



Supporting Blue Careers through the EMFF programme

Sea of Experience - 2nd Annual Dissemination & Technical Workshop

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What is EASME?

Four areas of action:

- SME support
- Environment
- Energy
- **Maritime**



The EMFF

€6.4 billion from 2014 – 2020
of which circa €750 million for EU directly
managed calls/tenders

Supports:

- Common Fisheries Policy
- Integrated Maritime Policy

➤ **Blue Growth**

Skills challenges

- Education offer \neq business needs
- Lack of highly qualified and skilled workforce
- Lack of cooperation between businesses, education and government
- Difficult to forecast future skills needs and new occupational profiles
- Lack of recognition of qualifications – bottleneck for mobility
- Lack of awareness about career opportunities

Blue Careers in Europe call 2016



Expected outputs:

- Business-education partnerships
- Local/regional cooperation
- Improved employability
- Training/education in line with industry needs
- Increased awareness of oceans and blue economy

Blue networks in the Mediterranean – 2017 call



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE A:
Develop skills and
maritime professions

Selected projects – 2017 call

Cluster ACT	Aggregation and Collaboration Tools to enhance cluster network in the maritime sector	IT, ES, EL, HR, EG
DEEP BLUE	Developing Education and Employment Partnerships for a Sustainable Blue Growth in the Western Mediterranean Region	IT, ES, TN
MedSkippers	Professional skippers in the Mediterranean	ES, CY, EL, MA
CMES-WestMed	Common Maritime Education Standards in the West Mediterranean	IT, FR, TN
ENSAMBLE	Expertise and Networking to Sustain Actions in Med through Blue and Local Economy	IT, FR, TN

Blue Careers in Europe call 2018

Budget: €5 600 000
Closed on 31.01.2019
35 applications – 8 received funding

- Bringing together business and education
- Based on labour market needs analysis
- Addressing one of the following:
 - entrepreneurial skills
 - Structured collaboration between industry and education/training
 - “skills ecosystems” at sea basin level
- Visibility of blue careers and improved ocean literacy

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- **ScienceDIVER:** Cross-sectoral skills for the Blue Economy labour market
- **BAPSI:** Tagging fishing gears and enhancing on board best-practices to promote waste free fisheries
- **CTP:** Catching the Potential - Setting the Standard for Sustainable Fishing Training
- **MarLEM:** Maritime Logistics Engineering and Management
- **Sea of Experience:** Establishment of Eastern Mediterranean Regional Network: pooling, sharing, development of innovative face-to-face and digital training/mentoring tools for the maritime sector
- **MarENet:** Atlantic Maritime Ecosystem Network
- **NAUTILUS:** Education & Certification Framework for Blue Career in Water Sports Tourism
- **TEAMS:** Teaching Entrepreneurship Advancing the Maritime Sector

Future orientations – European Green Deal

- New generation of projects used in shaping policy
- Ocean literacy – use momentum & create links
- Focus on industry's needs
- Find synergies with other programmes /projects out there
- Skills in the context of European Green Deal – new technologies, new industries, innovative sectors, digitalisation, up- and reskilling
- Listen to the people, support stakeholders, help in the recovery from the coronavirus pandemic

Further information

- **EASME EMFF:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/european-maritime-and-fisheries-fund>

- **European Commission DG MARE Skills in the blue economy:**

https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/skills-career-development_en