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# EU MISSIONS

RESTORE OUR OCEAN & WATERS

**Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges**

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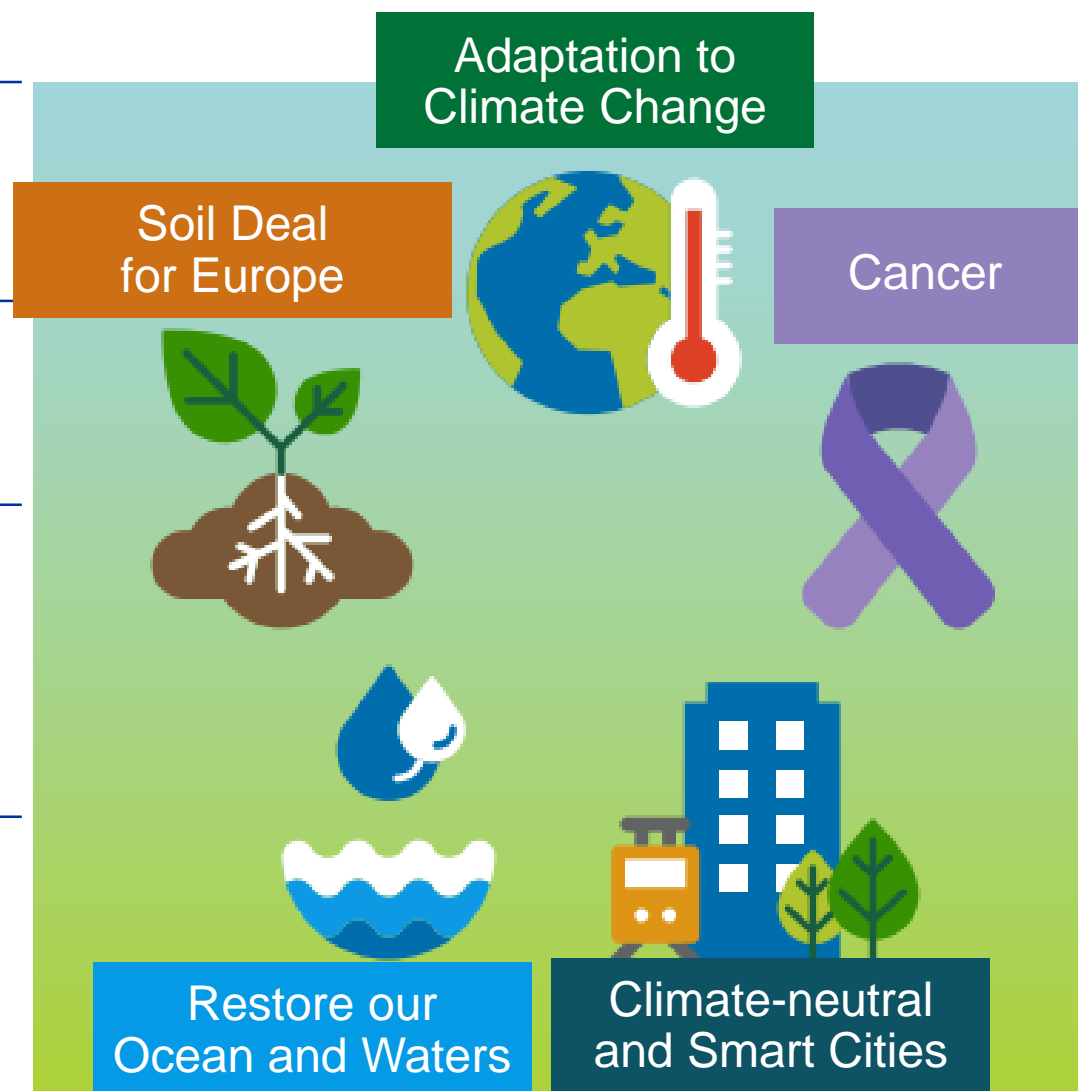
# What are EU Missions?

