

BLUE ACTION BANOS

EMPOWERING
SUSTAINABLE TRANSITIONS FOR
BALTIC & NORTH SEA BLUE
COMMUNITIES

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Agenda

- 1.) Vision och mål för BlueActionBANOS och Mission Ocean
- 2.) Typer av projekt och aktiviteter som är berättigade till finansiellt stöd
- 3.) Ansöknings- och utvärderingsprocess
- 4.) Viktiga krav för framgångsrika ansökningar
- 5.) Frågor och svar (Q&A)



1.

Vision & Objectives of BlueActionBANOS and Mission Ocean

An underwater photograph showing a school of small fish swimming over a dense bed of green seagrass. Sunlight rays penetrate the water from the top right, creating a bright, hazy effect. The overall color palette is dominated by blues and greens.

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Project Facts

- **18** Project Partners
- **11** Countries
- **48** Months (September '25 – August '29)
- **12.4** Million EUR Budget (Horizon Europe Programme)
- Coordinated by SUBMARINER Network For Blue Growth EEIG



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Netherlands



Norway



Sweden



Finland



Belgium



Latvia



Coordination



Estonia



Lithuania



Denmark



Germany



Poland



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BlueActionBANOS & Mission Ocean

Four-year project part of the EU Mission *Restore Our Ocean and Waters*.
To **restore, protect, and preserve** the health of our ocean, seas, and inland waters by 2030.

Protect and restore marine
and freshwater
ecosystems and
biodiversity.

Prevent and eliminate
pollution of our oceans,
seas, and waters.

Make the sustainable blue
economy carbon-neutral
and circular.

Digital Ocean and Waters
Knowledge system

Public mobilization and
engagement



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MISSION LIGHTHOUSES

Mission lighthouses are sites to test, demonstrate, and deploy the Mission activities across EU seas and river basins.

They try out new ideas and involve local businesses and people in the process.



EU MISSIONS

RESTORE OUR OCEAN & WATERS



ATLANTIC - ARCTIC



BALTIC & NORTH SEA



DANUBE-BLACK SEA



MEDITERRANEAN





BANOS: BAltic and **NO**rth Sea

PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT AND PILOTING 2022-2025

Research and innovation activities lay the foundations for implementing the three Mission objectives and enabling actions, paving the way to further citizens participation and engagement.

PHASE 2 DEPLOYMENT AND UPSCALING 2026-2030

The solutions will be further deployed, replicated and scaled up. Activities aim at supporting transformative and innovative solutions to be demonstrated in view of their deployment.

Mission Ocean and Project Objectives

- Aligned with **the EU Mission “Restore Our Ocean and Waters by 2030”** and the European Green Deal.
- To deliver and support measurable contributions to:
 - Biodiversity conservation
 - Pollution reduction
 - The transition to a climate-neutral, sustainable blue economy
- To facilitate the transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of Mission Ocean in the BANOS Lighthouse Area:
 - Scaling up solutions piloted in the early stages
 - Deploying them across a broader set of contexts and regions



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Mobilise & empower diverse communities of actors with **practical, easily accessible support** to implement **innovative, high-impact actions** to restore our ocean, seas and waters.

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BlueActionBANOS: Vision

Provide **targeted financial assistance**, **technical guidance**, and **strategic knowledge-sharing** to support the scale-up and deployment of Mission Ocean solutions within the **Baltic and North Sea Lighthouse Area**.

Community-Led
Actions



Transition
Agendas



Technical Assistance &
Knowledge-Sharing

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2.

Types of Projects and Activities Eligible for Financial Support (IVL)


Ansvarig partner för finansieringssupport och information om
ansökningar:


A black and white photograph of two people walking away from the camera on a sandy beach path. They are carrying shopping bags. In the background, there is a flagpole with a flag and some coastal vegetation.

