Report on EuroMarine 2018 call for proposals
http://www.euromarinenetwork.eu/call2018_FWS_WG/

The EuroMarine Steering Committee (in charge of the call procedures and the final moderation process) wishes to thank the 17 proposers, as well as the 45 referees from EuroMarine organisations who made the call possible and contributed to a robust referring and selection process.

Terms
The terms of the 2018 call for proposals were similar to those of 2017, with a maximum funding level maintained at €7,500 in order to maximize the spread of funds among EuroMarine Full Member organisations, and two activity categories:
- *Foresight Workshops* ('horizon scanning', FWS) – maximum funding: 7,500 €
- *EuroMarine Working Groups* (WG) – maximum funding: 5,000 €

Capacity building and training activities were not directly funded through the call. Instead, as in 2017, individual students or young scientists from EuroMarine member organisations[1] were funded, through a *separate call for fellowship applications*, to attend advanced courses of their choice.

Precise terms and conditions of funding were described in a separate document (provided with other call documents; which successful proposers had to agree upon at the time of accepting funds). The 2018 proposal form included improvements suggested after the analysis of 2017 proposals.

Links:
>> *Text of 2018 call*
>> *2018 application form*
>> *2018 terms and conditions of EuroMarine funding*

Timeline
- call opened: 04 April (it was pre-announced on 05 March)
- call closed: 31 May
- notification of outcome to proposers: 5 November

Proposals
EuroMarine members submitted 17 proposals requesting co- or full funding for:
- 14 foresight workshops (FWS)
- 3 working groups(WG)

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[1] The call covered full member organisations and invited member organisations in developing countries. It excluded other invited organisations.

Selection procedure

Review

Thanks to the time of 45 reviewers [out of 52 volunteers solicited within Full Member Organisations (MOs)], high quality standards were achieved for this EuroMarine call: each of the 17 proposals was indeed reviewed by 4 to 7 reviewers (5.29 in average; more than needed, but the exercise preferably had to involve all Full Members).

Each volunteer was provided with the complete list of proposals received, two proposals she/he had to review, and a link to access the complete set of proposals (to help to limit the reviewer bias).

Proposals were randomly distributed between reviewers, avoiding any conflict of interest (it was considered that a conflict existed when the reviewer belonged to an organisation mentioned in the proposal, be it as the managing organisation or as the affiliation of a co-organiser, another key participant or even a plain potential participant; reviewers were invited to declare any further, unspotted conflicts).

Reviewers were invited to provide comments (private, i.e., intended for the SC only; and/or public, i.e., also intended for proposers) and three scores: 'intrinsic value', 'strategic value to EuroMarine', and 'budget'.

Moderation and final decisions

The outcome of the review process was moderated and successful proposals were selected by the Steering Committee (SC) during its meeting of 31 Oct. 2018 in Paris.

The SC had at its disposal (in advance of the meeting) all proposals and an Excel file containing multiple sheets notably including all (anonymised) reviews and a large summary table. In this table: proposals were ranked, *within each category*, using the average of their 'science' and 'strategic value for EuroMarine' scores (the budget score was intended as an additional information but did not contribute to the ranking); key information extracted from the proposal could be consulted (including, e.g., the number of EuroMarine organisations involved); all reviewers' scores and comments were available as pop-up information; a colour-coded column showed the degree of agreement/disagreement among reviewers; under specific columns, the final rank could be altered (which was not used; see below), and the amount granted could be modified compared to that requested; a control panel allowed to set the last-funded rank for each category of activity, and to check the resulting call budget balance. In a separate sheet, statistics dynamically linked to the funding decisions showed the spread of granted funds among network members and countries (considering different circles of 'beneficiaries' successively including: managing organisations; co-organising organisation; other organisations playing a key role –e.g., keynote speaker–; and lastly plain –foreseen– participants), as well as among broad categories of scientific fields or expertise.

Before examining the review results, the SC agreed on using the same general moderation principles as in 2017:
- Considering the effort put in the review process, the resulting ranking should not be altered.

- Conflicted SC members (identified in a specific sheet of the moderation file, using the same conflict definition as for reviewers) should leave the room whenever conflicting proposals are discussed.

The SC also agreed that (review results allowing) its decisions should result in comparable success rates under each of the activity categories.

The SC then:
- did a first pass on WG proposals and decided to fund the two best ranked ones, inviting the third one to resubmit in 2019;
- did a first pass on FWS proposals and decided to fund the nine best ranked ones, however decreasing the funding level in two occasions (where co-funding seemed appropriate).

Outcome

The SC decisions resulted in the following final figures:
- call budget: € 72,500
- funded proposals: 11 (out of 17; 65% success rate), including: 11 Foresight Workshops (64% success rate); 2 EuroMarine Working Groups (67% success rate).

