

What is OCEANERA-NET?

OCEANERA-NET is the short name for the **Ocean Energy European Research Area Network (ERA-NET)**, funded by the European Union through FP7, bringing together 16 European research funding organisations from 9 countries (Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the UK).

OCEANERA-NET aims to coordinate and support research, innovation and knowledge exchange in the Ocean Energy sector (wave, tidal, salinity gradient and ocean thermal energy conversion) amongst European countries and regions, by launching transnational competitive joint calls for collaborative RTDI projects.

OCEANERA-NET offers now the chance to participate in its First Joint Call 2014 for RTDI proposals, aiming to tackle current challenges, and taking advantage of opportunities by enhancing access to transnational value chains, towards the development and growth of marine renewables technologies.

This pre-announcement is intended to facilitate interested partners to start preparing projects and building their consortia.

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First Joint Call 2014 for RTDI Proposals

Pre-announcement

Brokerage Workshop: 2nd October 2014

Call Opening: 23rd October 2014

Funding Commitment: € 7 Million



This project has received funding from the European Union's Seventh Programme for research, technological development and demonstration under grant agreement No. 618099

Supporting Research & innovation in the ocean sector

Call Focus

This First Joint Call for proposals aims to enable collaborative RTDI projects addressing the following technologies and themes (detailed information will be provided in the Call Text).

Technologies: Wave Energy, Tidal Energy, Tidal and Ocean Currents, Salinity Gradient, and Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion.

Research Themes:

- **Develop standardised approaches/methods/ tools to marine energy site characterisation and array/park planning.**
- **Modelling and design of components, sub-systems and devices for ocean energy technologies, taking into account manufacturing, operation and maintenance procedures.**
- **Development and test of critical components for delivering reliable, sustainable and high-performance ocean energy generation.**
- **Demonstration and validation of technological developments in real sea environments.**
- **Design and development of tools and solutions for the technological advancement and optimisation of both devices and components.**

Projects are expected to ensure excellence, novelty, impact and high quality of implementation, representing a relevant European added value.

Eligibility

Transnational consortia eligible for funding must consist of a minimum of two independent partners from at least two countries participating in the Joint Call. Proposals with support from Industry and high transnational collaboration are encouraged.

As funding is via national/regional programmes, prospective applicants, budget concepts, rate of financial support and type of activities, must be eligible for funding in accordance with their respective national/regional criteria.

Associated organisations from other countries (not involved in the call) can participate, as long as they guarantee their own fund.

Project Structure

- Projects can last up to 36 months.
- Requested funding per proposal should not exceed €2 Million.
- Total eligible budget of a partner cannot exceed 70 % of the total eligible project budget.

Participating countries/regions

To be confirmed shortly. The following countries and regions have shown interest in participating in the First Joint Call so far: France, Belgium (Flanders), Ireland, Portugal, Spain*, Sweden, and the UK.

* including Asturias Region, Basque Country

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Funding Commitment

An indicative budget of around **€7 Million** has been committed for this First Joint Call 2014.

Each participating Funding Organisation will finance the beneficiaries located in their own country/region. The Call Text will include details of individual budget allocation.

How to Apply?

The First OCEANERA-NET Joint Call will open on **23rd October 2014**. The application procedure will follow a two-step submission and evaluation process, consisting of a first Pre-proposal phase and a second Full Proposal phase. Proposals must be written in English. The detailed call documentation will be available on our website by 23rd October.

Timeline

CALL OPENING	23rd October 2014
DEADLINE FOR PRE-PROPOSALS	18th December 2014
INVITATION FOR FULL-PROPOSALS	4th February 2015
DEADLINE FOR FULL-PROPOSALS	1st April 2015
INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION PANEL	30th June 2015
FUNDING DECISION	Mid September 2015
STARTING PROJECT	1st October 2015

Information and Support

A Brokerage Workshop to introduce the call and facilitate partnering opportunities will be held on 2nd October 2014, at the Ocean Energy Europe Conference in Paris (www.oceanenergy-europe.eu).

Please register for free for this Brokerage Event and find further information on: www.oceaneranet.eu

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