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Online

Information Webinar on the Joint Call on Blue Carbon Ecosystems



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Aim and thematic priorities



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Aims of the call:

- Advance research on blue carbon ecosystems, with a focus on expanding knowledge, improving methodologies and measurement protocols, and identifying interventions to enhance their climate mitigation and adaptation potential.
- Contribute to a **comprehensive understanding of natural climate protection services**, enabling coordinated action across Member States, and supporting national, EU-level, and international policy formulation and implementation.



Aim and thematic priorities



- A. **Carbon stocks and fluxes** at local and regional scales, including the climate protection (or mitigation) impact of CO₂ and of the relevant non-CO₂ GHG emissions such as methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O).
- B. **Blue carbon ecosystems' resilience and vulnerability** to climate change impacts, eutrophication, dredging, trawling, tourism, and other anthropogenic pressures.
- C. **Effectiveness and scalability of blue carbon restoration and protection measures**, including Nature-based Solutions.



Aim and thematic priorities

- Funded projects are expected to **deliver knowledge** that contributes to :
 - Scientific data and model simulations on carbon and GHG fluxes
 - Standardised methodologies and intercalibration protocols
 - Policy- and management-relevant recommendations
 - Contributions to policy planning and reporting obligations
 - Knowledge products for use by national and regional authorities
- Proposals should:
 - Demonstrate relevance to international, European and/or national policy frameworks
 - Include plans for stakeholder engagement and knowledge transfer
 - Outline how results will support sustainable management

Eligibility criteria and national funding rules



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Proposals should:

- Address one or more of the themes
- Involve eligible research partners from at least **three participating countries** (Greece is not included in this condition)
- Be submitted by the set deadline, complete and in accordance with all requirements
- Align with the aims, scope and relevance criteria defined in the Call text
- Comply with the Do No Significant Harm Principle and ethics principles (see Annex 2)



Blue Carbon Call – Funding

Country	Funding Organisation	Total Maximum Budget
Ireland	Marine Institute (MI)	1,000,000 Euro
Norway	Research Council of Norway (RCN)	1,000,000 Euro
Germany	Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR)	1,500,000 Euro
Malta	Xjenza Malta (Science Malta)	150,000 Euro
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)	900,000 Euro
Canada	Marine Environmental Observation, Prediction and Response Network (MEOPAR)	1,200,000 Canadian Dollars
Greece	Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)	In-kind contribution including infrastructure sharing

Research partners eligible for funding

- Comply with **eligibility criteria** in the call text
- Comply with **eligibility criteria** specified by the respective funding partners must be met (**see Annex 1**).

Research partners ineligible for funding

- Research partners ineligible for funding (not eligible by the funding partners or from a country not represented in this Call) can participate in a project proposal if they provide **written proof that their part of the project will be covered independently of this Call (in-kind resources)**.
 - They cannot coordinate a project;
 - Their contribution to the project should not be critical;
 - If you plan to present a project that has field sites in areas outside of the funding countries, you will have to demonstrate how it aligns with and supports the overall priorities of the call.

Requirements

- The project duration is a **maximum of three years (36 months)**.
- Projects are expected to **start before 15 December 2026**.
- The maximum length of the proposal is **30 pages**.
- The language of the application is **English**.
- Applications must be submitted **electronically** by the project coordinator to the **Call Secretariat (Marine Institute)**, using the **official application form**.

Questions

- A researcher may serve as principal investigator on one consortium proposal and a co-investigator on another, provided budgets and time commitments are distinct
- There is no mechanism for PhD candidates or individuals to participate in the projects on their own: the research institutions as part of a project can hire a PhD candidate to work on the project.

Key dates and evaluation criteria



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Key dates:

- Launch of the Call: Tuesday 4 November 2025
- **Deadline for submitting proposals: Monday 2 March 2026 – 14:00 CET**
- End of peer-review process: Thursday 30 April 2026
- Inform positively ranked institutions: Thursday 07 May 2026
- Start of projects: before Tuesday 15 December 2026



Evaluation criteria

○ 1. Scientific quality (Threshold 3/5)

- Incl. coherence with the scientific objectives of the Call, sound concept and quality of objectives, innovation level and added value to European and international science-policy agendas

○ 2. Quality of applicants and suitability of the consortium (Threshold 3/5)

- Capacity, role, and complementarity of partners, and the extent to which the consortium, as a whole, demonstrates the necessary expertise and capability to deliver the proposed work
- Interdisciplinarity and, where relevant, cross-sectoral collaboration, and added value of working as a transnational consortium, appropriate considerations of equality, diversity and inclusion dimensions

○ 3. Impact and knowledge transfer (Threshold 3/5)

- Incl. outreach and dissemination plan; integration of stakeholder engagement activities; promoting activities for early career professionals or students; contributions of research outcomes to policy development and implementation

○ 4. Feasibility and applicability in relation to the Call objectives (Threshold 3/5)

- Incl. soundness of approach (work plan and methodology), feasibility and assessment of risks for deliverables and milestones, suitability and coherence of the budget request, management structure and procedure