Table 1. Final funding decisions and corresponding success rate under each activity category.

Type	N submitted	N funded	Success rate	Share of funded activities	Funds requested	Funds granted	€ success rate	Share of funds granted
FWS	14	9	64%	82%	€ 105,000	€ 62,500	60%	86%
WG	3	2	67%	18%	€ 15,000	€ 10,000	67%	14%
Total	17	11	65%	100%	€ 120,000	€ 72,500	60%	100%

Funding will directly benefit to MOs that manage (M), co-organise (C) or have a key participant (K) involved in the funded activities, i.e. to 34 Full MOs (out of 52 at consortium level, of which 37 were involved in at list one of the proposal submitted) and 2 Invited MOs, spread in 16 countries. There were 4.88 MOs involved (at M, C or K level) per proposal in average among the 17 proposals submitted; there are 5.45 among the successful proposals; these figures (that have both increased compared to the 2017 call) show that proposals that involved more members were more successful in average.

Some **additional statistics** on the call and its outcome are shown in **Appendix 1**.

The **list of successful proposal** is provided below in **Appendix 2** and on the EuroMarine website.

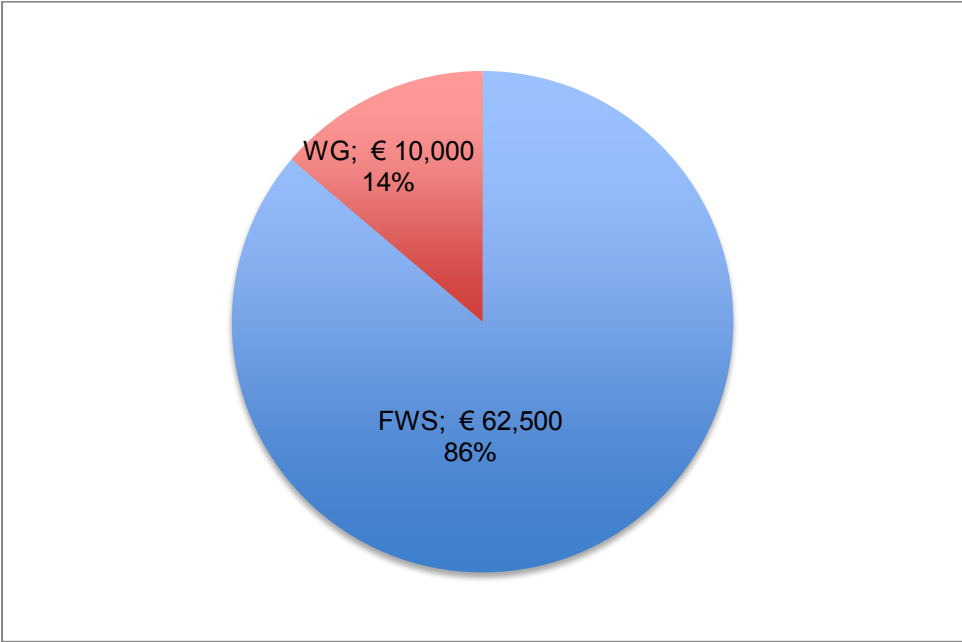# Appendix 1 – Some statistics on the call and its outcome
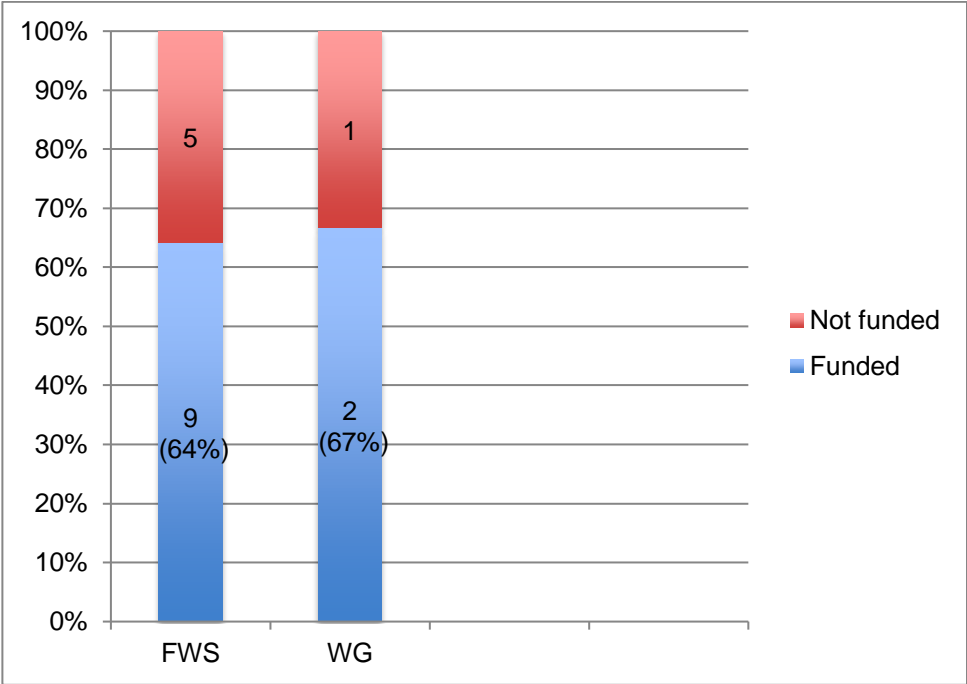

