

ÁREA: CIENCIAS SOCIALES Y HUMANIDADES

Opening date	Programme	Deadline date
28/09/2021	European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)	12/01/2022
Call	<b>Flagship projects promoting a sustainable blue economy through regional maritime cooperation in the Atlantic, the Black Sea and the Western Mediterranean (EMFAF-2021-PIA-FLAGSHIP)</b>	
Link	<a href="#">Call document</a>	
Budget (EUR) - Year : 2021	3 875 000 EUR	
Topic description	<p>In line with the priorities of the European Commission, this call topic aims to strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of the coastal and maritime tourism ecosystem in the Western Mediterranean, as part of a smart and resilient blue economy. This call topic aims at preserving the marine and coastal environment and marine cultural heritage, and contributing to the attractiveness of coastal areas as a unique asset for competitiveness in the Mediterranean.</p> <p>The action particularly aims at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Supporting tourism stakeholders to tap into the growing ecotourism niche tourism market.</li> <li>-Boosting innovation and digitalisation in the tourism sector, thus increasing its contribution to economic growth and jobs in the Mediterranean.</li> <li>-Improving the business environment for tourism SMEs, mobilising private-public investments, enhancing socio-economic and market intelligence, diversifying and increasing the visibility of the tourism offer and products.</li> </ul>	
Scope	<p>This call topic seeks to support projects that will develop a multidimensional and integrated approach to re-building coastal and maritime tourism (including cruise tourism) in the Western Mediterranean. Proposals will include non-EU countries participating in the initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the Western Mediterranean to ensure a coordinated approach at sea basin level.</p> <p>Proposals must address at least one of the following themes:</p> <p><b>1. Innovation in destination management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Strategic management of the destination with a long-term orientation and better addressing environmental and social sustainability at the destination level.</li> <li>-Creating value and making the destinations competitive and profitable, adjusted to the 'new normality' of the COVID era.</li> <li>-Conservation of cultural heritage and natural values.</li> <li>-Monitoring the competitiveness and sustainability of the destination.</li> </ul> <p>-Promoting synergies between tourism and other productive activities, notably through participation of governmental and other public bodies, trade associations, local government, businesses, citizen representatives, local communities, cultural associations, promotion agencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Effective marketing, including promoting cultural authenticity and natural assets.</li> <li>-Accelerating the digital transformation processes including tourism data management and digital skills.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Design of smart eco-tourism packages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Stimulating new business opportunities, which directly or indirectly support ecotourism product experiences in and around protected areas.</li> <li>-Reducing the ecological footprint and strengthening the circular economy approach – notably in coastal cities and on islands.</li> <li>-Strengthening destinations through the collaboration of local clusters.</li> <li>-Promoting less known areas and prolonging the tourist season.</li> <li>-Providing visitors with a high-quality experience.</li> <li>-Integrating different product components (e.g. accommodation, meals, activities, transport) and suppliers (tour operators, lodging, restaurants, canteens, etc.)</li> </ul>	

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Forthcoming	Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON) HORIZON-ERC-2022	13/01/2022
Call	<b>Proposals for ERC Starting Grant (ERC-2022-STG)</b>	
Link	<a href="#">Call</a>	
Who can apply	<p>Researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD (Extensions are possible under certain circumstances — see ERC Work Programme), a scientific track record showing great promise and an excellent research proposal</p> <p>Prospective applicants to the 2023 Starting and Consolidator Grant Calls should note that the ERC is aiming to change the PhD reference date for the calculation of the eligibility period from the date of the actual award according to the national rules of the country where the degree was awarded to the date of the successful PhD defence. Whenever the PhD certificate does not show the PhD defence date, applicants should provide a written confirmation from the awarding institution stating the said date. This change will bring both clarity to the prospective candidates and significant simplification to the eligibility process.</p>	
Budget	<p>Starting Grants may be awarded up to € 1.5 million for a period of 5 years. (pro rata for projects of shorter duration). However, an additional € 1 million can be made available to cover eligible "start-up" costs for researchers moving from a third country to the EU or an associated country and/or the purchase of major equipment and/or access to large facilities and/or other major experimental and field work costs.</p> <p>An ERC grant can cover up to 100% of the total eligible direct costs of the research plus a contribution of 25% of the total eligible costs towards indirect costs.</p>	
Topic description	<p>The ERC Starting Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are starting their own independent research team or programme. Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal.</p> <p><b>Profile of the ERC Starting Grant Principal Investigator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The Principal Investigators shall have been awarded their first PhD at least 2 and up to 7 years prior to 1 January 2022. Cut-off dates: PhD awarded from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019 (inclusive).</li> <li>-The eligibility period can be extended beyond 7 years in certain properly documented circumstances.</li> </ul> <p>A competitive Starting Grant Principal Investigator must have already shown the potential for research independence and evidence of maturity, for example by having produced at least one important publication as main author or without the participation of their PhD supervisor. Applicant Principal Investigators should also be able to demonstrate a promising track record of early achievements appropriate to their research field and career stage, including significant publications (as main author) in major international peer-reviewed multidisciplinary scientific journals, or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals of their respective field. They may also demonstrate a record of invited presentations in well-established international conferences, granted patents, awards, prizes, etc.</p>	
Further information	<p><b>Location</b> Research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation (known as a Host Institution/HI). It could be the HI where the applicant already works, or any other HI located in one of the EU Member States or Associated Countries</p> <p><b>Host Institution</b> Applications for an ERC grant must be submitted by a single Principal Investigator (PI) in conjunction with and on behalf of their Host Institution, called the applicant legal entity.</p> <p>Grants are awarded to the Host Institution with the explicit commitment that this institution offers appropriate conditions for the Principal Investigator independently to direct the research and manage its funding for the duration of the project.</p> <p>Any type of legal entity, including universities, research centres and undertakings can host the PI and his/her team. Legally the host institution must be based in one of the EU Member States, or one of the associated countries.</p> <p>The PI does not necessarily need to be working at the host institution at the time when the proposal is submitted. However, a mutual agreement and the host institution's commitment on how the relationship will be established are necessary, should the proposal be successful.</p>	