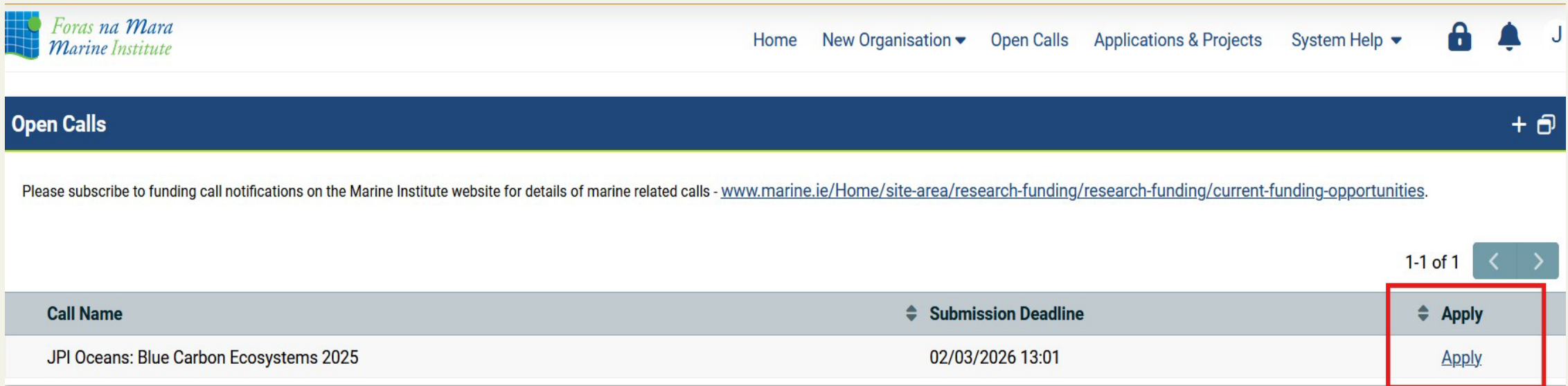
How to use the submission portal

rims.support@marine.ie



How to use the submission portal

- Project Co-ordinator register by emailing rim.support@marine.ie
- Login details and link to the grant management system emailed to Project Co-Ordinator
- Project Co-Ordinator – change password and MFA on initial login
- Open Calls – **JPI Oceans: Blue Carbon Ecosystems 2024** – Apply Button



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Open Calls

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Call Name	Submission Deadline	Apply
JPI Oceans: Blue Carbon Ecosystems 2025	02/03/2026 13:01	Apply

How to use the submission portal

- Onscreen call instructions includes link to download the Application Form
- Complete Application Form offline in consultation with project partners
- Project Co-ordinator upload completed Application Form to the relevant field on the online application and complete onscreen fields

The screenshot displays the 'Edit Project/Application' interface with the 'Summary' tab selected. The left sidebar contains a 'View' button and a navigation menu with 'Main' and 'Organisations Invol... 1'. The main content area contains the following fields:

- * Generative AI:** A dropdown menu set to 'No'.
- * Research Theme:** A dropdown menu set to 'Climate Change'.
- * Project Name:** A dropdown menu set to 'User Defined'.
- * Project Title:** A text input field containing 'Test Name for Blue Carbon Application'.
- Duration (Months):** An empty text input field.
- * Grant-Aid Requested (€):** An empty text input field.
- Total Project Cost (€):** An empty text input field.
- Grant-Aid Requested (%):** A text input field containing '100.00%'.
- * Project Statement:** A large text area containing 'Test application for JPI Oceans Blue Carbon Call'.

On the right side of the form, there are three informational fields:

- Reference Code:** A field with a question mark icon.
- Submission Number:** A field containing the value '6908' and a question mark icon.
- Submission Date:** A field with a question mark icon.

At the bottom right of the form, there are three buttons: 'Save Draft', 'Submit Application', and 'Delete'.

How to use the submission portal

- Add Partners including Lead Organisation
- Organisations Involved in the Project
- Find each Organisation and Select Partner Organisation Role and Add
- Click Partner Organisation Role
- Complete additional fields including contact names for each Partner Organisation



View


Home Main


Organisations Involv...

Edit Project/Application

Find Organisation

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-- Select Role --
Funding Organisation
Participant Organisation
Partner Organisation

Add Organisation

<input type="checkbox"/>	Organisation		Address	City	Role
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Galway	091 524411	University Road	Galway	<u>Partner Organisation</u>

How to use the submission portal

Submit the application when:

- Application Form is uploaded
- Onscreen Fields are complete
- Partner details are added

The screenshot displays the 'Foras na Mara Marine Institute' submission portal. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Home', 'New Organisation', 'Open Calls', and 'Applications & Projects'. A 'View' button is located below the logo. The left sidebar contains a 'Main' menu and a section for 'Organisations Involve...'. The main content area is titled 'Edit Project/Application' and features a 'Grant-Aid Requested (%)' field set to '100'. Below this is a large yellow text area for the 'Project Statement', which contains the text 'Test application for JPI Oceans Blue Carbon Call'. A word count of '292 words left' is shown at the bottom of this area. A section titled 'Submitted Documents' is expanded, showing an 'Application Form' field with an upload icon. At the bottom right, three buttons are visible: 'Save Draft', 'Submit Application' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Delete'.

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View

Main

Organisations Involve...

Edit Project/Application

Grant-Aid Requested (%): 100 ?

* Project Statement: Test application for JPI Oceans Blue Carbon Call ?

292 words left

Submitted Documents

* Application Form: ?

Save Draft Submit Application Delete

List of contact points & other contacts

- In case of questions on the call text, please contact JPI Oceans at gabrielle.aubert@jpi-oceans.eu
- In case of technical questions, please also contact the Call Secretariat at: rim.support@marine.ie
- In case of questions in relation to the national eligibility rules, please get in touch with the **relevant national contact point**:

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Q&A



Thank you for your attention

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