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## Background

The European Commission Mission on “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030” is designed to fulfil three interlinked and mutually supportive objectives:

- i) Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity;
- ii) Prevent and eliminate pollution of our ocean, seas and waters; and
- iii) Make the sustainable blue economy carbon neutral and circular”.

To this end, innovative solutions are requested at basin-scale to “foster a digital ocean and water knowledge system” and to “promote a participatory governance based on public mobilisation and engagement, empowering citizens to take action and drive the transitions through deliberative democracy, social innovation, citizen science and awareness campaigns”. These are to be implemented in two phases:

- ‘development and piloting phase’ (2021-2025) acting as lighthouses, and a  
‘deployment and upscaling’ phase (2026-2030).

## The BioProtect Project

Marine and coastal ecosystems, essential for human life and society, are threatened by multiple interacting pressures from human activities as well as climate change. The resulting habitat degradation and biodiversity loss can alter ecosystem functions and compromise ocean health and the capacity to provide vital ecosystem goods and services.

Despite some success stories, European policies for marine conservation fall short of being effective. Efforts to halt the loss of marine biodiversity are hampered by numerous factors such as:

- a) the lack of systematic procedures for the selection of conservation areas often leads to non-strategic marine spatial planning (MSP) that does not acknowledge the effects of climate change and ecosystem connectivity,
- b) incomplete knowledge of the scale and impact of pressures and threats from human activities precludes the restoration of past damage and reduction of future impacts to the marine environment, and
- c) limited participation of the public in the decision-making process compromises the implementation and effectiveness of conservation actions and efforts.

BioProtect has been designed to address these factors, to provide solutions to the challenge of marine biodiversity loss, and to reach the targets of the EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy, EU Arctic policy and EU Green deal. BioProtect will focus on the use of area-based management (ABM) approaches as the solutions to identify what to protect and understand what outcomes (environmental, biological, socio-economical) arise from such protection.

Specifically, the **"BioProtect Marine Planner"** allows users to:

- a) visualise the cumulative impact pressures from human activities in the marine environment and
- b) identify potential priority areas for conservation measures (e.g., through establishment of marine reserves or other effective area-based conservation measures).

This will be the core of BioProtect, with innovation coming from new tools and novel combinations of existing tools, methods and data at multiple spatial scales, from ocean basins to the local coastal community, emphasising strong involvement of stakeholders and the public.

To meet the goals of the Mission, BioProtect will work with other areas known as 'Associated regions'<sup>1</sup>. These regions have ecosystems that can benefit from the BioProtect demonstration activities, to showcase the feasibility, replicability and scale-up of the co-developed decision support tool within each demonstrator and/or the Lighthouse itself in other geographic locations, including the EU outermost regions.

This will involve the twinning of each Associated region with a similar demonstration site and the provision of technical advisory services necessary to ensure seamless platform utilisation, a comprehensive support package will be developed, including documentation, video tutorials, and user guides showcasing practical workflows with sample datasets. This will facilitate adoption in the Associated regions and beyond. The software will be in English language. All developed tools and restoration measures will be fully open, usable, and made applicable to the Associated regions.

By joining us as an Associated region, you will have the opportunity to access our expertise, knowledge, and tools to identify areas of high conservation value and maximise conservation goals whilst minimising the impact of human economic activities and serve as a conflict resolution tool and facilitate stakeholder engagement in relation to the marine spatial planning (MSP) process and the expansion of marine protected area (MPA) networks.

Selected 'Associated regions' will be effectively engaged, with strong cooperation focused on results. This partnership will promote the bidirectional transfer of knowledge and proactive engagement with local partners and stakeholders making the solutions more robust for broader replication in the second 'deployment and upscaling' phase of the implementation of Mission Ocean and Waters (2026-2030).