The European Commission launched **five new EU Missions in Oct 2020** – including the Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”

European Missions are **new broad mobilisation initiatives** to face the greatest challenges of our time

Rooted in the Horizon Europe research and innovation programme, **Missions go beyond R&I** and the existing instruments, cutting across policies, programmes and different levels of governance

They will develop and demonstrate innovative **technological, social, business and governance solutions**, and promote new forms of governance, allowing everyone to play an active role





# Mission objectives and targets

## Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030

### PROTECT AND RESTORE MARINE AND FRESHWATERS ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY

- Protect at least 30% and strictly protect 10% EU's sea areas
- Restore 25.000 km free flowing rivers
- Marine nature restoration targets (incl. degraded seabeds, coastal ecosystems)

### PREVENT AND ELIMINATE POLLUTION OF OUR OCEANS, SEAS AND WATERS

- Reduce by at least 50% plastic litter
- Reduce by at least 30% microplastics
- Reduce by at least 50% nutrient losses, chemical pesticides

### MAKE THE BLUE ECONOMY CARBON- NEUTRAL AND CIRCULAR

- Net zero maritime emissions
- Zero carbon aquaculture,
- Low carbon multipurpose use of marine space

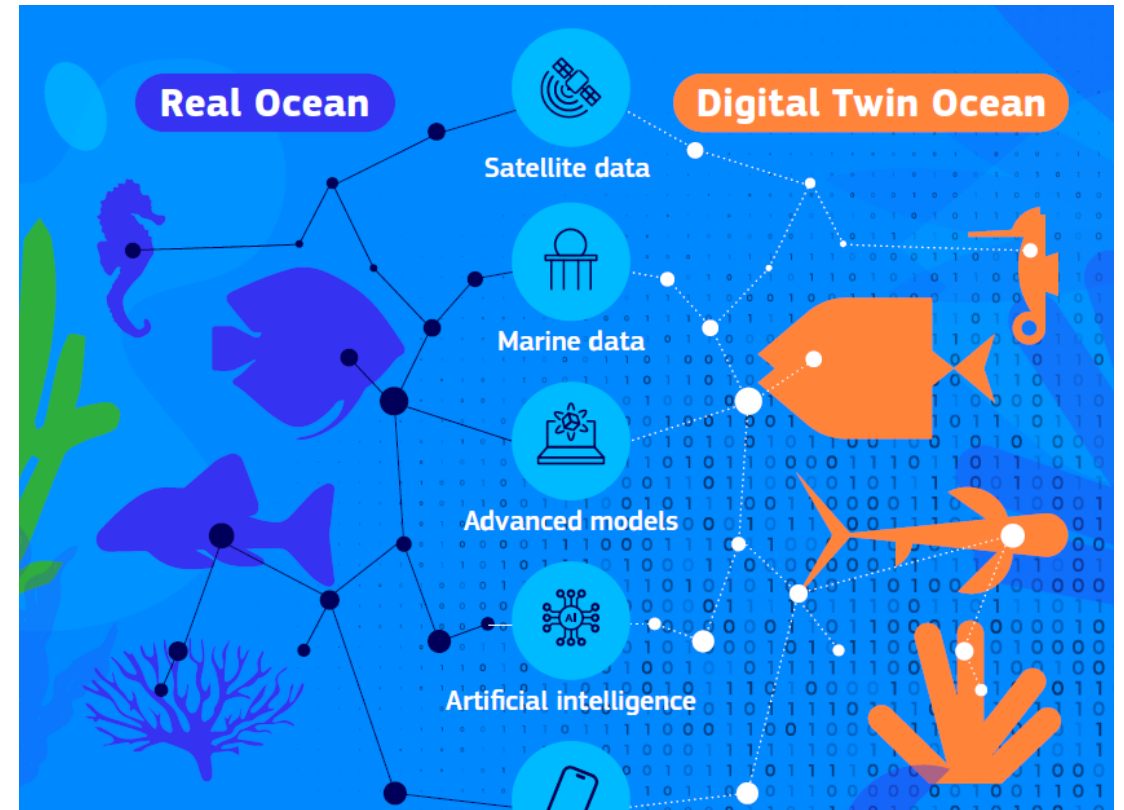
### ENABLERS

Digital Ocean and Waters Knowledge system

Public mobilization and engagement



# Enabler 1: Digital Ocean and Waters Knowledge System







# Enabler 2: Public Mobilisation

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## Co-creation and co-design

