

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 EU countries (Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom).

OCEANERA-NET aims to coordinate and support research, innovation and knowledge exchange in the **Ocean Energy** sector amongst European countries and regions, by launching transnational competitive joint calls for funding 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 competitiveness of ocean energy technologies.

The call is **now open**. All relevant information plus useful links for partner search are available on OCEANERA-NET website.

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First Joint Call 2014 for RTDI Proposals

Call Announcement

Call opening: 23rd October 2014

Total Funding Commitment: € 7.3 Million

Deadline for Pre-proposals online submission

(MANDATORY): 18th December 2014, 12:00 CET



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 energy sector

Call Focus

This **First Joint Call** for proposals aims to enable collaborative **RTDI projects** addressing either of the following technologies and topics (detailed information is provided in the Call Text available on OCEANERA-NET website).

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

Call Topics:

1. *Develop standardised approaches/methods/tools for ocean energy site characterisation and project and array/park planning.*
2. *Modelling and design of components, systems, sub-systems and devices for ocean energy technologies taking into account manufacturing, installation, operation, maintenance, and environment requirements.*
3. *Development and testing of critical components for delivering reliable, sustainable and high-performance ocean energy generation.*
4. *Demonstration and validation of technological developments in a real sea environment.*
5. *Design and development of tools and solutions for the technological advancement and optimisation of components, devices and arrays/parks.*

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

The topics covered by each Funding Organisation are described in the Call Text. Please consult your respective Funding Organisation for further advice on national/regional priorities (contacts are listed on the back).

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.
- The project coordinator must be from a country/region participating in the Call.
- Projects can last up to 36 months.
- Total eligible budget of a partner cannot exceed 70 % of the total eligible project budget.
- Mandatory Pre-proposal and Full proposal completed in English submitted by the deadline.

As financial support is granted **via national/regional funds**, eligible applicants, budget limits, financial rates and eligible activities, must be in accordance with the respective national/regional criteria (specific information is provided in Annex II of the Guidelines for Applicants).

Project Structure

- Balanced consortia and high transnational added value of collaboration.
- Consortia with SMEs and/or large industry are encouraged.
- Total requested funding per proposal should not exceed €2 Million.
- Organisations from other countries (not involved in the call) or not requesting funding can participate, as long as they guarantee their own funding.

Funding Commitment

An indicative total budget of around **€ 7.3 Million** has been committed. Each participating Funding Organisation will finance the beneficiaries located in their own country/region following national/regional rules, as described in Annex II of Guidelines for Applicants.

Indicative individual budgets are listed as follows:

Asturias-Spain (€ 200,000) ▪ Basque Country-Spain (€ 1,500,000)
▪ Flanders-Belgium (€ 1,000,000) ▪ France (€ 300, 000) ▪ Ireland (€ 500,000)
▪ Netherlands (€ 300,000) ▪ Portugal (€ 500,000) ▪ Scotland, United Kingdom (€ 450,000) ▪ Spain (€ 500,000) ▪ Sweden (SEK 7,000,000) ▪ United Kingdom (€ 900,000)

How to Apply ?

The application procedure follows a two-stage submission and evaluation process, consisting of a first Pre-proposal stage (for eligibility check) and a second Full Proposal stage (entailing both eligibility check and international evaluation by independent experts).

Proposals must be written in English and submitted in time by the project coordinator (on behalf of the consortium) via the Electronic Submission System (ESS) available on this link:

www.oceaneranet.eu/RegistrationManagement/RegisterApplication.aspx

The Call Text, Guidelines for Applicants and Proposals templates are available on the Joint call section of OCEANERA-NET website.

Key Dates / Timeline

CALL OPENING	23 rd October 2014
DEADLINE FOR PRE-PROPOSALS	18 th December 2014 (12:00 CET)
INVITATION FOR FULL PROPOSALS	4 th February 2015
DEADLINE FOR FULL PROPOSALS	1 st April 2015 (12:00 CEST)
FEEDBACK TO APPLICANTS	Mid-September 2015
EARLIEST STARTING DATE OF PROJECTS	1 st October 2015

Looking for partners?

Useful links to facilitate partnering and consortia building are available on OCEANERA-NET website.

Information and Support

Before pre-proposal submission please contact your respective national/regional Funding Organisation to clarify the national/regional funding rules and procedures (contacts are listed on the back).

For further enquiries, please contact the Joint Call Secretariat

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