



National Contact Points for Missions



NCP4Missions is a network...






...to support all National Contact Points for the 5 EU Missions



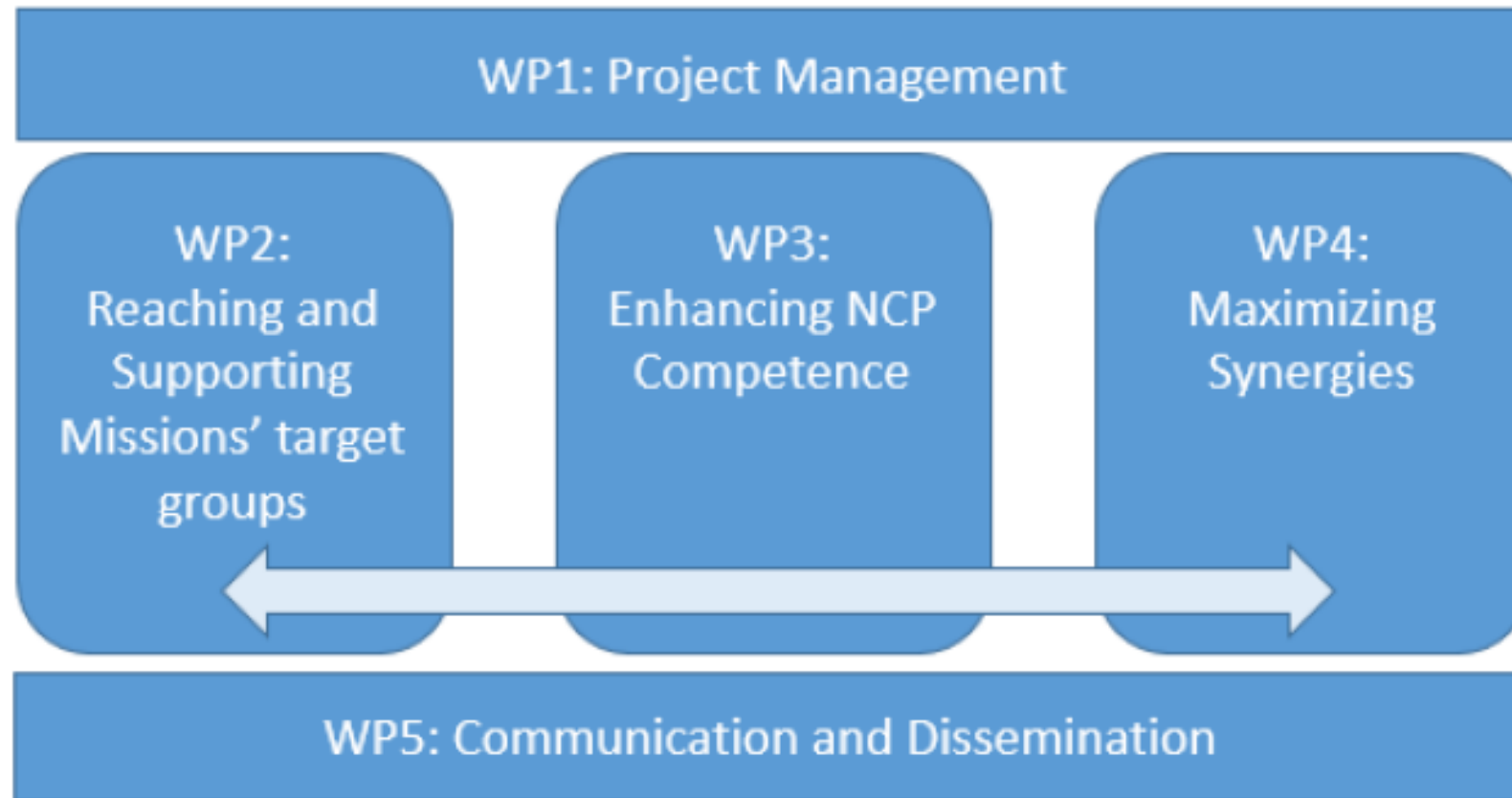
Project ID

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Project type	CSA
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Project end	29 th February 2028
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GA no.	101121092
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Coordinator	FZJ (DE)
Partners	19

Objectives

-  Establishment of a transnational network of NCPs for the EU Missions
-  Improve and professionalise the skills of NCPs concerned with the five EU Missions
-  Standardised and qualified NCP services across Europe
-  Improved support for potential applicants of the EU Missions' Work Programmes
-  Collaboration with the Horizon Europe NCP Portal
-  Synergies with thematically related NCP networks as well as the EU Commission, Missions Hubs, Mission Boards, etc.