- Co-design of Mission
- Citizen Assemblies

## Citizen Science

- ERA Plastic Pirates
- CSA Citizen Science

## Education, Literacy & Awareness

- EU4Ocean coalition
- Youth engagement
- Student and school initiatives (Blue Schools)
- Choose your fish campaign

## Stewardship and volunteering

- Community-driven business models





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**Mission  
lighthouses:**  
sites to pilot,  
demonstrate,  
develop and deploy  
the Mission  
activities across EU  
seas and river  
basins



Baltic & North sea basin



**MAKE THE BLUE  
ECONOMY CARBON-  
NEUTRAL AND CIRCULAR**

Mediterranean sea  
basin



**PREVENT AND ELIMINATE  
POLLUTION OF OUR  
OCEAN, SEAS AND  
WATERS**

Danube river basin



**PROTECT AND RESTORE  
MARINE AND FRESHWATERS  
ECOSYSTEMS AND  
BIODIVERSITY**

Atlantic & Arctic coast





# The Mediterranean lighthouse

**Objective:** preventing and eliminating pollution of our ocean, seas and waters

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## Targets:

- Reduce by at least 50% plastic litter at sea.
- Reduce by at least 30% microplastics released into the environment.
- Reduce by at least 50% nutrient losses, the use and risk of chemical pesticides





# SYNERGIES – Teaming up beyond EC / HE level

## Across different EU Programmes

Horizon Europe, EMFAF (European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund), Life, Inter-Reg, InvestEU

## With Member States and Regions

National and regional programmes / initiatives, partnerships

## With International partners / initiatives

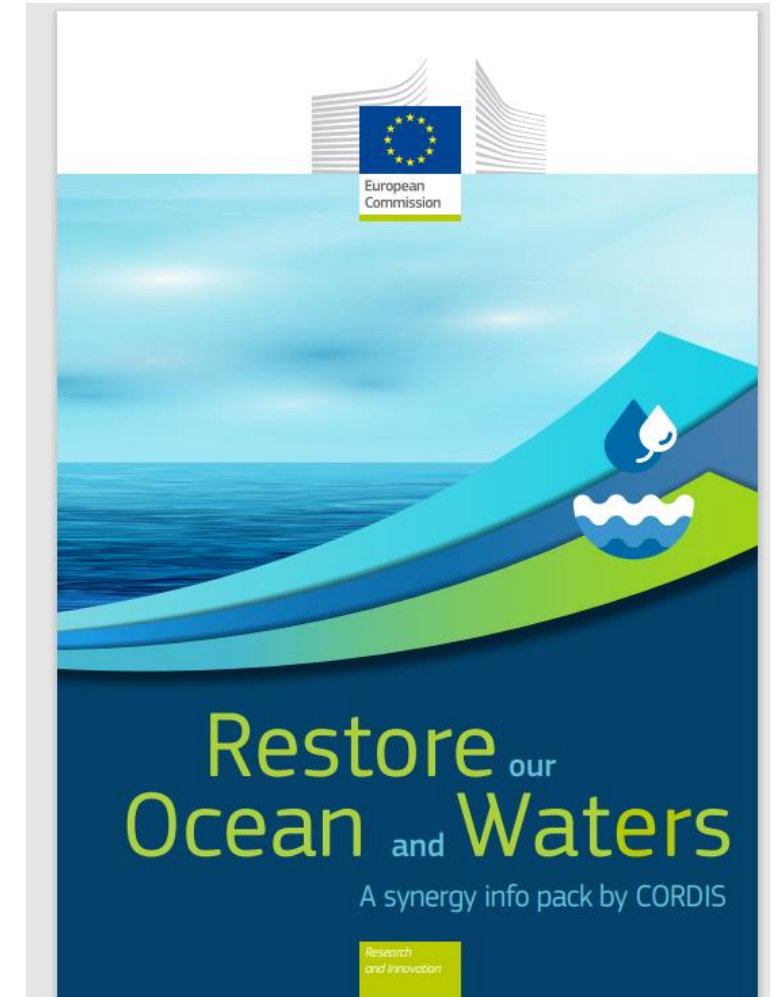
UN Decade Ocean Sciences, Union for the Mediterranean, Alliances (e.g. AAORA: All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance)