Figure 1. Share of funds granted per activity category

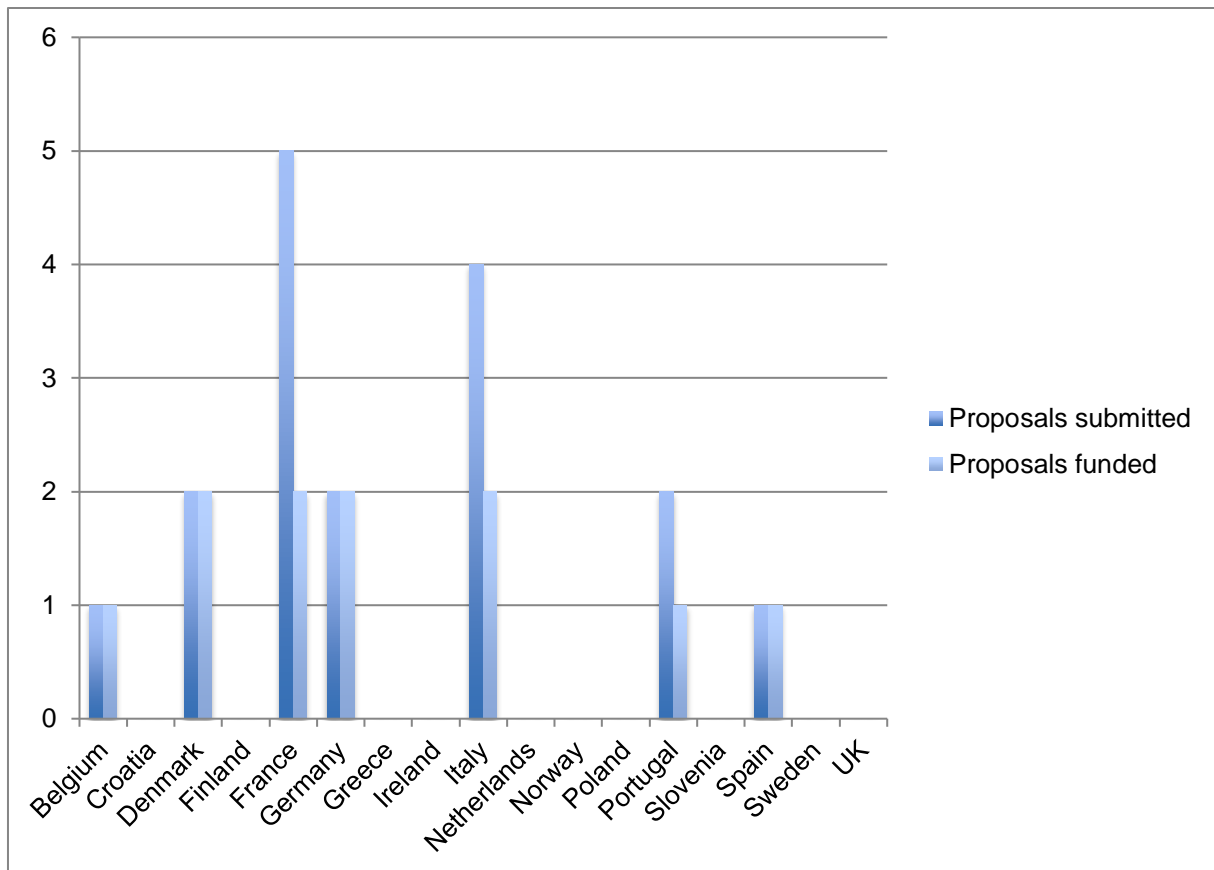**Figure 2. Success rate per activity category**

