

BLUE FUND

Open Call

SUBJECT: OCEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY – “LEADING WAVE ENERGY RESEARCH”

Aim:

To fund research and development projects on demonstration prototypes for wave energy production systems and/or components.

Strategic priorities:

- i)* Development of new lines of scientific and technological research;
- ii)* Technological development for the new economy of the sea;
- iii)* Transfer of knowledge in the area of public policies and the economy of the sea;
- iv)* Applied the scientific and technological research in the industry through partnerships;
- v)* Upgrade areas of research and technological development in the new economy of the sea.

Who can apply:

- Higher education institutions, their research institutes and R&D departments;
- Not for profit private institutions;
- Public sector and international research institutes;
- Private companies.

Applications submitted through a consortium, which include business sector partners, are favoured, as well as those submitted by start-up companies which have products and services, at any technological maturity level.

A maximum of three applications per potential beneficiary shall be accepted.

Type of financial support:

Non-reimbursable grants, except for expenses with licenses, industrial property, and trademarks or patents, which may have to be reimbursed.

Blue Fund budget for this call:

A total amount of EUR 1,000,000 (one million euros).

The maximum grant per application will not exceed EUR 200,000 (two hundred thousand euros). The Blue Fund may finance up to 90 % of the total eligible expenditure of each project.

Eligibility period for project expenses:

Two years after the date the grant was approved.

Expenditure criteria for eligibility:**a) Direct costs:**

- Labour;
- Purchase of scientific and technical instruments and equipment which: a) are key for the project development, and b) are used during all their useful life within the timeline of the project;
- Depreciation of scientific and technical instruments and equipment which: a) are key for the project development, and b) are used during the project, but their useful life exceeds the project's timeline;
- Patent registration costs (national and international);
- Expenses related to the demonstration, marketing, and publication of the project's results;
- Purchase of other goods and services, directly linked to the development of the project (excludes subcontracting);
- Travel and accommodation expenses (national and international);

b) Eligible overhead costs: up to 15% of the project's eligible costs (excludes subcontracting and third parties' supplies).

c) Expenditure relating to projects co-financed by other public or private funds under national, EU or international law, provided that they fall under paragraph (a) of this paragraph, and are not subject to financing by another fund, shall also be eligible.

How to apply:

All applications should be submitted to the following electronic address: fundoazul@dgpm.mm.gov.pt, between September 13 and November 13, 2017.

Application forms and other guidance documents are available at the DGPM website:

<https://www.dgpm.mm.gov.pt/fundo-azul-anuncios>

The applications can be submitted in Portuguese or English language.

Legal disclaimer:

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