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Community-Led Actions

 Initiatives led by **area-based or interest-based stakeholder groups within Baltic and North Sea (BANOS) countries that contribute to Mission Ocean and Waters objectives**

 Impactful solutions that are innovative for their community, presenting **participatory approach that empowers local stakeholders**, builds on their local know-how and application of sustainable practices, and **encourages their long-term commitment to Mission Ocean and Waters objectives.**

 Eligible applicants are **consortia of 2 to 12 entities** registered in one or more BANOS countries

 Grants of up to **EUR 2M per Community-Led Action**, and **up to EUR 500k per one entity**

 Duration of support programme: up to 24 months

Lokala aktörer/intressent-grupper som gemensamt implementerar lösningar


Lösningar som bidrar till en omställning inom Missions målen, är lokalt förankrade, ökar deltagandet


2-12 partners, max 24 månader,
upp till 2 miljoner Euro, max 500 000 Euro per partner


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Transition Agendas

 Development of **strategic roadmaps for sustainable systemic shifts, targeting Mission Ocean and Waters objectives in the Baltic and North Sea.**

 Projects will develop **multi-year plans** for goals that support Mission Ocean and Waters objectives.

 Eligible applicants are **individual entities or consortia of up to 3 entities** registered in one or more BANOS countries

 Grants of up to EUR **100k per Transition Agenda**, and **up to EUR 60k per one entity**

 Duration of support programme: up to 18 months

Omställningsagendor, färdplaner som bidrar till missions målen.

1-3 aktörer, max 18 månader, upp till 100 000 Euro max 60 000 Euro per aktör.

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Basic rules

- Goals aligned with **Mission Ocean objectives**
- Applicants must be established in a **BANOS** country that is a Member State or Associated Country to Horizon Europe.
- Proposals may concern actions in one BANOS country or several BANOS countries
- **Impact** of proposed projects **must be within BANOS area**

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Eligible applicants

Types of actors

- Regional and local **authorities**
- **NGOs, foundations, professional associations**, and other entities engaged in **local development and nature conservation activities**
- **Educational establishments**
- **Locally based companies** (provided this is not in conflict with the State Aid rules)
- **Research performing organisations**

Communities

Ports (including inland ports) -
Islands -
Fishing communities, aquaculture producers and other representatives of blue economy -
Operators of various vessels -
Local Action Groups described by the Community-Led Local Development strategies -
Waterfront cities or regions / communities (avoiding overlaps with Cities' Mission) -
Conservation communities -
Representatives of the **tourism sector** -
Maritime infrastructure operators (incl. offshore platforms and their operators) -

Check Open Call Terms&Conditions 🖱️ <https://blueactionbanos.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/>

Activities eligible for financial support

Community-Led Actions	Transition Agendas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Re-naturalising coastal zones and reducing artificial surfaces within and around port areas.● Introducing nature-based solutions within port and coastal environments.● Establishing protected areas or restoring natural ecosystems in riverine, lacustrine and marine coastal areas and ports.● Designing and deploying solutions that enhance coastal and riverine resilience to sea level rise and extreme weather events.● Supporting spatial and temporal management of coastal and fisheries activities to reduce ecosystem pressure.● Promoting nature-based infrastructure to buffer coastal communities against climate-related risks.● Supporting local initiatives for ecosystem-based planning and stakeholder-led resource management.● Supporting sustainable blue tourism practices, especially from a multi-use perspective.● ... 21 items more!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Developing integrated strategies for decarbonising coastal and port areas, combining renewable energy deployment, clean fuel adoption, and electrification of port operations. Plans should include stakeholder dialogues, policy mapping, and investment pathways.● Coordinating multi-stakeholder decarbonisation roadmaps for maritime, riverine, and hinterland logistics, including modal shifts, port-hinterland electrification, and collaboration across the transport chain to reduce emissions and improve efficiency.● Designing multi-annual action plans for circular blue economy practices, including roadmaps for zero-waste seafood processing, innovative blue bioproduct valorisation, smart waste reuse systems, or closed-loop supply chains.● Developing multi-annual action plans for sustainable blue tourism, combining tourism with nature restoration, sustainable fishing and aquaculture practices, and other relevant sectors.● ... 14 items more!

