project Idea Form – 16 March 2026 17:00 Brussels Time**

3. **Schedule a consultation**

4. **Start working on the Full Proposal**

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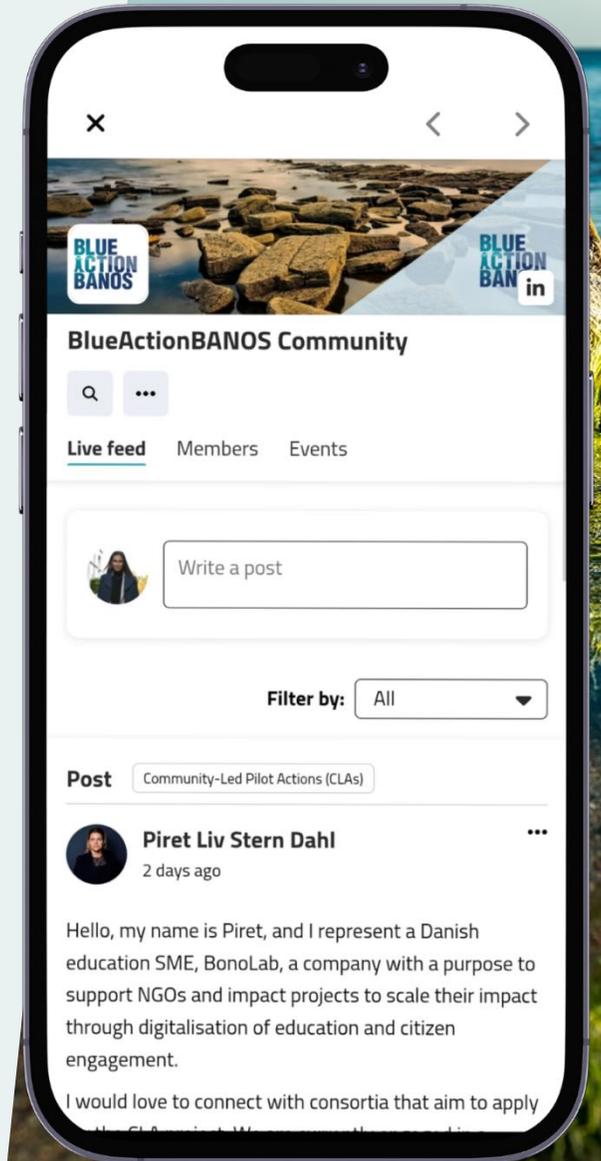
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Join our BlueActionBANOS Community on BlueBioMatch!

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

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