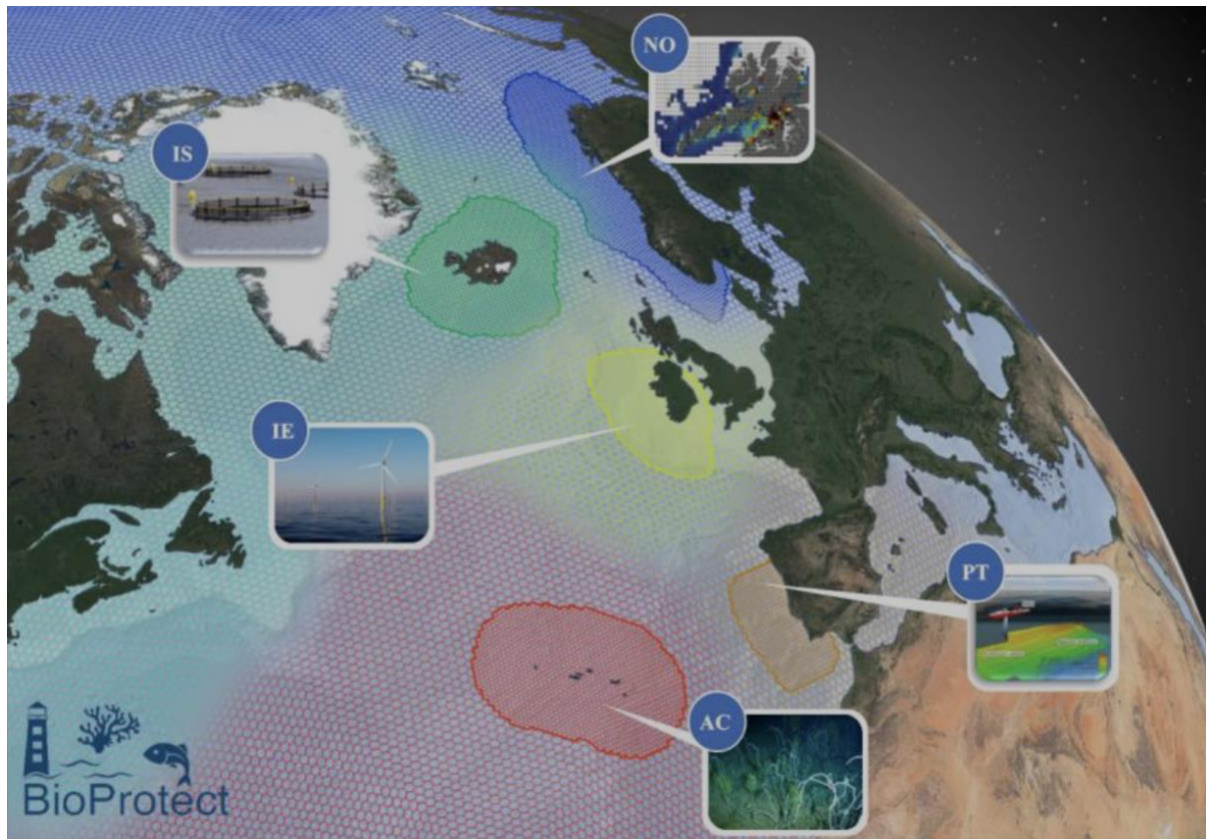
BioProtect will provide technical assistance to help these regions implement area-based management tools. These tools aim to reduce the impact of human activities, identify key areas for biodiversity conservation, manage and implement nature-

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<sup>1</sup> Associated regions are understood as "areas with similar ecosystems (e.g., neighbouring regions and/or regions in a different river basin) and/or less-developed regions, to build capacity to implement the innovative solutions."

The 'Associated regions' may be represented by (i) individual organisations or (ii) a consortium.

based solutions, protect biodiversity from climate change, and build resilience adapted to each region.



**Figure 1.** Map of the five BioProtect demonstration sites (NO - Norway, IS - Iceland, IE - Ireland, PT - Portugal, AC - Azores).

## Call for proposals

We are seeking 5 regions to receive grants of up to 100,000 EUR each and technical support to implement and enhance area-based management tools developed by the BioProtect project and tested in the [demonstration sites](#).

### Scope/objectives

BioProtect will collaborate with other Associated Regions facing similar challenges and are likely to benefit from the solutions that have been developed and tested in the demonstration sites. Associated Regions are described as: “areas with ecosystems that can benefit from the demonstration activities (e.g., neighbouring regions and/or regions in a different sea basin) and/or less-developed regions, with the need to build capacity to implement the innovative solutions to restore marine

ecosystems and biodiversity". The goal is to demonstrate the practicality, replicability, and scalability of the jointly created solutions in other sea basins with diverse geographic locations, including the European Union's outermost regions. BioProtect consortium will establish an administrative and financial framework to provide support to the chosen Associated Regions. This support will enable them, not only to closely monitor the activities of the demonstrators and co-develop the toolkits, but also to prepare for the potential replication of these solutions in their own ecosystems. This partnership will promote the proactive engagement with local partners and stakeholders, the bidirectional transfer of knowledge, and the provision of toolkits and technical assistance to build capacity for implementing restoration solutions tailored to their specific territories. Their participation will grant them access to innovative ideas, techniques, and results, ultimately fuelling their genuine motivation to plan and execute significant activities in the near future.