FULL LIST

OC Terms&Conditions, **Annex I**  <https://blueactionbanos.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/>

We will also provide:

**Networking and
collaboration**



**Further financing
opportunities**



**Monitoring &
evaluation**

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3.

Application and Selection Process

A black and white photograph showing two people from behind, walking away on a sandy path. They are carrying shopping bags, suggesting they have been to a store. The path is flanked by dry, scrubby vegetation. In the distance, a flagpole with a flag is visible against a light sky.

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How to Apply

Only projects that submit the Project Idea Form and go through the individual consultation will be invited to submit a full proposal.

The Project Idea Form must be submitted by 16 March 2026, 17:00 CET. We reserve the right to contact and consult only those applicants who submit complete and full information in the Project Idea form. While submitting the Project Idea Form and undergoing the consultation are mandatory steps, these are not subject to evaluation. We will evaluate only complete full proposals that were submitted via official tools within the indicated deadline.

Open Call Documents

Terms and Conditions

FAQ

Project Idea Form template

Full Proposal Form template



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Application detail |...

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Funding Opportunities

BlueActionBANOS offers targeted financial assistance, technical guidance, and strategic knowledge-sharing to support the scale-up and deployment of [Mission Ocean and Waters](#) solutions within the Baltic and North Sea Lighthouse Area.

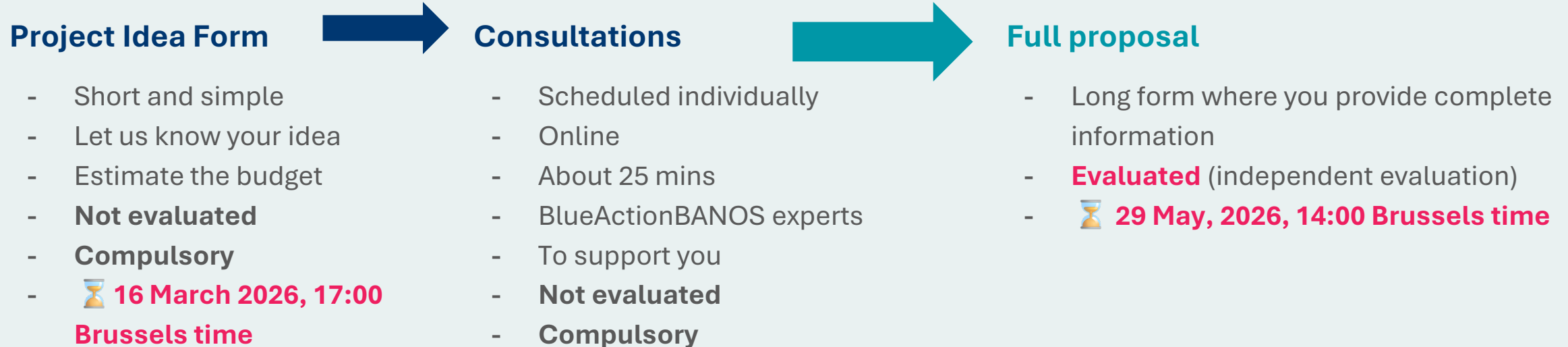
Below you'll find all the information needed to explore, apply for, and understand our funding instruments.

Two Open Calls are
officially open now!

Community-Led Actions Open Call

1st Transition Agendas Open Call

Application process



SELECTION PROCESS

Project Idea Form |  FundingBox
#FundingChampions

16 March 2026, 17:00 Brussels Time

till April 2026

Individual Consultation

!!!Rejection!!!