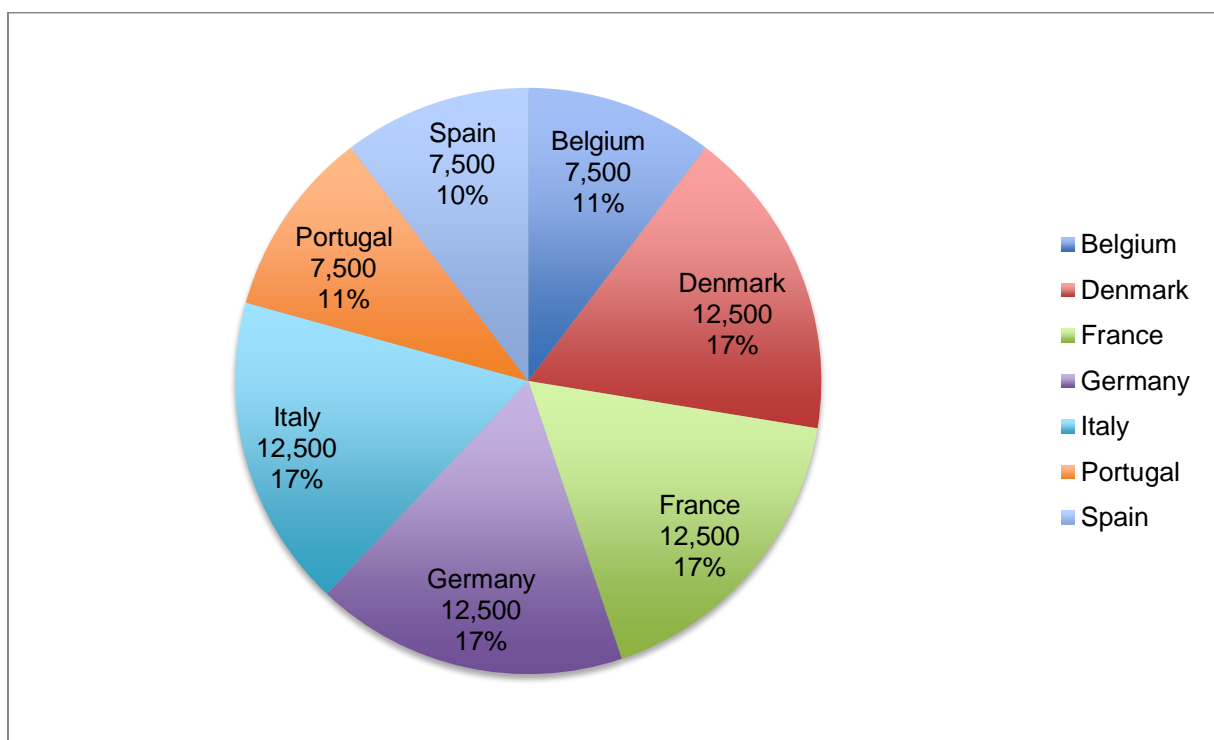**Figure 3. Success rate per country (of managing organisation only)**

Figure 4. Distribution of the budget call (€) per country (of managing organisation only)
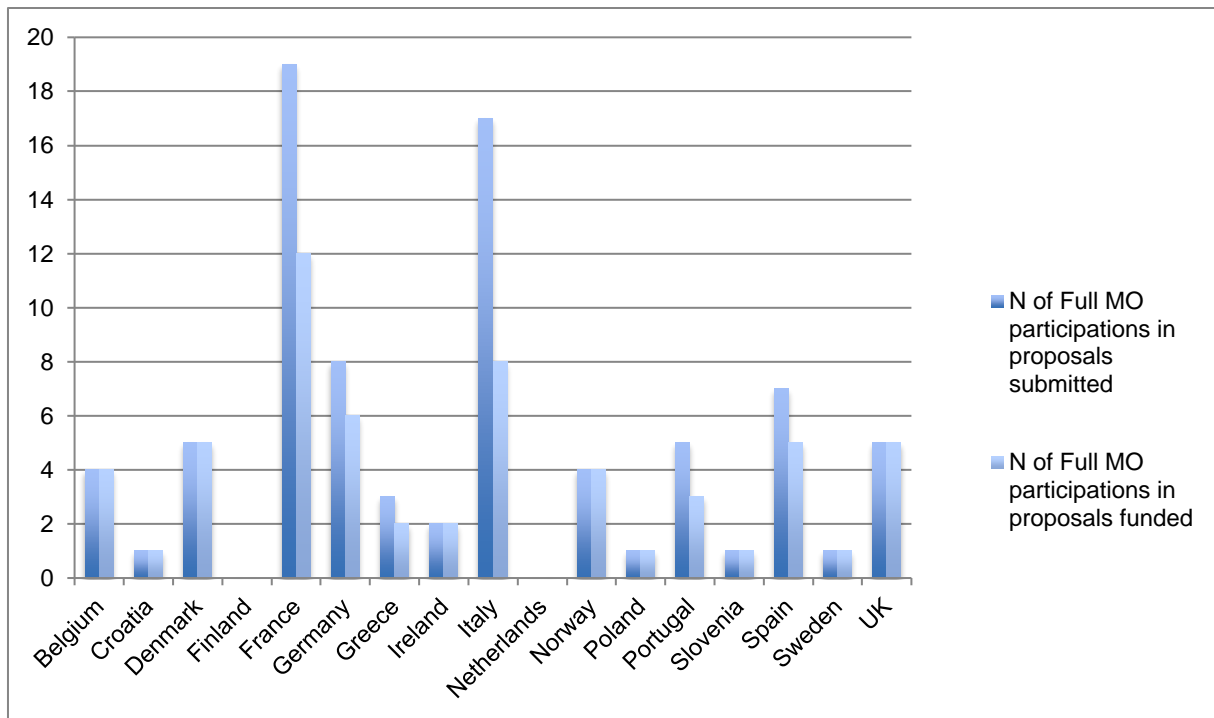
Figure 5. Involvement of countries in submitted and funded proposals (as reflected per the number of times Full MOs from a given country appear in the proposal, be it as manager (M), co-organiser (C) or other key participant (K).