### **Objectives:**

#### **Augment the impact and increase the robustness and adaptability of the solutions to protect and restore biodiversity.**

- Improve the tools to protect and restore biodiversity.
- Gather feedback from regions to refine and strengthen these solutions.

### **Benefits**

- Access to the BioProtect management tools area-based management decision support framework, including including:
  - [BioProtect PPGIS Analyser](#)
  - [BioProtect CO2 Calculator](#)
  - [BioProtect Biodiversity Toolbox](#)
  - [BioProtect Marine Planner](#)
  - [BioProtect Area-based management decision support framework \(ABM-DSF\)](#)
  - [BioProtect Good Practice Recommendations on Improved Governance](#)
- Technical assistance, training, and documentation and additional resources to fill knowledge and skills gaps.

- Tools to help visualise impacts of human activities, identify conservation areas, and resolve conflicts in Marine Spatial Planning (MSP).
- Support in engaging stakeholders and expanding Marine Protected Area (MPA) networks.

- ***Expectations from the Associated Regions:***

Bidirectional involvement: Engage actively with the BioProtect project to enhance motivation for planning and implementing activities.

Community of Practice: Join the BioProtect Community of practice (CoP) to exchange experiences and best practices, ensuring sustainability and extension of the project's objectives beyond its duration.

Knowledge sharing: Bidirectional knowledge sharing. Continuously receive and share outcomes and knowledge from demonstrators and the Lighthouse, along with technical assistance to develop and test the ABM-DSF in their regions.

- ***Technical Assistance:***

Toolkit usage: Provide advisory services to use the toolkits effectively.

Capacity building: Help implement restoration solutions tailored to specific territories.

Replication support: Establish an administrative and financial framework to enable regions to co-develop the toolkits and prepare for potential replication of these solutions in their ecosystems.

- ***Benefits for Associated Regions:***

Access to innovation: Gain access to innovative tools, techniques, and results.

Local engagement: Promote proactive engagement with local partners and stakeholders.

Knowledge transfer: Facilitate the bidirectional transfer of knowledge.

Motivation for action: Fuel genuine motivation to plan and execute significant activities in the near future.

This partnership aims to demonstrate the practicality, replicability, and scalability of the solutions in diverse geographic locations.

## Expected results

In the short-term (within the 1st year after selection) we expect to ensure that, at each Associated Region, meaningful local appropriation of the solutions is thoroughly assessed, challenges and needs further studied/updated, local communities and/or stakeholders identified and engaged, and representative impact-driven restoration activities initiated in view of preliminary validation and rapid follow-up towards implementation.

In the medium-term (within the lifespan of BioProtect project) we expect that the actual restoration activities are implemented, with concrete results to add to the Atlantic and Arctic lighthouse catalogue of solutions during the “development and piloting phase 2022-2025” of the Mission Ocean and Waters. These solutions will contribute to and reinforce the ongoing development of the Atlantic and Arctic Lighthouse Innovation Ecosystem as part of the BlueMissionAA CSA.

In the long-term, beyond the lifespan of BioProtect project, solutions demonstrated and tested will reinforce the lighthouse preparedness for the ‘deployment and upscaling’ phase.

## Number of Associated Regions supported

The BioProtect consortium’s objective is to provide up to EUR 100,000 in financial assistance to five Associated Regions to showcase the feasibility, replicability and scalability of the solutions developed. They can be located in neighbouring areas of the Atlantic and Arctic Sea basins demonstration sites, in each of the other lighthouse sea basins of the Mission and the EU outermost or less-developed regions where capacity-building to implement innovative solutions for marine biodiversity and ecosystem restoration and conservation might be needed. Associated Regions must be situated within member states or associated countries that are distinct from those participating in the BioProtect consortium, and support may only be awarded to local and/or regional authorities from the Associated Regions.

