

EU Mission Ocean & Waters



Meeting etiquette

- A digital meeting – keep microphones muted
- During the presentation, ask your questions in the chat. We will bring them back up during the question section.
- The chat is only used for questions, not discussions, for respect of the speakers
- Use the "raise hand" function and consider turning on the camera when asking questions during the final section.
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Today's agenda

- 13:00 Introduction to EU Mission Ocean & Waters and coming calls
- 13:20 Conversation with Mission-projects BlueMissionBANOS and PROTECT BALTIC
- 13:35 Questions and answers
- 13:50 Closing



Horizon Europe is a
POLITICAL INSTRUMENT
where research and
innovation are needed to
achieve the defined priorities.



Mission areas

Missions are not only about R&I – focused on delivering a public good.

They are used to agree on a European level what we want to change and deliver it in society.

1



**Adaptation to
Climate Change,
including Societal
Transformation**

2



Cancer

3



**Healthy Oceans,
Seas, Coastal and
Inland Waters**

4



**Climate-Neutral and
Smart Cities**

5



**Soil Health and
Food**

EU Mission Restore our Ocean & Waters

The Missions will work towards meeting the following goals for 2030:

- **Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems** and biodiversity, in line with the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030
- **Prevent and eliminate pollution** of our ocean, seas and waters, in line with the EU Action Plan Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil
- **Make the sustainable blue economy carbon-neutral and circular**, in line with the proposed European Climate Law and the holistic vision enshrined in the Sustainable Blue Economy Strategy



Four basins with four "lighthouses"

These four basins were initially matched with one of the three mission goals.

However, this is less pronounced in the current phase of the mission implementation.

Entering an "upscaling phase" from 2025.



Activities in the mission

- Open calls in the EU Mission (WP25 open in May)
 - Cascade funding: Associated Regions (€100,000 to demonstrate a solution)
 - [Open Calls - Cascade Funding Hub](#)
- One "Lighthouse" per basin
 - [BlueMissionBANOS](#) for Baltic Ocean and Northern Sea
 - 4th Mission Arena (28-30 April)
- Mission Ocean & Waters Forum ([3-7 March](#), Brussels)
- Sign the [Mission Charter](#) (800+ actions listed)

Work Programme 2025: Mission Ocean & Waters

Call	Topic	# of projects	Total budget
2025-OCEAN-01	Blue Parks - Towards a coherent European network of strictly protected areas for restoring healthy and productive marine ecosystems	1	€5 million
2025-OCEAN-02	A toolbox for public authorities to address marine plastics and litter from river-to-ocean	4	€22 million
2025-OCEAN-03	Digital technologies and energy transition in fisheries and/or aquaculture	4	€23,5 million
2025-OCEAN-04	Restoring Ocean and Waters in Regions	1	€15 million
2025-OCEAN-05	Restoring Ocean and Waters in waterfront Cities and their Ports	1	€15 million
2025-OCEAN-06	Restoring Ocean and Waters on Islands	1	€13,5 million

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Call	Topic	# of projects	Total budget
2025-OCEAN-07	Mission Lighthouses coordination and support activities	4 (CSA)	€14,2 million
2025-OCEAN-08	EU Digital Twin Ocean: Contribution to the EU DTO core infrastructure through applications for sustainable ocean management	2	€12 million

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Relevant Partnerships & EIT-KICs

- [Water4All](#) (mostly fresh waters)
 - [Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership](#)
 - [Biodiversa+](#)
 - [Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport](#)
 - [EIT Water](#)
- Cluster 5 & 6 – Relevant calls

Conversation with mission participants

- Martin Sjöberg, IVL (BlueMissionBANOS)
- Estefania Cortez, Coalition Clean Baltic (Protect Baltic)

Support from Vinnova

- Contact your NCP
 - Jonathan Nylander, NCP EU Missions
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- Get e-mail updates regarding the EU Missions
- International planning grants for making a competitive proposal (next deadline is May 14th)