## With public & private sectors, and investors

Universities, Joint Undertakings, EIB, EBRD, philanthropy

## With citizens and youth

Citizens initiatives, EU4Ocean (European Ocean Coalition), Youth ocean Ambassadors







# MISSION CHARTER

'Καταστατικός Χάρτης'



The Mission Charter is meant to **mobilize** all stakeholders to achieve the goals of the Mission, strengthening **cooperation**, aligning **efforts** and achieving **critical mass** for the transformational **change** needed to restore our oceans and waters. by 2030.

[The Charter for the Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030” \(europea.eu\)](https://europea.eu)  
[EUSurvey - Survey \(europea.eu\)](https://europea.eu)



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# Your contribution on the Mission Atlas

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Layers (1) Legend

**Mission Actions - EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters**  
Year: 2023

- Research and innovation
- Evidence-based knowledge and data
- Upscaling, deployment and replication of solutions
- Citizen engagement, outreach, awareness raising
- Education and training

**Mission Actions - EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters (3 of 3)**

**CLAIM**  
CLEANING LITTER BY DEVELOPING AND APPLYING INNOVATIVE METHODS IN EUROPEAN SEAS

Title of the action: **Cleaning Litter by developing & Applying Innovative Methods**

Short description: **The Horizon 2020 Innovation Action "Cleaning Litter by developing and Applying Innovative Methods in European seas" (CLAIM) was a 4.5 years project th... [see more info](#)**

Name of organisation: **Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Greece**

Budget: **6,31 Million Euro**

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## What are the benefits of being part of this Mission?

-  **Visibility** and promotion of your actions as a **Mission Actor**
-  Opportunities for **networking** and sharing **best practices**
-  Access to **Literacy** and **education tools**
-  Access to the **Mission implementation Platform services** (access to knowledge, projects portfolio, information on funding...)
-  Investment **opportunities** and **advisory services**
-  **Awards** (through services) for the **blue champions**
-  Access to **support from Lighthouse CSA / Facility** (support to develop science and transition roadmaps, skills training ...)



# What has been implemented so far?

## EC actions in 2021-2022



1.

# HORIZON EUROPE

Work  
Programme,  
Calls, Projects



**Mission Ocean and Waters:  
ca 350 M€ for R&I projects in 2021-2023**



# Horizon Europe - MISSION OCEAN Work Programmes/ Calls

2021

CALL - EUR 114 million € for calls for proposals  
**Projects portfolio selected,  
117 M€ EU funding (124,4 M€ total project cost)**