1

Full Proposal Submission |  FundingBox
#FundingChampions

29 May 2026, 14:00 Brussels Time

2

Admissibility & Eligibility Check

Mail ✉

↓ 'List of Eligible Applications'

3

Independent Individual Evaluation

↓ 'Ranking List'

4

Jury Day (optional)

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5

Consensus Meeting

Mail ✉

↓ 'List finalist'

6

Formal Check/Ethics

Aug./Sept. 2026

SGAs signature

Oct./Nov. 2026

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4.

Key Requirements for Successful Applications

Ansvarig partner för finansieringssupport och information om ansökningar:



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Before you start the application process

1. Visit our website <https://blueactionbanos.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/>
2. 📢 Read Terms & Conditions!!!
3. Questions? Send and email to BAB_helpdesk@fundingbox.com

To apply

1. Go to

<https://opportunities.getonepass.eu/applications/bab/start>

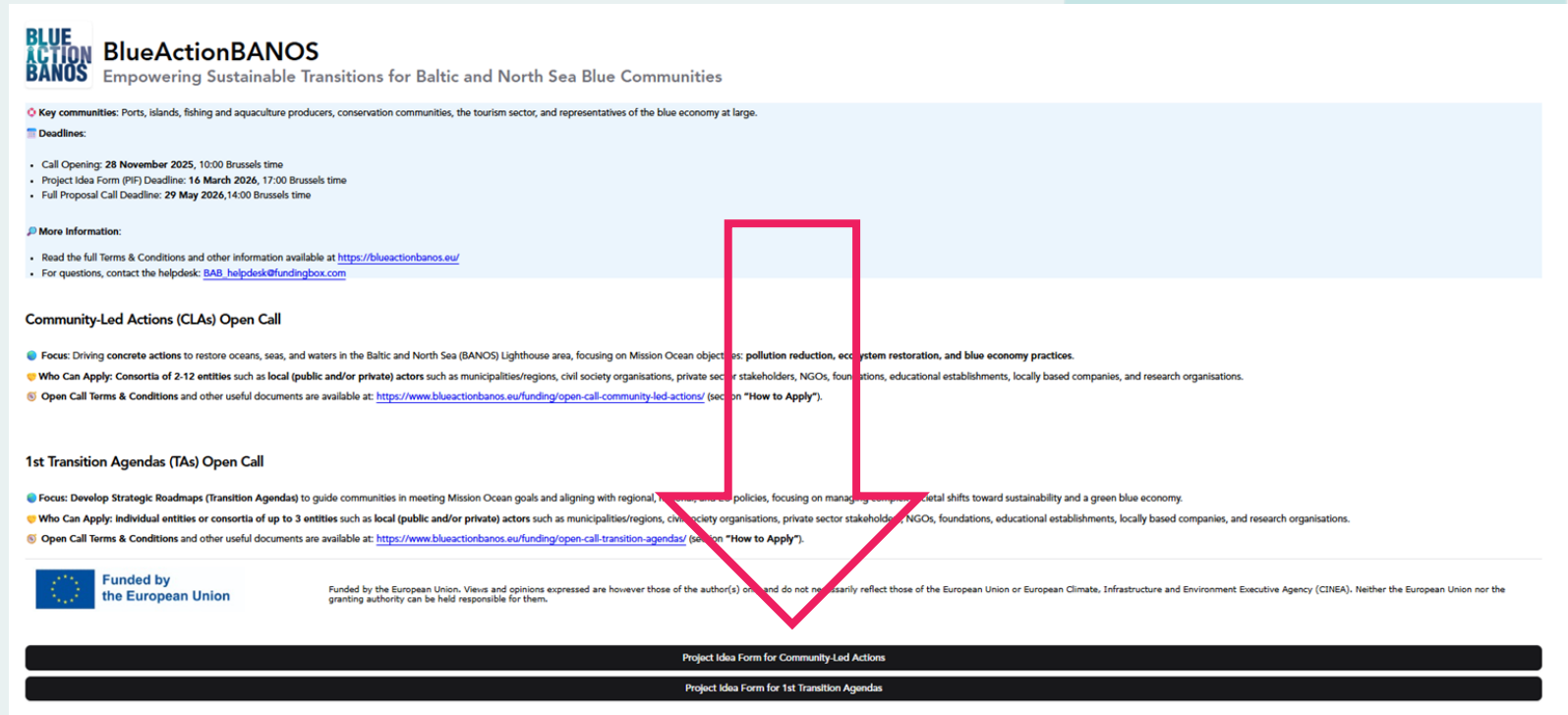
2. Select the programme

3. Use the right button:

4. Register an account

5. Complete the form

6. Submit the form



BLUE ACTION BANOS Empowering Sustainable Transitions for Baltic and North Sea Blue Communities

Key communities: Ports, islands, fishing and aquaculture producers, conservation communities, the tourism sector, and representatives of the blue economy at large.

Deadlines:

- Call Opening: **28 November 2025**, 10:00 Brussels time
- Project Idea Form (PIF) Deadline: **16 March 2026**, 17:00 Brussels time
- Full Proposal Call Deadline: **29 May 2026**, 14:00 Brussels time

More Information:


- Read the full Terms & Conditions and other information available at <https://blueactionbanos.eu/>
- For questions, contact the helpdesk: BAB_helpdesk@fundingbox.com

Community-Led Actions (CLAs) Open Call

- Focus: Driving concrete actions to restore oceans, seas, and waters in the Baltic and North Sea (BANOS) Lighthouse area, focusing on Mission Ocean objectives: **pollution reduction, ecosystem restoration, and blue economy practices.**
- Who Can Apply: Consortia of 2-12 entities such as local (public and/or private) actors such as municipalities/regions, civil society organisations, private sector stakeholders, NGOs, foundations, educational establishments, locally based companies, and research organisations.
