



EuroMarine 2020 call for proposals

1 Background: EuroMarine and its objectives

EuroMarine is a European, marine science network launched in 2014 and designed as a bottom-up organisation to raise the voice of the European marine scientific community. It is intended as a durable organisation and a legal entity placed under the control of the consortium that gathers all members was established in 2018 as a support structure (and potential recipient of external funds starting in 2020). As of April 2020, EuroMarine counts 56 member organisations (MOs), 48 of which are 'full voting' members contributing to the budget.

Two primary goals of EuroMarine are: (a) to support the identification and initial development of important emerging scientific topics and methodologies in marine sciences; and (b) to foster new services relevant to the marine scientific community.

EuroMarine achieves these goals through internal competitive calls for proposals, within the available budget. It is expected that support for these activities and their outcomes will help to leverage larger projects under European, national or joint research funding programmes.

EuroMarine also advocates for marine science and contributes to improving the science-governance interface, providing expertise and transferring knowledge.

2 EuroMarine 2020 calls

In 2020, EuroMarine organises three distinct, parallel calls (that were all [pre-announced on 27 February](#)):

- A [call for proposals of activities](#) (the present call; targeting foresight workshops and working groups; managed by the EuroMarine Secretariat)
- A [joint EuroMarine-EMBRC call for proposals](#) (letting early career researchers affiliated with a EuroMarine member organisation access EMBRC services)
- A [call for applications for individual fellowships](#) (letting early career researchers affiliated with a EuroMarine member organisation attend an advanced course of their choice; managed by the [OYSTER EuroMarine Early Career Scientists Working Group](#))

3 Overview of EuroMarine 2020 call for proposals – Selection procedure

To maximize the number of Member Organizations (MOs) that will receive funds under the 2020 call, EuroMarine limits its financial contribution to successful activities to the below-specified maximum amounts. Applicants are asked to find co-funding when necessary.

Proposals will be reviewed by volunteers from EuroMarine MOs. The two sets of proposals corresponding to the two activity categories (described under the next section) will be reviewed separately using specific criteria and specific pools of referees. EuroMarine will

solicit external reviewers when necessary (i.e., in case the relevant expertise is lacking within EuroMarine). Two scores will be requested and used to rank proposals: (1) intrinsic value (scientific, or other, depending on the activity category); (2) value to EuroMarine (i.e., to which degree a proposal addresses EuroMarine priorities and favours the integration of the EuroMarine community; the number of MOs involved will notably be considered). An additional score, budget solidity and appropriateness, will not contribute to the ranking but will be requested to inform funding decisions.

The SC will be in charge of the final selection and moderation to ensure a balance of disciplines and topics within the available budget.

4 Eligible categories of activities

For the 2020 call, the eligible categories of activities are limited to:

- **Foresight Workshops** (*'horizon scanning'*, FWS) – *maximum funding: 7,500 €*
FWS should focus on emerging and important topics requiring European-wide coordination. They generally aim at establishing a scientific vision or a roadmap at the scale of a decade and may notably (but not exclusively) be used for future EuroMarine larger projects and/or proposals. FWS can also focus on review exercises of relevance to EuroMarine (e.g., science-governance interface and scenario construction). Conferences are *not* eligible.
- **EuroMarine Working Groups** (WG) addressing strategic services or issues – *maximum funding: 5,000 €*
WGs should aim at building services for the marine community or at otherwise advancing and consolidating the functioning of the EuroMarine network.

All activities should have well-defined outcomes (e.g. synthesis paper, position paper, strategy document). **All FWS are expected to yield publications** (at a minimum, a position paper, to be submitted within 12 months of the completion of the FWS).

5 Eligible topics

In line with EuroMarine's bottom-up ethos, and in order to favour the emergence of new ideas and approaches, *the call is widely open in terms of topics but only activities that single organisations could not tackle alone are supported*. Moreover, activities should *avoid any duplication with existing initiatives*. Proposals with a multidisciplinary or discipline-specific nature are both welcome.

