



# EMFAF Call for projects Black Sea blue economy investment and innovation

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# Communication for a sustainable Blue Economy

## Setting a coherent and coordinated vision for blue economy: an Holistic approach

- ❑ Multi level and multi sector governance, **all players involved**
- ❑ Concrete **transformations directions**, mobilizing **policies and instruments**, **public and private initiatives**
- ❑ **Complementarity** with other important initiatives of the Commission
- ❑ Regional cooperation frameworks as the CMA **can function as pilot of this approach**



# European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund EMFAF

## Key policy areas

**Sustainable Blue Economy – Common Fisheries Policy – Maritime Policy – International Ocean Governance**

## 4 Priorities

- sustainable fisheries
- sustainable aquaculture
- **Enabling a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island/ inland areas**
- Strengthening international ocean governance

# From the approach to the action

- ❑ Open call for projects promoting **sustainable blue economy through regional maritime cooperation** in the Black Sea
- ❑ Support **blue economy entrepreneurship** capacity building pilots, bring together Black Sea blue economy stakeholders to identify and tackle local capacity building needs to boost **innovation, digitalisation and investment**
- ❑ **Traditional and emerging** blue economy sectors
- ❑ [All CMA countries are eligible](#)
- ❑ **Available budget: EUR 1 M** (between EUR 300 000 and EUR 500 000 per project)
- ❑ **Duration:** 24 to 36 months
- ❑ **Dead line for submission: 12/01/2022, 17.00 Brussels time**

# Focus on project partnership and expected impact

## □ Partnership

Mix of blue economy stakeholders ensuring a combination of competences

*(Non exhaustive example blue economy stakeholders: SMEs and Start-ups, chambers of commerce, research organisations, maritime clusters, business hubs/accelerators, financing bodies, etc.)*

## □ Expected impact

- Development of a **supportive regional Blue economy ecosystem** with durable partnerships/network of Blue economy stakeholders. New, applicable and replicable **methods/approaches**
- **Visibility/role** of financial/investment opportunities offered by, various public/private institutions.
- SMEs/start-ups **actively seeking** and applying for financial investment opportunities
- Capacity of SMEs and start-ups, research organisations, maritime clusters **to bring research and innovation results to the market.**

□ **Coordination** with Assistance Mechanism and NHs activities, Black Sea Virtual Knowledge Centre, Black Sea CONNECT, BlueInvest

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