- Open Call Terms & Conditions and other useful documents are available at: <https://www.blueactionbanos.eu/funding/open-call-community-led-actions/> (section "How to Apply").

1st Transition Agendas (TAs) Open Call

- Focus: Develop Strategic Roadmaps (Transition Agendas) to guide communities in meeting Mission Ocean goals and aligning with regional, national and EU policies, focusing on managing complex societal shifts toward sustainability and a green blue economy.
- Who Can Apply: Individual entities or consortia of up to 3 entities such as local (public and/or private) actors such as municipalities/regions, civil society organisations, private sector stakeholders, NGOs, foundations, educational establishments, locally based companies, and research organisations.
- Open Call Terms & Conditions and other useful documents are available at: <https://www.blueactionbanos.eu/funding/open-call-transition-agendas/> (section "How to Apply").


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[Project Idea Form for Community-Led Actions](#)

[Project Idea Form for 1st Transition Agendas](#)

Key requirements

1. Both Project Idea Form and Full Proposal forms must be completed **in English**.
2. Both Project Idea Form and Full Proposal forms must include **complete, true and up to date information**.
3. **No Project Idea Form** => no consultation => no Full Proposal => no evaluation => **no** 
4. **Deadlines!!** Project Idea Forms **16th March 2026**; Full Proposal **29th May 2026**
5. **Mission Ocean and Waters goals, impact must be in BANOS region**
6. No Conflict of Interest
7. Financial stability
8. Original work
9. **Gender Equality (in Full Proposal)**

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Next steps

1. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#)
2. Register for upcoming webinars or events via our project webpage: [Blue Action Banos](#)
3. Join our [BlueActionBANOS Community on BlueBioMatch: BlueBioMatch | BlueBioMatch](#)
4. Prepare your Project Idea and submit it before **16 March 2026, 17:00 CET**
5. Complete a **consultation**
6. **Submit your full proposal** before **29 May 2026, 14:00 CET**



Questions?

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Q&A

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