Structure





WP3 - Enhancing NCP competence



WP3: Structure

- 🌐 T3.1 Plan Programme for Competence building
- 🌐 T3.2 EC Mission Updates for NCPs
- 🌐 T3.3 e-Learning
- 🌐 T3.4 Meet & Share Sessions
- 🌐 T3.5 Provide Mission “Deep Dives”



WP3: Objectives

- 🌍 **Well-informed and well-trained NCPs**
 - ▶ Primarily by addressing areas not common for NCPs such as citizen engagement, mobilisation of actors beyond R&I, etc.
- 🌍 **New and improved NCP services**
 - ▶ Through exchange of experiences and good practices
- 🌍 **Allow less-experienced NCPs rapidly acquire available know-how and have easy access to expertise**

Target group: All interested NCPs (Mission NCPs, Cluster NCPs, etc.)

T3.4 Meet & Share Sessions


-  1st Meet & Share session, September 2023, Berlin
 - ▶ Topic: “Fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among NCPs for European Missions”
 - ▶ 39 NCPs attended
-  2nd Meet & Share session, October 2024, The Hague
 - ▶ Topic: “Stakeholders Engagement”
 - ▶ 41 NCPs registered
-  Series of five Meet & Share sessions, online, Jan - Jul 2024
 - ▶ Topic: “Information on EU Mission support/implementation projects”
 - ▶ 140 NCPs, in total, attended the sessions



A look in 2025



T3.1 Plan Programme for Competence building

-  Forthcoming training activities
 - ▶ **EC Mission Update & E-learning nugget:** European Policies relevant to EU Missions & How to address them in proposals
 - ▶ **Deep Dive:** Financial support to third parties (Use of in regions)
 - ▶ **Meet & Share session (online):** How to organise brokerage events for EU Missions

Thank You for your attention!



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Meet & Share: Citizen Engagement

Online event, 4th February 2025

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European Commission

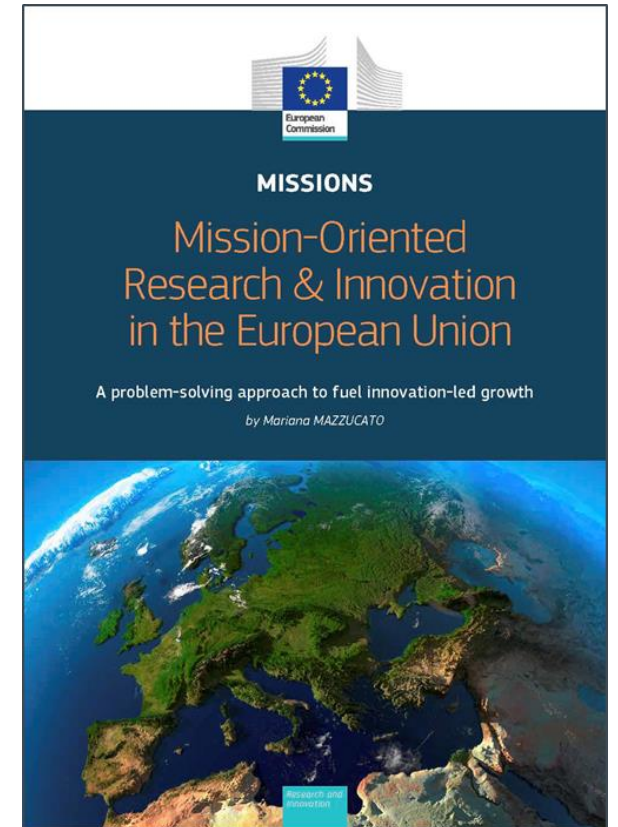
DG RTD.G4 Common Missions and Partnerships service

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What are EU Missions?

- Mission-oriented policy = approach to public policy that focuses on setting and pursuing **ambitious, targeted, time-bound goals** or "missions" to address challenges with wide societal relevance.
- Mission = engine of change, **convening, pooling** and **orchestrating** effort, resources and means across sectors and fields towards a shared purpose.
- **System transformation** thanks to an ecosystem of actors and a portfolios of actions
- **Citizens** are at the heart of EU Mission



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Watch recordings from the Info Days!

