



BlueBio Cofund amplifies project reach and knowledge impact by funding 13 projects

Under the third and final additional call of the BlueBio Cofund, 13 projects were selected to amplify project reach and knowledge impact. The alternative funding approach we took in this call was the culmination of much discussion among partners. Consideration was given to the geopolitical landscape, funding commitments of partners, as well as developments under Horizon Europe such as the Partnership initiatives. But the primary reason we made this transition is because we wanted to support our funded projects to be more impactful.

Read about the 13 projects here:

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BlueBio end-term and mid-term meeting in Lisbon 6-7 June 2023

The BlueBio consortium, together with project coordinators of cofunded projects and those who coordinated projects from the 1st additional call met in Lisbon 6 – 7 June for an end-term and mid-term evaluation of the projects.

Experts attended the meetings and gave their remarks after each presentation. Altogether 29 funded projects

were presented and all presentations were well received.



Further information about the meetings

Successful training course in Bio-Refinery technologies on fishery side streams

3-days Advanced Training course in Bio-Refinery technologies on fishery side streams was held in NTNU – Department of Biological Sciences Ålesund, Norway on the 24 - 26 October.

23 researchers from all over the world (10 countries) came to learn about innovative methods for utilizing marine raw material and side streams for the production of high-quality products (marine oils, bioactive peptides, chitosan, etc.).

The advanced training course was organized as part of the work BlueBio is doing on building capacity in the European blue bioeconomy, facilitating synergies between funded BlueBio projects and creating closer ties in the network of people who work in the European blue bioeconomy.



Read all about the training course here:

**Training course in Bio-Refinery
technologies on fishery side streams**

Creating Connectivity And Synergy Between 3rd Additional Call Projects

The final cohort of BlueBio funded projects were kicked off on 2 and 8 November with two thematic meetings to facilitate knowledge sharing and synergy between projects.

The 13 selected projects are distributed among four areas: Dissemination of research and results (DISS), Training, exchange and capacity building (TECB), Business and commercialisation preparation (BCOM), and Mapping of relevant policy landscape (MPOL).

The interest from the projects, and the diversity of these amplification projects, clearly show that there is a need for this type of additional funding. It has a large potential to increase impact and should be adopted by more funding bodies.



Further information

Contributing to the Mission Arena for regional discourse on North and Baltic Seas

BlueBio engaged in the first Mission Arena in Gothenburg on 14-16 November and shared our experience as a network of R&I funders and with commercialization support of R&I projects.

The Mission Arena gathered some 500 participants from across the Baltic and North Sea regions for engaging discussions on how to pave the way for an innovative blue economy and contribute to the success of the Mission Ocean. JPI Oceans and the BlueBio ERA-Net were actively involved in the event as co-organiser of multiple workshops.

The BlueBio session entitled “From research solutions to disruptive innovation – tools and gaps,” addressed the gap between a “research project” and a “start-up,” seen from a research funder perspective (BlueBio), a venture capital perspective (BlueInvest, DG MARE), and a research-performing perspective (GU Ventures, Chalmers Innovationskontor and Innovatum Science Park).



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Further information

Published articles

Three new articles have been recently published:

The article: "**The case for change**" by Ingeborg Korme, coordinator, was published in the October 2023 issue of the Fish Farmer Magazine (page 56 - 58).

The article: "**The future is the blue bioeconomy**" by Ingeborg Korme, Majbritt Bolton-Warberg, Dennis Lisbjerg, from Blue Bioeconomy Cofund management, was published in the Eurofish magazine Issue 5, 2023.

The article: "**Unlocking the potential of aquatic bioresources**" by Ingeborg Korme, coordinator, was published in the November/December issue of the Eurofish magazine (page 29 - 31).

Read the articles, here:

The case for change

The future is the blue bioeconomy

Unlocking the potential of aquatic bioresources

The final meeting

The final meeting will be held in Brussels, in March 2024.
All further information can be found on the BlueBio
webpage, here:

The final meeting

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