Proposals to be submitted under the WG category, i.e., proposals not directly focusing on science but contributing to build EuroMarine or to develop new services for the EuroMarine community, can fall under two categories:

- Proposals aiming at the preparation of future EuroMarine services in the realm of: communication, coordination and/or provision of expertise; education and training; open access to research outputs; and registries and directories.
- Proposals addressing key technical developments or methodological issues (e.g. in the realm of observation and remote sensing or data workflows), with the restriction that experiments and experimental devices do not represent eligible expenditures.

In 2018, EuroMarine published an [Ocean Frontiers for Sustainable Development manifesto](#), which "advocates for the increased understanding, protection and management of the Ocean to support the health and wellbeing of present and future generations." It is structured around the following four themes: (1) Manage Ocean Complexity; (2) Secure Coastal Areas; (3) Target Ocean and Human Health; (4) Protect Ocean Commons. EuroMarine encourages submissions addressing such *Ocean Frontiers* themes and/or relevant to the [UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#) (2021-30) in

general and particularly on the interdependences of [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (as pointed out in the [GSDR 2019 report](#)). Note however that proposals ranking will solely depend on the above-mentioned 'intrinsic' and 'EuroMarine' value scores set by the reviewers.

6 Other eligibility criteria and networking effect of proposals and activities

Proposals should involve *at least three 2020 Full (paying) Member Organisations of EuroMarine, from at least two different countries* (please refer to the latest 2020 membership and General Assembly representatives lists provided on the call webpage and do not hesitate to contact secretariat@euromarinenetwork.eu for any contact information). Beyond this minimal, mandatory networking requirement, EuroMarine would particularly welcome proposals involving organisations that have not (or seldom) co-submitted proposals in the past (which can be checked at the bottom of each organisation's webpage in the EuroMarine online directory). Proponents are also encouraged to use the Secretariat to advertise their topic and/or seek new potential co-proposers among the EuroMarine membership.

Applicants are welcome to involve any relevant Invited Member Organisations from developing countries (as preferential partners of EuroMarine activities). Proposals can involve organisations outside EuroMarine. However, if the proposal is selected for funding, scientists from EuroMarine Full MOs should be informed of the activity in a timely manner and allowed to participate in it, within budgetary and logistic limits. Activities with closed list of participants and participation upon invitation only are not eligible.

Activities should preferably be carried out in 2021 and any exemption should be requested and justified in the proposal.

7 Guidance on costing - Use of EuroMarine funds

Please refer to the separate document on 'Terms and conditions of EuroMarine funding'.

8 Constraints linked to funding by EuroMarine

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9 Submission of proposals

To apply, please fill in the proposal template provided on the [call webpage](#) and return it to both secretariat@euromarinenetwork.eu & pierre-francois.baisnee@ird.fr by the submission deadline (the reception of proposals will be acknowledged).

Applicants are requested to keep proposals brief (under the limits specified in the template).

10 Timeline

27 February: Call preannouncement

1 April: Publication of the call

1 June: Deadline for proposal submission

June-Sept.: Review process

15 Nov. (at the latest): Notification of the

results

Note: The date of notification of the results depends on the (ongoing) scheduling of a SC meeting. Please refer to the [call webpage](#) to check the final notification date.

11 Contact

Please do not hesitate to contact the EuroMarine secretariat for information or assistance in the production of a proposal (e.g. to identify potential co-organisers or participants within EuroMarine).

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12 Further information and references

Please refer to the [EuroMarine 2020 call webpage](http://www.euromarinenetwork.eu/call2020_FWS_WG) (http://www.euromarinenetwork.eu/call2020_FWS_WG), which includes links to

- the following call documents:
 - the present call text;
 - instructions and a template to apply (Word or Open Office);
 - 2020 terms and conditions of EuroMarine funding
- supporting, additional documents:
 - lists of [2020 EuroMarine Members Organisations](#) and corresponding [General Assembly Representatives](#)
 - [EuroMarine 2018 Ocean Frontiers for Sustainable Development manifesto](#)