2022

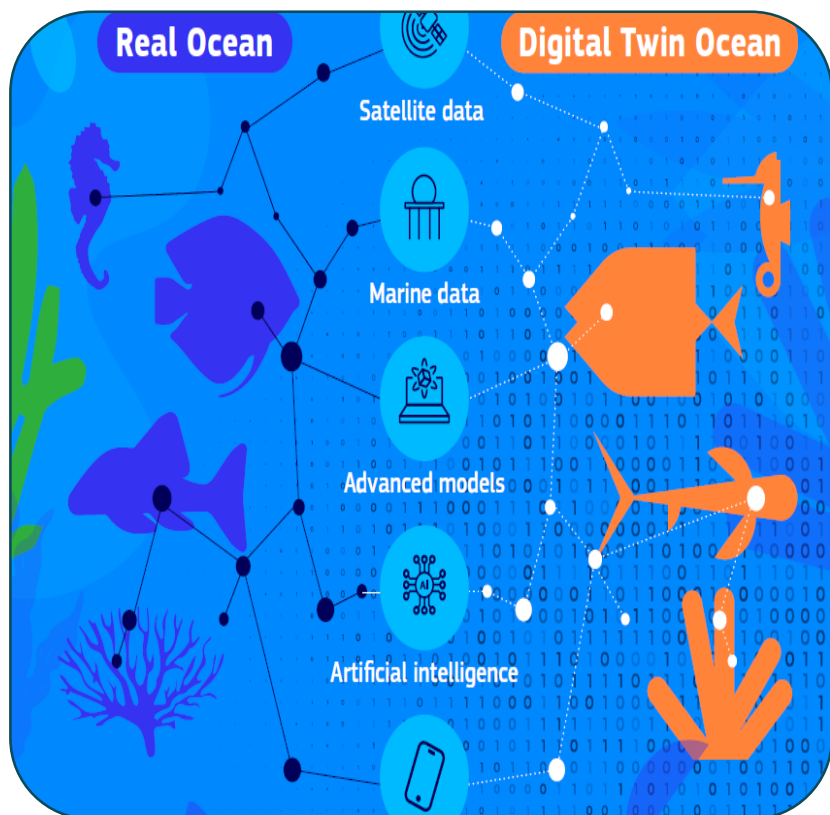
CALL - EUR 117.9 million €

2023

WP Adoption on 6 Dec – Call for proposals open (17 Jan 2023, DL 20 Sept 2023)



# Delivering on ENABLER 1: DIGITAL OCEAN and WATERS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM



## ➤ Building the EU DTO: 30 M€ investments in WP 2021-23

**2021 :**

- Underlying models for the European Digital Twin Ocean (IA, **7 M€**)
- EU Public Infrastructure for the European Digital Twin Ocean (GIB, **3M€**)

**2022 :**

- Integration of biodiversity monitoring data into the Digital Twin Ocean (IA, **10 M€**)
- European DNA library of marine and freshwater species (CSA, **2 M€**)

## ➤ **A Blue Economy Observatory launched by JRC**

a new knowledge dissemination platform for the sustainability of our oceans, seas and coastal areas. The new observatory will focus on socio-economic components of the maritime related sectors.



## Delivering on ENABLER 2: CITIZENS MOBILISATION AND ENGAGEMENT



**2021** : Relation of young generations with the sea and water: values, expectations, and engagement (RIA, **1 million EUR**) + Piloting citizen science in marine and freshwater domains (CSA, **1 million EUR**) + Europeanisation of Plastic Pirates Citizen Science Initiative (IBA, **2 million EUR**)

**2022** : Student and school activities for the promotion of education on 'blue' sustainability and the protection of marine and freshwater ecosystems (CSA, **3 million EUR**, grants to third parties) + Towards local community-driven business models: regenerative ocean farming (CSA, **3 million EUR/3 grants**)



## 2. Lighthouses

- **MOBILISATION OF MS/AC, REGIONS AND STAKEHOLDERS**

**Several MS /regions committed to the Mission**

Participatory Workshops (Brest, Barcelona, Atlantic .

- **KICK-OFF EVENTS FOR EACH LIGHTHOUSE**

- Mediterranean**, Marseille, June 2022

- Atlantic-Arctic**, Cork, Nov. 2022

- Danube**: R&I Days Sept 2022 and main event in April

- Baltic & North Sea**: April 2023

- **LAUNCH OF COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTIONS**

- one for each lighthouse Sea / river basins

- one overarching

**For each event, the Mission is tailor-made for specific actors and communities (e.g. Ports, Regions) or sea / river basins**





# Key actors



**PORTS**



**CITIES**



**FLEETS**



**ISLANDS**



**REGIONS**



## EXAMPLES of actions by ISLANDS to achieve the MISSION objectives



Accelerate **energy transition** and self-sustainability in the islands (renewable energy, solar, waves, wind, geothermal...)



**Protect and regenerate sea** areas / beds (blue reforestation, Poseidonia, Marine Protected Areas and Blue parks...)



Implement **circular economy** plans and fight pollution (recycling discards and waste, from fisheries, beached residues...)



Measures to boost **coastal resilience** (sea-level rise, extreme events) and **self-sustainability** (water, sustainable desalinisation..)