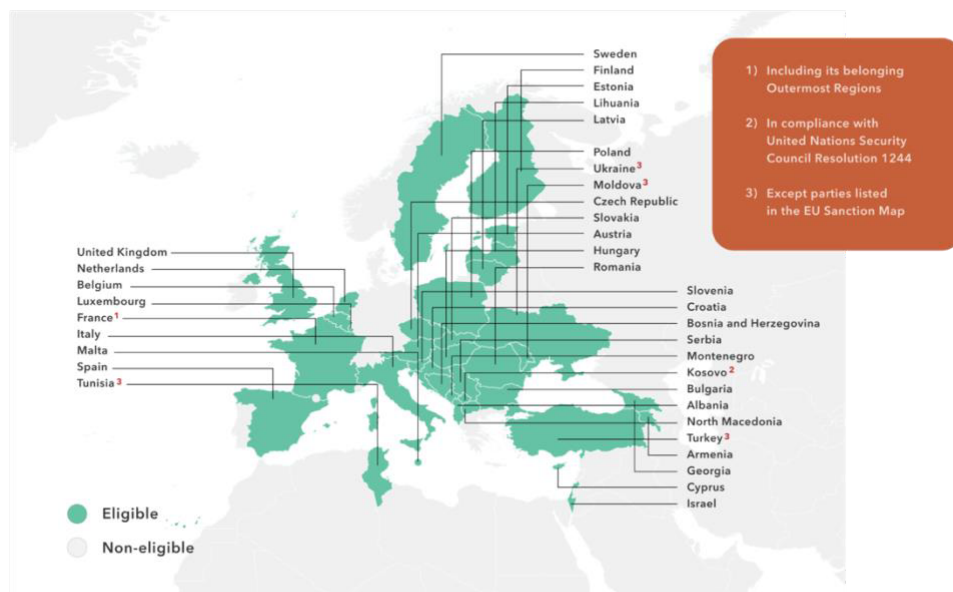
## Eligibility

### Who can apply?

- Eligible beneficiaries may only be local and /or regional authorities.



- Local and/or regional authorities from associated regions from [EU Member States](#), [EU overseas territories](#), and [associated countries](#) to the Horizon Europe Programme, other than those that are part of the project consortium.
- Any other type of third parties according to the Horizon Europe conditions like private for-profit organisations, higher education organisations or NGOs are not eligible.
- In addition, it must be ensured that participating facilities are registered at the Funding & Tenders portal and have a 9-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC).
- Entities subjected to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) are not eligible to participate as recipients of FSTP.



**Note that applicants from the following countries where a project partner of BioProtect is located are ineligible for this call i.e., Greece, Portugal, Germany, Ireland, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Iceland, and Norway, and are excluded from the list of potential beneficiaries.**

### Eligibility conditions:

- Associated Region will need to provide evidence that the areas to be associated have ecosystems that can benefit from the demonstration activities (e.g., neighbouring regions and/or regions in a different sea basin) and/or less-developed regions, with the need to build capacity to implement the innovative solutions to restore marine ecosystems;
- Applicants should have a good command of English, must be eligible for participation in the EC Horizon Europe Framework Programme, and must ensure the following obligations of the Grant Agreement, namely Articles 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (recordkeeping of the grant agreement also apply to the third parties receiving the support (recipients)). The beneficiaries must also ensure that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g., granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the recipients.

The selected beneficiaries commit to carry out the following activities in their role as an Associated Region to the BioProtect project:

- Participation in workshops and meetings in the scope of BioProtect training activities and capacity building sessions);
- Participation in developing MSP and/or MPA plans;
- Interact with local stakeholders, in an area-based management approach, to reduce pressures on marine biodiversity and to restore and protect ecosystems in the replication area(s);
- Providing feedback on the use of area-based management tools, e.g., the BioProtect Marine Planner;

Each Associated Region “can only benefit once from the Financial Support to Third Parties provided under this call”. In other words, an Associated Region cannot submit multiple applications.

### Process:

- Each selected region will be paired with a demonstration site.
- The technical assistance to the ‘associated regions’ will include advice to prepare roadmaps, plans and projects to restore marine ecosystems and biodiversity in the associated regions, to address possible barriers and show the feasibility of implementing innovative solutions for socio-

economic transition processes in an ecosystem based and circular economy perspective.

- Comprehensive support package will be provided, including tutorials and user guides.