Figure 6. Involvement of member organisations in funded proposals - be it as manager (M), co-organiser (C) or other key participant (K). Circle segments size is determined by the budget of proposals an organization is involved in.
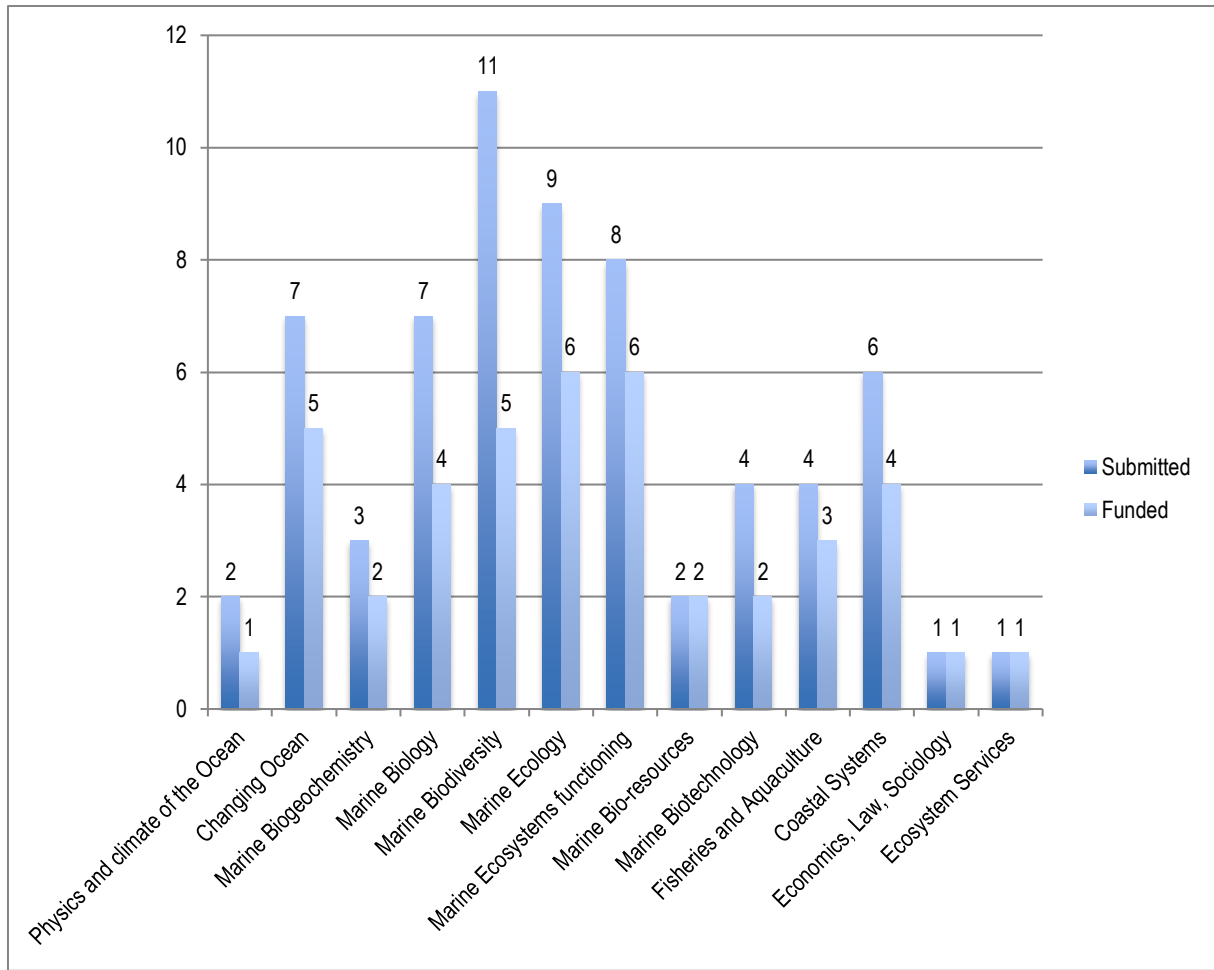