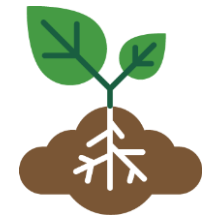
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Climate Change

Cancer

Climate-neutral
and Smart Cities

Restore our
Ocean and Waters

Soil Deal
for Europe



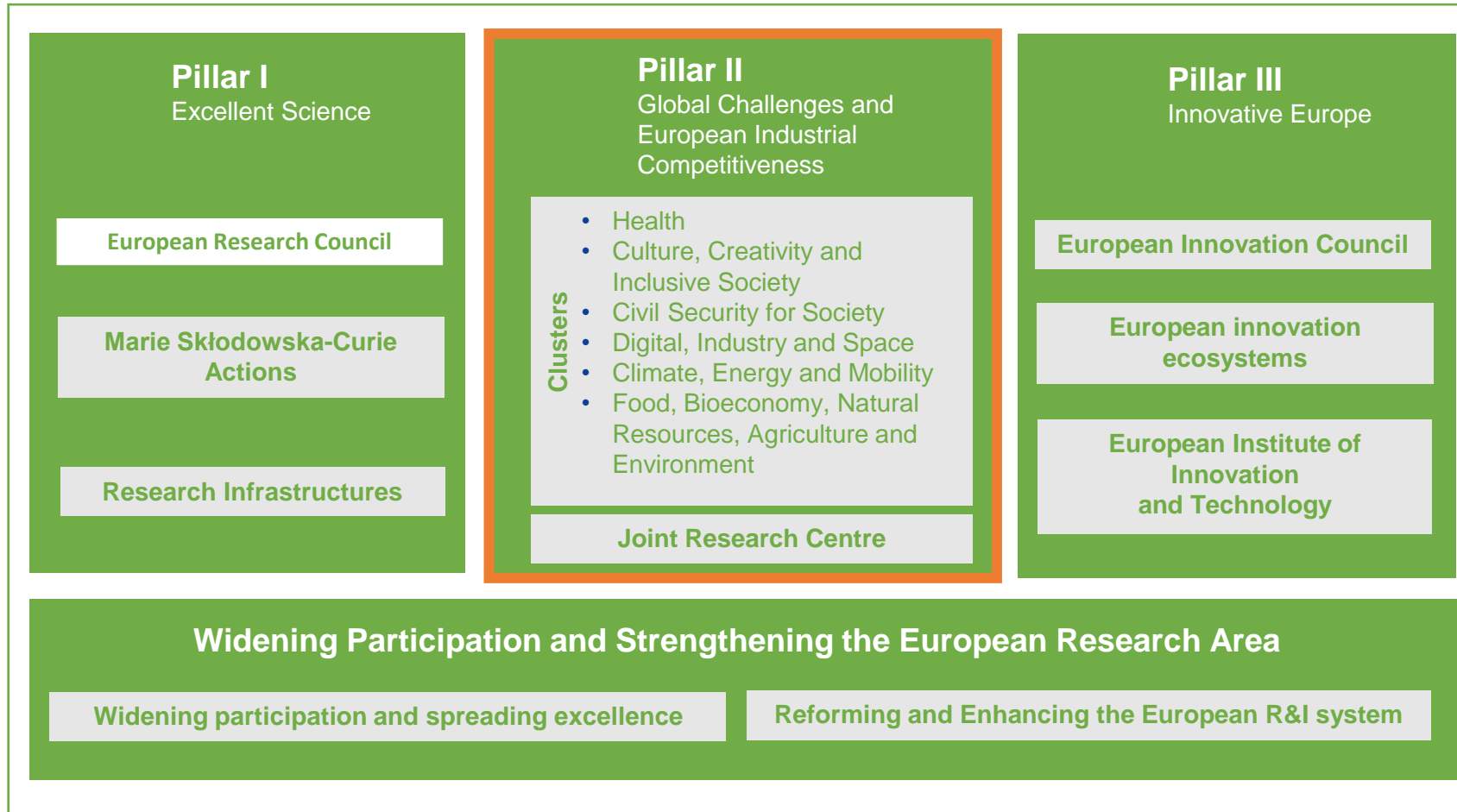
Support at least
150 European
regions and
communities to
become climate
resilient by 2030