### **Commitment:**

- Associated regions to provide feedback to improve the BioProtect tools.
- Associated regions to collaborate on enhancing solutions for broader application.
- Associated regions to engage the relevant local stakeholders to co-evaluate the success of the solutions.

### **How to Apply:**

Join us to gain expertise and tools to identify high-value conservation areas, balance conservation with economic activities, and support the Marine Spatial Planning process and work towards achieving the Nature Restoration Law targets.

### **Amount of financial support for each third party**

The maximum amount of financial support for each third party is set to EUR 100,000 in the form of grants. If not, all criteria are met (at candidature) during the evaluation, a lower amount may apply, accordingly with the established criteria. If all the criteria are met and the amount requested by the Associated Regions is higher than EUR 100,000, the maximum value of EUR 100,000 will apply for the financial support. No eligibility for higher amount nor complementary funding (e.g., travel arrangements to participate in meetings) will be considered.

### **Criteria for calculating the exact amount of the financial support**

Proposals eligible for financial support will be evaluated for the exact amount of each grant for each Associated Region based on four criteria:

#### **At proposal stage (same criteria used for ranking and selection):**

**Criterion #1 (C#1):** Degree of complementarity and/or synergy with BioProtect demonstration sites and scope;

Criterion #2 (C#2): Quality and credibility of the proposed activities by the candidate (a) individual authority, or (b) consortium;

Criterion #3 (C#3): Evidence for the value for the money of the proposed actions.

**At the end of participation in the project (end of the activities):**

Criterion #4 (C#4): The degree and quality of completion of tasks upon selection and engagement in BioProtect.

All criteria are to be scored 1 to 5 with possibility of “half-points”.

**Scoring system for evaluating a project proposal\*:**

\*\*\*\*\* 5 - Excellent

The proposal is exceptionally well-thought-out, highly detailed, and clearly demonstrates feasibility and innovation.

\*\*\*\* 4 - Good

The proposal is clear, detailed, and feasible, with only minor areas needing clarification or improvement.

\*\*\* 3 - Satisfactory

The proposal is adequate, addressing the main points but lacking depth or thoroughness in certain areas.

\*\* 2 - Below Average

The proposal is incomplete or lacks clarity, with several weak points that raise concerns about feasibility.

\* 1 - Poor

The proposal is poorly structured, lacks detail, and fails to demonstrate feasibility or relevance.

At the call stage, the criteria C#1, C#2 and C#3 will be used to score and rank proposals for selection but also for the financial support threshold definition, according to the following rule:

$$\text{PROPOSAL SCORE} = \text{C\#1} \times \frac{(\text{C\#2} \times 1,3) + (\text{C\#3} \times 2)}{3,3}$$

Minimum thresholds: C#1: 3; C#2: 3; Overall threshold: 3.

The initial exact amount of financial support to third parties will, then be calculated as follows:

The PROPOSAL SCORE will be approximated to the “half point”. If below 3, the proposal and the candidate are not eligible for financial support. For PROPOSAL SCORE above threshold:

<b>Proposal score</b>	<b>Maximum financial support</b>
3.0	75% of EUR 100,000 or 75% of the amount requested by the applicant, whichever the lowest.
3.5	85% of EUR 100,000 or 85% of the amount requested by the applicant, whichever the lowest.
4.0 or above	100% of EUR 100,000 or 100% of the amount requested by the applicant, whichever the lowest.

The first payment will be done when the evaluation is finished, the exact amount of grant has been calculated and the financial support to third parties (FSTP) grant is signed.

### **Final payment**

The final payment will be corrected upon evaluation and scoring of criterion C#4. If not all criteria are met during the evaluation, a lower amount may apply, accordingly with the established criteria. The final payment will be done when the final evaluation is finished, and the exact amount of the final payment has been calculated.

<b>C#4 SCORE</b>	<b>FINAL payment</b>
Below 3.0	Final payment suspended. Corrective actions to ask. If not resolved, payment is cancelled.
3.0	75% of amount due in the final payment.
3.5 or above	100% of amount due in the final payment.

The financial support to the selected and engaged third parties will be provided in two separate payments:

- First payment: 60% of the contracted/agreed total grant by the signature of the formal agreement.
- Final payment: up to 40% of the contracted/agreed total grant upon completion, delivery and validation of the due report on the activities performed (final payment).

