

ERA-NET BlueBio COFUND

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ERA-NET BlueBio COFUND OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The COFUND is the result of a collaboration between JPI Oceans and the former ERA-NETS COFASP and ERA MBT and consists of 27 partners from 16 countries.



**Open call for pre-proposals | ERA-NET BlueBio
COFUND**

Closing date for pre-proposals is March 18th 2019

From biomass | to products | to markets | to consumers

**The joint call on the Blue Bioeconomy is supported by
16 countries with a total budget of €29,25 million.**

In general projects should explore innovative, yet sustainable and climate-friendly utilisation of aquatic biomass at different trophic levels, as well as sustainable harvesting, and novel aquaculture production systems targeting a range of existing or new markets, new products (food, feed, chemistry, nutraceuticals, cosmetics, etc. applying a food first principle), etc. The aim is to create, test, upscale and bring to the market new knowledge-intensive products and services derived from a diversity of aquatic biomass. The aquatic biomass in question may have either marine or freshwater origin. Projects may also seek synergies with land-based production. Projects should describe which part of the value chain being focused and give an indication of the technology readiness level (TRL)

before and after the project. For projects that only focus on part of the value chain, impact and consequences of new methods or products should be considered in a wider value chain perspective.

An Animated Introduction to the BlueBioCofund



Priority areas:

- Priority area 1: Exploring new bio-resources
- Priority area 2: Exploring improvements in fisheries and aquaculture
- Priority area 3: Exploring synergies across sectors
- Priority area 4: Exploring Biotechnology and ICT

More information about the first call can be found [here](#).

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Kick-off Meeting and Brokerage Event in Oslo

A successful kick-off meeting for the BlueBio Cofund project was held in Oslo on the 29th of January. The project coordinator, Kristin Thorud from RCN (Research Council of Norway), led the meeting which was also hosted by the RCN.

The kick-off meeting was a perfect opportunity for all partners to meet and review the project objectives and the work plan, with a short overview on each work package. It

is safe to say that the project is off to a good start and all partners are looking forward to the next steps.



The Brokerage event took place the following day, on the 30th of January. This event presented the coming call and allowed participants to seek cooperation for potential applications to the BlueBio call. A webinar was held during the brokerage event where participants were able to ask questions during this session via an online platform.

[Streaming from the plenary sessions can be found here.](#)

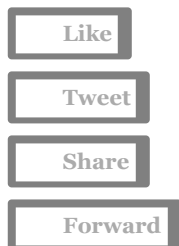


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