

## BLUE FUND - Open Call N.º 4/2017

### Maritime Safety

**Aim:**

To fund Maritime Safety projects.

**Legal framework and Strategic priorities:**

The operations covered by the " marine environment monitoring and protection " typology may be supported by the Fund in accordance with point d) of article 17 of Administrative Rule no. 344/2016 of 30 December, which approves the Blue Fund Management Regulation, namely:

- a) Safety training at sea;
- b) Investments or actions aimed at safeguarding human life at sea.

**In the scope of this announcement the priorities for submission of applications are:**

- i) Border and customs control;
- ii) Navigation monitoring in sovereign spaces;
- iii) Fisheries controls;
- iv) Prevention, reduction and control of marine pollution from ships and ports;
- v) Prevention and suppression of illegal activities;
- vi) Navigation safety;
- vii) Maritime rescue, rescue and assistance in maritime and domestic spaces.
- viii) Raising awareness, informing and training on risks related to maritime and coastal activities.

**Who can apply:**

Any public, cooperative, social or private, profit or non-profit-entity.

Entities with head offices outside the national territory, may submitted applications, however, they will have to have a branch with business registration in Portugal. Also, the project must demonstrate unequivocally that the its results targets the general objectives of the Fund and of this call.

The applications presented in a consortium are privileged.

The maximum number of applications accepted per beneficiary is one.

**Type of support:**

Non-reimbursable grants.

**Budget allocation:**

Within the scope of this announcement, a total available funding of 600,000 € (six hundred thousand euros) is foreseen.

The maximum amount support per project is 200,000 € (two hundred thousand euro).

The maximum co-financing rate is 90% of the total eligible project value.

**Eligibility period for project expenses:**

Two years after the decision date to fund the project.

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

- Human resources;
- Acquisition of scientific and technical instruments and equipment, essential to the project, if they are used throughout their useful life in the business project;
- Amortization of scientific and technical instruments and equipment, essential to the project, whose useful life is contained in the execution period;
- Expenses associated with national and foreign patent registration;
- Expenses with demonstration, promotion and dissemination of project results;
- Acquisition of other goods and services directly related to the execution of the project, including the costs of consultants that do not constitute subcontracts.
- Travel and accommodation in Portugal and abroad;

b) **Indirect costs**, with a flat rate of 15% of eligible costs, excluding subcontracting and resources provided by third parties.

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

**How to apply:**

The applications are submitted to the e-mail address: [fundoazul@dgpm.mm.gov.pt](mailto:fundoazul@dgpm.mm.gov.pt).

Applications must be submitted between 4 of December 2017 and 4 of March 2018