### **Different types of activity that qualify for financial support**

The Associated Regions are entitled and invited to promote and realise the following types of activities:

- Desktop research
- Stakeholder engagement
- Toolkit evaluation
- Travels (within the scope of BioProtect training activities and capacity building sessions)
- Organisation of meetings, events and workshops
- Preparatory activities
- Field work (in-situ)
- Preparation of report

All activities that will be described in the proposal (if scored above threshold), together with those arising from the interaction with the BioProtect consortium will be considered eligible for financial support within the maximum amount of financial support.

## Criteria for giving financial support

<b>Eligibility conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas with ecosystems that can benefit from the demonstration activities (e.g., neighbouring regions and/or regions in different sea basin) and/or less-developed regions, with the need to build capacity to implement the innovative solutions to restore marine ecosystems.</li> <li>• Representatives of the "local ecosystem" must be demonstrated accordingly.</li> <li>• Location of the Associated Regions in member states/associated countries other than those that are part of the project consortium.</li> <li>• Support to third parties may only be awarded to local and/or regional authorities from Associated Regions.</li> </ul>
<b>Selection criteria</b>	<p>At the call stage, the criteria C#1, C#2, and C#3 (described above) will be used to score and rank proposals for selection, according to the following rule:</p> $\text{PROPOSAL SCORE} = C1 \times \frac{(C2 \times 1,3) + (C3 \times 2)}{3,3}$ <p>Minimum thresholds: C1: 3; C2: 3; Overall threshold: 3.</p> <p>The sub-criteria will be refined and specified in greater detail as part of the call for proposals' preparation process. This will include a clear matrix that provides additional information on eligibility and scoring definitions, and it will be made available alongside the call documentation.</p> <p>The total number of Associated Regions is 5 (five).</p>
<b>Other conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The beneficiaries must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the Agreement could be compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other direct or indirect interest ('conflict of interests').</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parties must keep confidential any data, documents or other material (in any form) that is identified as sensitive in writing ('sensitive information').</li> <li>• The action must be carried out in line with the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical principles. The beneficiaries must commit to and ensure the respect of basic EU values (such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).</li> </ul>
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### Contingency plan

In case of low number of applicants, or lack of representativeness of the Atlantic and Arctic Sea basins and outermost or less-developed regions, or scores are below the overall threshold: 3 (Low risk, but Hight impact), the BioProtect consortium will immediately relaunch the call and increase the efforts in communication and dissemination as many times as needed to select the five adequate regions.

## Application process

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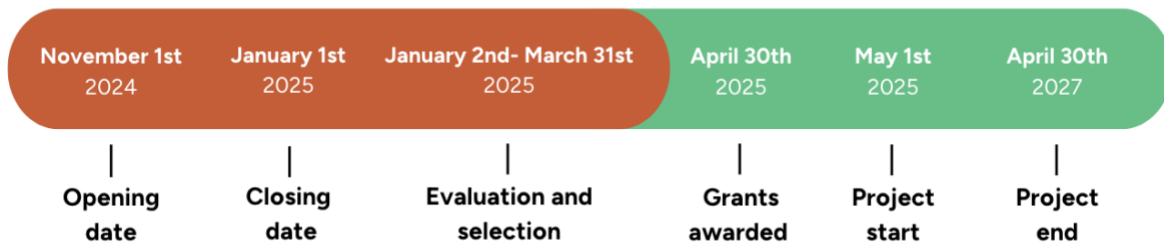
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### Single stage submission

Proposals need to be submitted through this link [<https://forms.office.com/e/8sLPby2Rjx>]. Proposals submitted by any other means, will not be admitted. Submission language must be English, and budget monetary values in Euros.

## Timeline





**Evaluation and selection:** 1 January - 31 March, 2025

**Granting of winning proposals completed:** 30 April 2025

**Project implementation:** 1 May 2025

**Project end:** 30 April 2027

**Duration:** The procedure will have the following phases:

- The evaluation panel will consist of the demonstration site leaders, AIRC, ICES and a member of the external advisory group (M7-M9 (January-March 2025)).
- Selection of the Associated Regions, to benefit from the Financial Support to Third Parties (M10-M11 (March-April 2025)) by the project management group based on review from the evaluation panel.
- Communication of the results and negotiation (M11- end of April 2025).
- Formal agreement signed with Associated Regions (M12 - May 2025) (Milestone MS4).
- Sharing of the solutions of the demonstration sites as well as the toolkits with the Associated Regions (M12-M34 (May 2025- March 2027)).
- Provisioning of technical assistance to build capacity and to implement restoration solutions in the Associated Regions that contribute to achieving the Mission Ocean and Waters objectives (M13-M34 (June 2025-April 2026)).
- Report back from Associated Regions on data sets and information with integrated data set due in M29 (October 2026) (Milestone MS12).
- Integrate and showcase the Associated Regions opportunities and roadmaps in the final BioProtect event(s) (M24-M42 (May 2026 - October 2027)).