Working with
Europe's Beating
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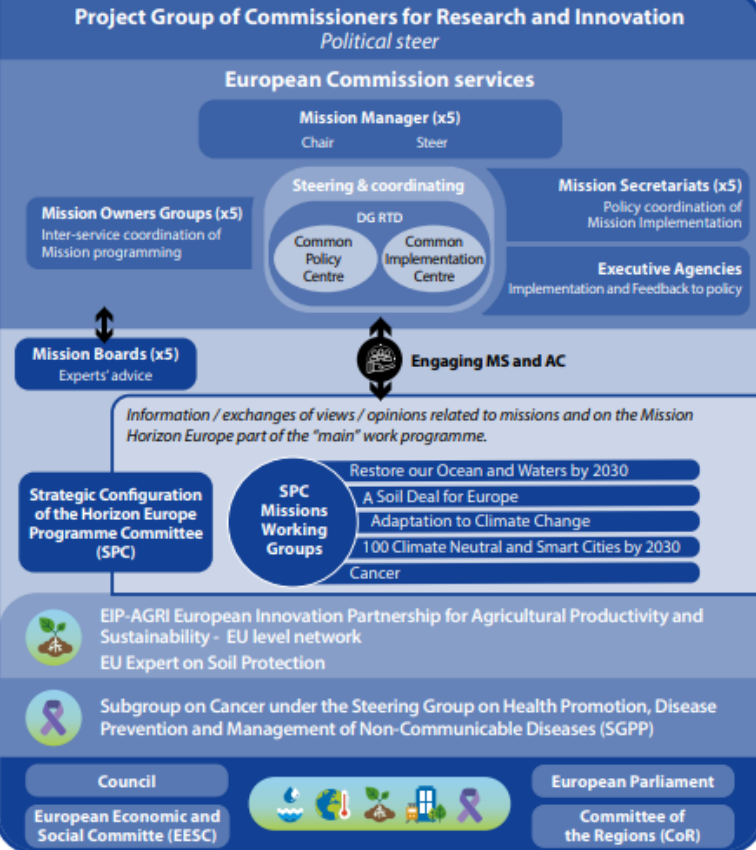


Missions budget 2021-2023: 10% Pillar II HE ~1.8 billion

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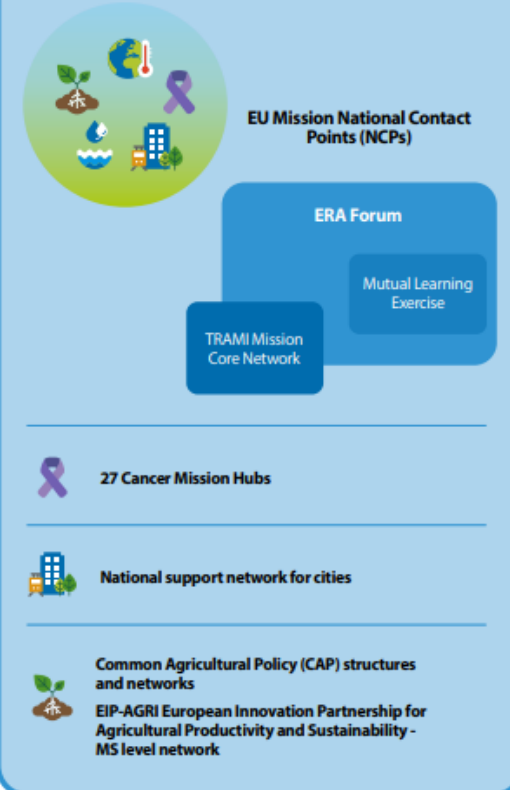
EU level: strategic dialogue and programming

Strategic discussion and steering of EU Missions, including the preparation of Horizon Europe EU Missions work programme part.



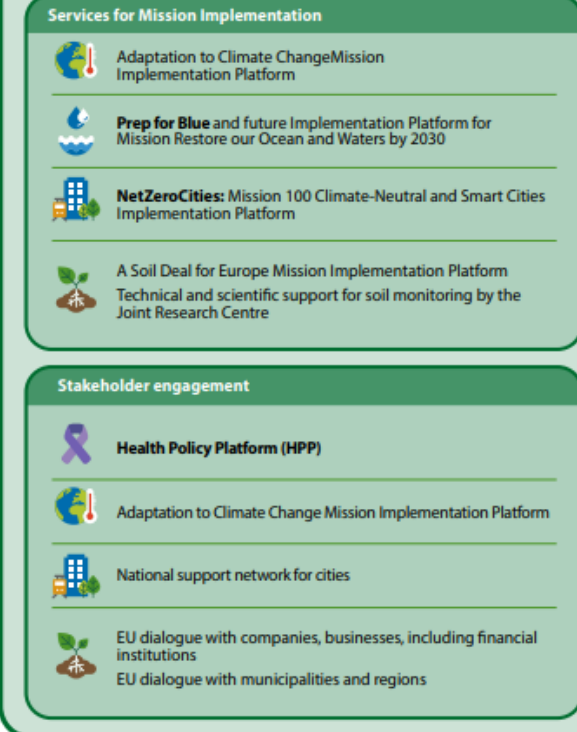
Initiatives and networks with Member States

These structures will favour mutual exchanges, raise awareness and foster dialogue on EU Missions at national, regional and local levels, etc.