Figure 7. Broad categories of scientific areas vs number of submitted and successful proposals addressing them
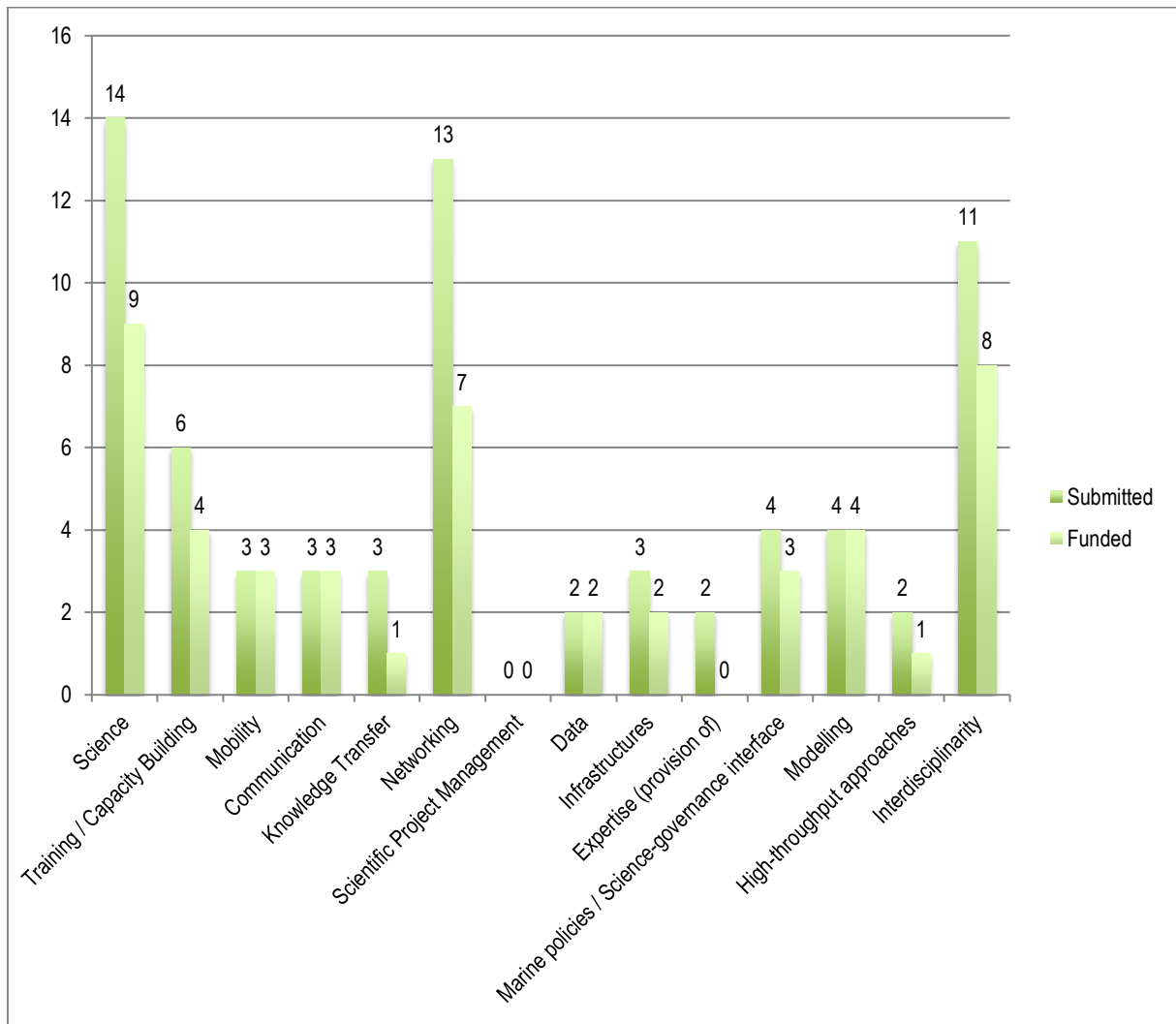
Figure 8. Other broad categories vs number of submitted and successful proposals addressing them