## Assessment process

At the call stage, the criterions C#1, C#2 and C#3 (described above) will be used to score and rank proposals for selection, according to the following rule:

$$\text{PROPOSAL SCORE} = \text{C\#1} \times \frac{(\text{C\#2} \times 1,3) + (\text{C\#3} \times 2)}{3,3}$$

Minimum thresholds: C#1: 3; C#2: 3; Overall threshold: 3.

The exact number of 'Associated Regions' selected will be decided based on the overall budget available for the Third Parties funding and the amount of budget needed for each one of the replication activities, with a maximum value of EUR 100,000 per Associated Region.

Each proposal will be evaluated by demonstration site leaders, AIRC, ICES and a member of the external advisory group. The external advisory expert will be independent from the applicants and cannot be consortium partners employees, permanent collaborators nor board members. External experts must ratify the "Confidentiality statement" and the 'Non-conflict of interests' before starting the evaluations.

- EXCELLENCE will evaluate how the potential Associated Regions propose to apply the BioProtect tools in the respective replication areas.
- IMPACT will analyse the overall expected socio-ecological impact of the upscaling of area-based management tools in the given Associated Region by identifying key performance indicators in short and long term.
- IMPLEMENTATION will consider the applications description of plans for interaction and co-creation processes with the BioProtect consortium and Community of Practice. This includes knowledge sharing following a participatory approach and participation in the development of blueprints for upscaling of the validated methods and technologies. It will also consider the likelihood of successful upscaling in the given region based on the elaboration on local constraints and opportunities identified by the applicants.

## Evaluation of applications and identification of possible Associated Regions to benefit from the funding

The consensus meeting will include one BioProtect external advisory group (EAG) member, AIRC, ICES, and demonstration site leaders who evaluated the proposals as well as the BioProtect coordinator. The consensus meeting will decide on a list of

third parties that will receive funding based on the ranking list from the evaluation. Whilst normally the highest ranked proposals will be selected for funding, the panel member board might have fair reasons for objecting to a specific third-party project, like the alignment with BioProtect goals and scope, the ability to achieve the highest impact possible, as well as the existence of significant ethical concerns or a potential conflict of interest. In this case, the choice may pass to the next-ranked proposal. The European Commission must approve the list of projects receiving funding before the name and locality of the awarded applicants will be made publicly available through the BioProtect website, the call platform and BioProtect social media channels.

### **Privacy**

Personal data will be collected, processed and published in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679, also known as GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).

### **Contact**

[grants@bioprotect-project.eu](mailto:grants@bioprotect-project.eu)

## Annex 1 Call for Associated Regions - Application Form

<b>Contracting institution (list if more than 1)</b>	Name
<b>Type of organisation</b>	
<b>Address of contracting institution</b>	
<b>Name of the person representing the contracting institution</b>	
<b>Function (title) of the person representing the contracting institution</b>	
<b>Telephone number of the person representing the contracting institution</b>	
<b>Email of the person representing the contracting institution</b>	
<b>Address of the person representing the contracting institution</b>	
<b>Title of your planned action</b>	Please describe in 150 characters or less
<b>Location of your Associated Region</b>	Country Region/Province/county Municipality
<b>Name and surname, function and contact details of the official who authorised this application (if different from above)</b>	
<b>Website (optional)</b>	