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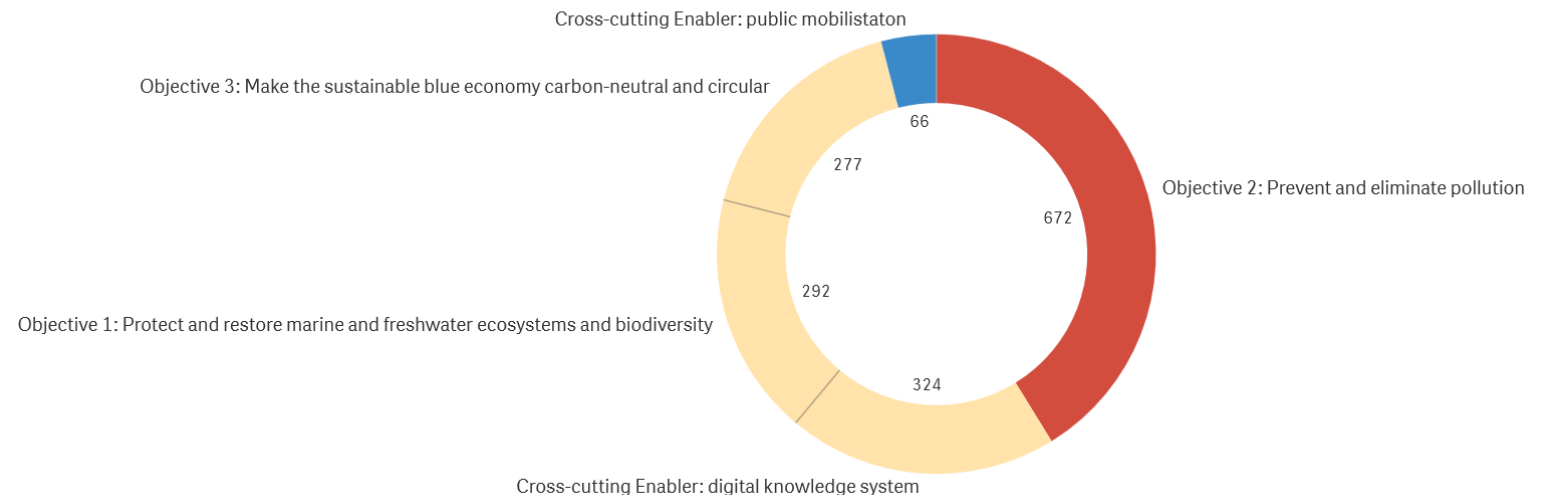
### 3. EU Projects Portfolio analysis



**1400 EU PROJECTS ACROSS DIFFERENT EU PROGRAMMES CONTRIBUTE TO THIS MISSION**  
their analysis and results will be available through the Mission Implementation Platform

A portfolio of projects from the following EU programmes: **FP7, H2020, LIFE, Interreg, CEF, EMFF**

Projects by thematic priority







<a href="#">European Blue Parks – Protection and restoration of marine habitats</a>	IA-8.8M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-01	
<a href="#">Danube river basin lighthouse – Demonstration of effective and sustainable management of sediments in the Danube river-Black sea system</a>	IA 17M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-02	
<a href="#">Atlantic and Arctic sea basin lighthouse – Addressing climate change and human activities threats to marine biodiversity</a>	IA-16M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-03	
<a href="#">European natural lakes: demonstration of integrated approaches for protection and restoration of natural lake ecosystems and their biodiversity</a>	IA-12M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-04	
<a href="#">Lighthouse in the Baltic and the North Sea basins - Lighthouse in the Baltic and the North Sea basins - Green and energy-efficient small-scale fishing fleets</a>	IA-12M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-05	
<a href="#">Cross-basin topic - Innovative nature-inclusive concepts to reconcile offshore renewables with ocean protection</a>	RIA-4.5M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-06	
<a href="#">Cross-basin topic - Analysis of the obstacles and opportunities for repurposing aged/unused offshore infrastructures</a>	RIA-1.4M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-07	
<a href="#">Integration of socio-ecological models into the Digital Twin Ocean</a>	RIA-10M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-08	
<a href="#">Roadmap towards the integration of inland waters into the Digital Twin Ocean</a>	CSA-2M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-09	
<a href="#">Choose your fish: a campaign for responsible consumption of products from the sea</a>	CSA-2M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-10	
<a href="#">Ocean &amp; water and arts: the contribution of creative sectors to Mission Ocean and waters</a>	CSA 2M€
HORIZON-MISS-2023-OCEAN-01-11	

**17 Jan 2023: Opening  
WP 2023 calls**

**20 Sep 2023: Application  
deadline**



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