Appendix 2 – List of successful proposal

Please note:

- o Each of the funded activities (a) has been described and will be reported upon on a webpage under the EuroMarine website, and (b) will be advertised through the EuroMarine mailing list.
- o The below information originates from proposals or email exchanges with successful proposers. It is subject to change, notably as concerns final dates and venues. Up-to-date information will be provided through the EuroMarine website and news digests.
- o Funded proposals are listed below by type and by chronological order of submission.
- o *Proponents field:* Leading scientist(s) and manager of EuroMarine funds / co-organizers / key participants. The list distinguishes between organisations that are Full EuroMarine Members (FM), Invited Member (IM) or external to EuroMarine (E). This reflects the membership list at the time of the call.
- o Other abbreviations:
  - ▪ FWS: Foresight Workshop
  - ▪ WG: EuroMarine Working Group

1. **FWS (7,500 €)** ❱ **Title:** *Modelling for policy advice under a global change context: expert workshop on measuring and improving the fit of spatial-temporal aquatic ecosystem models* ❱ **Proponents:** Marta Coll Monton (CSIC [FM], Spain), Jeroen Steenbeek (EII [IM], Spain), Giovanni Romagnoni (UiO [FM], Norway), Maria Grazia Pennino (IEO [FM], Spain), Natalia Serpetti (SAMS [FM], UK) ❱ **Venue:** ICM-CSIC, Barcelona, Spain ❱ **Date:** 3-5 June 2019 ❱ **Contact:** mcoll@icm.csic.es

2. **FWS (7,500 €)** ❱ **Title:** *Data needs for hyperspectral detection of algal bloom diversity across the globe* ❱ **Proponents:** Heidi Dierssen (VLIZ [FM], Belgium), Kevin Ruddick (RBINS [FM], Belgium), Astrid Bracher (AWI [FM], Germany), Hubert Loisel (CNRS [FM], France), Vittorio Brando (CNR [FM], Italy) ❱ **Venue:** VLIZ, Oostende, Belgium ❱ **Date:** 4-6 Jun. 2019 ❱ **Contact:** heidi.dierssen@uconn.edu

3. **FWS (5,000 €)** ❱ **Title:** *Lipids in the Ocean: Structure, function, ecological role and applications* ❱ **Proponents:** Philippe Soudant (CNRS-INEE [FM], France), Igor Eulaers (AU [FM], Denmark), Marleen De Troch (UGent [FM], Belgium), Sarah Coffinet (UniHB - MARUM [FM], Germany), Gabriel Markov (CNRS-INSB [FM], France), Gauthier Schaal (UBO [FM], France), Karine Salin (Ifremer [FM], France) ❱ **Venue:** Brest, France ❱ **Date:** 17-19 Nov. 2018 & 20-22 Nov. 2018 ❱ **Contact:** soudant@univ-brest.fr

4. **FWS (7,500 €)** ❱ **Title:** *The role of macroalgae in the global ocean carbon budget* ❱ **Proponents:** Dorte Krause-Jensen (AU [FM], Denmark), Carlos M. Duarte (AU [FM], Denmark), Jean-Pierre Gattuso (CNRS [FM], France), Laurent Bopp (CNRS [FM], France), Dan Smale (MBA [FM], UK), Michael Burrows (SAMS [FM], UK), Ana Queiros (PML [E], UK), Ronnie Glud (SDU [E], Denmark), Kasper Hancke (NIVA [E], Norway), Trine Bekkby (NIVA [E], Norway), Karen Filbee-Dexter (NIVA [E], Norway), Morten F. Pedersen (RUC [E], Denmark), Jack Middelburg (Utrecht University [E], The Netherlands), Peter Macreadie (Deackin Univ. [E], Australia), Paul Lavery (Edith Cowan Univ. [E], Australia), Ken Dunton (Univ. Texas at Austin [E], USA) ❱ **Venue:** Sandbjerg, Denmark ❱ **Date:** 8-10 Apr. 2019 ❱ **Contact:** dkj@bios.au.dk

5. **FWS (7,500 €)** ❱ **Title:** *Advances in ocean biological observations – sustained system for deep-ocean meroplankton* ❱ **Proponents:** Luciana Génio (UAVR [FM], Portugal), Joan B. Company (CSIC [FM], Spain), Florence Pradillon (Ifremer [FM], France), Eva Ramirez-Llodra (NIVA [E], Norway) ❱ **Venue:** U. Aveiro, Portugal ❱ **Date:** 27-29 May 2019 ❱ **Contact:** l.genio@ua.pt

6. **FWS (7,500 €)** ❱ **Title:** *From sink to source: Tipping points of blue carbon storage in Mediterranean seagrass ecosystems (BlueTipS)* ❱ **Proponents:** Vasilis Dakos (CNRS [FM], France), Eugenia Apostolaki (HCMR [FM], Greece), Nuria Marba (CSIC [FM], Spain), Sonia Kéfi (CNRS [FM], France), Eduardo Infantes (UGOT [FM], Sweden), Dorte Krause-Jensen (AU [FM], Denmark), Salvatrice Vizzini (CoNISMa [FM], Italy), Marianne Holmer (University of Southern Denmark [E], Denmark) ❱ **Venue:** Montpellier, France ❱ **Date:** 1-3 Oct. 2019 ❱ **Contact:** vasilis.dakos@umontpellier.fr