### INTRODUCTION

<b>Excellence, background, and ambition</b>	Please clearly define the challenge in your Associated Region and why you believe that your team and the
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	selected coastal ecosystem could support the goals of the EU Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters" reflecting the objectives of BioProtect; and why you wish to join the BioProtect project.
<b>BioProtect demonstration site(s) related to your replication (tick all that apply):</b>	Choose one or more demonstration site related to your replication:  <input type="checkbox"/> DS: ICELAND  <input type="checkbox"/> DS: IRELAND  <input type="checkbox"/> DS: NORWAY  <input type="checkbox"/> DS: PORTUGAL NORTHWEST MARGIN  <input type="checkbox"/> DS: PORTUGAL AZORES
Please clearly describe which habitats and species will be restored and protected? - e.g., by bullet-points	
<b>Area-based management solutions to be used related to your replication (tick all that apply):</b>	Pick one or more solutions:  <input type="checkbox"/> PPGIS Analyser  <input type="checkbox"/> CO2 Calculator  <input type="checkbox"/> BioProtect ABM-DSF  <input type="checkbox"/> BioProtect Biodiversity Toolbox  <input type="checkbox"/> BioProtect Marine Planner  <input type="checkbox"/> Good practice recommendation on improved governance
<b>Activities to be conducted (tick all that apply):</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring of biodiversity with video tools (PT)  <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic analyses of underwater imagery (IS, PT)  <input type="checkbox"/> Analysing of socio-economic impact (IS, IE, NO, PT)  <input type="checkbox"/> Doing multi-stressors experiments simulate the effects of climate change scenarios (AC)

	<input type="checkbox"/> Public participatory mapping/LEK (IS, IE, NO, PT) <input type="checkbox"/> Analysing ecosystem effects of MSPs and OREs (IS, IE) <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of ecological corridors (NO) <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen science eDNA sampling (IS) <input type="checkbox"/> Sampling and metabarcoding of eDNA (IS, PT) <input type="checkbox"/> Forecasting climate change effects and climate refugia (AC, IS, PT) <input type="checkbox"/> Deploying multi-scale SCP (IS, IE) <input type="checkbox"/> Co-design of "BioProtect Marine Planner" (IE, NO) <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluating CO <sub>2</sub> emissions of fishing vessels (IS, NO)
<b>Based on the activities ticked above please tick activities to be performed</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Desktop research <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Toolkit evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Travels (within the scope of BioProtect training activities and capacity building sessions) <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation of meetings, events and workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Preparatory activities <input type="checkbox"/> Field work (in-situ) <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of report
<b>Please elaborate on the activities ticked above on the Area-based Management solutions to be implemented</b>	
<b>Project implementation and budget justification</b>	Provide budget costs for each activity ticked justifying the requested funding.
<b>Project consortium</b>	Please describe the consortium, if applicable, clearly stating what type of entity each partner is.

<b>Infrastructures and funding</b>	
Please indicate Associated region partners expertise, Infrastructures and Funding currently available to implement activities and Stakeholders/partners to be potentially involved in these actions	
<b>Associated region partners expertise</b>	
<b>Infrastructures</b>	
<b>Funding (please indicate funding available, if applicable)</b>	
<b>Stakeholders/partners</b>	

## BUDGET

Please indicate your planned budget (max. total EUR 100,000.00). Only actual costs incurred by the recipients when implementing the supported activities will be reimbursed.

<b>Personnel costs (€)</b>	<b>Purchase costs - Travel &amp; subsistence (€)</b>	<b>Purchase costs - Equipment (€)</b>	<b>Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services (€)</b>	<b>Indirect costs (€)</b>	<b>Total grant amount (€) (max. €100,000)</b>

## IMPACT

**What is the expected impact at the Associated Region from joining BioProtect, implementing the ABM-DSF, using the solutions, receiving technical advice and user manuals and guidelines.**

**What are the planned communication and dissemination actions to maximise the impact? Please justify (max 3000 characters)**

## CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

I accept all the conditions of the programme. Yes

I accept that the information provided and submitted in this proposal can be shared by AIR Centre with the BioProtect project consortium for the purposes of managing the programme. Yes

I accept the data privacy policies described in the BioProtect Open Call guidelines for applicants. Yes

I confirm that I have reviewed and accepted the terms and conditions of the BioProtect Open Call, as presented in the Open Call guidelines for applicants. Yes

I confirm that all information provided in this proposal, including in the attached documents and annexes, is true and correct. Yes

By submitting this form, you give your express consent to participate in the BioProtect Associated Regions call and rules.

I HAVE READ and GIVE MY EXPRESS CONSENT to the processing of my personal data, as described in the Privacy statement (please see next section on Privacy statement)

Signature:

Place:

Date:



## Privacy Statement

### **Privacy Policy**

#### Privacy Statement

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