7. **FWS (7,500 €)** ❱ **Title:** *Census of Marine Mediterranean Benthic biodiversity: an integrative metabarcoding approach (CoMBoMed)* ❱ **Proponents:** Federica Costantini (UniBo [FM], Italy), Anne Chenuil (CNRS [FM], France), Oliver De Clerk (UGent [FM], Belgium), Daniel Martin (CSIC [FM], Spain), Xavier Turon (CSIC [FM], Spain), Andrea Waeschenbach (Natural History Museum [E], United Kingdom), Michèle Leduc (STARESO marine station [E], France), Jose Miguel Gutierrez (TAXON Estudios Ambientales, S.L. [E], Spain) ❱ **Venue:** Bologna, Italy ❱ **Date:** 11-14 Feb. 2019 ❱ **Contact:** Federica.costantini@unibo.it

8. **FWS (7,500 €)** ❱ **Title:** *Seaweed aquaculture: A promising tool for the restoration and sustainable development of coastal environments or an expensive end-of-pipe technology? (RECOVER)* ❱ **Proponents:** Birgit Quack (GEOMAR [FM], Germany), Florian Weinberger (GEOMAR [FM], Germany), Isabel Sousa-Pinto (CIIMAR, Madeira [FM], Portugal), Phillippe Potin (CNRS [FM], France), Patrice Brehmer (IRD [FM], France), Manfred Kaufmann (CIIMAR [FM], Portugal), Johan van der Molen (NIOZ [E], Netherlands) ❱ **Venue:** GEOMAR, Kiel, Germany ❱ **Date:** 1-3 July 2019 ❱ **Contact:** bquack@geomar.de

9. **FWS (5,000 €)** ❱ **Title:** *4th Workshop on Trait-Based Approaches to Marine Life* ❱ **Proponents:** Thomas Kiørboe, Ken Andersen (DTU Aqua [FM], Denmark), Ben Ward (Soton [E], UK), Øyvind Fiksen (UiB [FM], Norway), Agostino Merico (ZMT [FM], Germany) ❱ **Venue:** NOC, Southampton, UK ❱ **Date:** 18-21 Aug. 2019 ❱ **Contact:** kha@aqua.dtu.dk

10. **WG (5,000 €)** ❱ **Title:** *Orienting Young ScienTists of EuromaRine (OYSTER)* ❱ **Proponents:** Lucy Gillis (ZMT [FM], Germany), Alina Wieczorek (NUI Galway [FM], Ireland), Himansu Pradhan (AWI [FM], Germany), Giovanni Romagnoni (UiO [FM], Norway), Ivana Buselic Garber (IOF [FM], Croatia), Stefania Piarulli (UniBo [FM], Italy), Costanza Scopetani (CoNISMa [FM], Italy), Ryan McKenna (GMIT [FM], Ireland), Maria Protopapa (JCMR [FM], Greece), Hinde Abdelouahab (INRH [IM], Morocco), Marek Lubośny (IO PAN [FM], Poland), Timotej Turk Dermastia (NIB [FM], Slovenia), Fortunato Palma Esposito (CNR [FM], Italy), Winnie Courtene-Jones (SAMS [FM], UK), Florian de Bettignies (Sorbonne U. [FM], France), Rui Pedro Vieira (CEFAS [FM], UK), Selina Våge (UiB [FM], Norway), Marco Freire Custódio (UAVR [FM], Portugal) ❱ **Venue:** ZMT, Bremen, Germany ❱ **Date:** 1 Jan. - 31 Dec. 2019 (with meeting 28-29 Jan.) ❱ **Contact:** lucy.gillis@leibniz-zmt.de, winnie.courtene-jones@sams.ac.uk, alina.wieczorek@nuigalway.ie

11. **WG (5,000 €)** ▶ **Title:** *Definition of a EuroMarine Strategic Agenda to support Blue Growth sectors through the Enhancement of Human resources: a focus on fisheries, aquaculture, and seafood processing (EHUSEA)* ▶ **Proponents:** Bernardo Patti (CNR [FM], Italy), Angela Cuttitta (CNR [FM], Italy), Margherita Cappelletto (CNR [FM], Italy), Dennis Lisbjerg (DTU Aqua [FM], Denmark), Nicolas Pade (Sorbonne U. [FM], France), Patrizio Mariani (DTU Aqua [FM], Denmark), Mounir Ghribi (OGS [FM], Italy), Alessia Clocchiatti (EC [E], Belgium (Intl.)), Marcello Scalisi (UNIMED [E], Italy) ▶ **Venue:** CNR-IAMC, Capo Granita, Italy ▶ **Date:** 27-29 May 2019 ▶ **Contact:** *bernardo.patti@cnr.it*

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