Interlinking with the regional and local levels

These structures represent "entry points" for stakeholders to engage with specific EU missions. They are grouped based on the type of activities they provide. The upper box contains structures that provide services to help amongst others with monitoring, reporting, citizens engagement, communication, etc. The bottom box contains structures that will constitute a forum for dialogue with the different missions stakeholders.



Conference on the Future of Europe

Citizen engagement: co-designing, co-deployment, co-monitoring





Communication on EU Missions: context

- On 19 July 2023 EC adopted the [Communication](#): “*EU Missions two years on: assessment of progress and way forward*”
- It contains key messages regarding the main achievements of EU Missions since their inception, as well as critical challenges faced by them. It also presents a set of proposals to address such challenges
- Supported by a Staff Working Document which presents comprehensive evidence on which the messages of the Communication are grounded
 - Final report [study](#) published in September 2023
- Communication and SWD fulfil legal obligation under Horizon Europe regulation to assess the Missions (article 8.5) and to review the mission areas



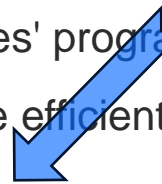
Communication on EU Missions: main messages

- The assessment of EU missions confirms that they
 - are timely and inspirational initiatives
 - provide new impetus to important EU policy priorities
 - help aligning EU, national, regional and local policy efforts towards shared goals
 - **have encouraged broad engagement and active participation of stakeholders**
 - are **overall progressing in line** with their implementation plans.
- However, EU missions need to be further supported in reaching their long-term goals, notably by:
 - **strengthening political steer and improving governance**
 - **facilitating access to resources and funding**
 - **continue to enhance citizens and stakeholders' engagement**



Communication proposals & next steps

- Improve the **political steer** and **governance** of EU Missions
 - Invest in strengthening joint support functions
 - Further involve the relevant thematic Council formations and European Parliament committees
 - Streamline EU Mission governance to make it more efficient, inclusive, and effective
- Secure **more and better co-investment**, including from the private sector
 - Mobilise a broader portfolio of instruments, including public-private partnerships and the public procurement of innovation
 - Intensify discussions on alignment of Member States' programming of EU funding with Missions
 - Streamline EU Mission governance to make it more efficient, inclusive, and effective
- Enhance **citizen and stakeholder engagement**
 - Undertake targeted actions to **support local and national communication efforts** to boost citizen engagement and raise public awareness.
 - Organise a **public debate** on the implementation reports to draw lessons, discuss progress, and communicate achievements of the EU Missions





Stakeholders and Citizens engagement : why ?

- EU Missions are a novel practice bringing together R&I policies with broader sectoral policies
- EU Missions require :
 - Inclusiveness and broad stakeholders and citizen engagement
 - New tools to engage stakeholders and to connect with a wider public
- Achievements and impact of EU Missions need to be highlighted at local and regional level and in the daily lives of citizens
- Stakeholders and citizens need to be engaged in co-creating the EU Missions and in delivering impact
- Visibility and access to the Missions are essential
- The Commission, through a number of policy initiatives cross-cutting to the Missions and through the Work Programmes 2025-2027 will enhance citizens engagement and dissemination activities



Citizens and Stakeholders engagement in EU Missions – Some Examples

Mission Work Programme

- Climate Mission: Engagement through Mission projects, e.g TransformAr (toolbox for citizens), CLIMAS (citizens empowerment and citizens assemblies)
- Ocean Mission: engaging young generations through the Blue School Network, the European Solidarity Corps and the EU4Ocean Coalition;
- Soil Mission: Communication actions through hashtags #MissionSoil and #MissionSoilWeek (~ 1.6 M impressions on social media); testing innovating citizen engagement practices (rural trekking, involvement on inmates in the protection and restoration of soil, etc.)
- Cities Mission: Using Climate Cities Contracts (CCCs) to mobilise local stakeholders and citizens (citizens and stakeholders' consultations, urban co-design, citizens' assemblies, city labs, etc.)
- Cancer Mission: Bus roadshow in 2024 (16 804 visitors, reaching ~ 11 M people and 66 national and local stakeholders)

Mission Implementation Platforms

- Climate Mission: [Climate ADAPT](#)
- Cities Mission: [Net Zero Cities](#)
- Ocean & waters Mission: [Prep4Blue](#)
- Soil Mission: [Mission Soil Platform](#)
- Cancer Mission: [ECHO S Hubs](#)

Cross-cutting actions

- Factsheets success stories
- Dedicated joint portal for Missions
- Match-Making events
- Citizens engagement events
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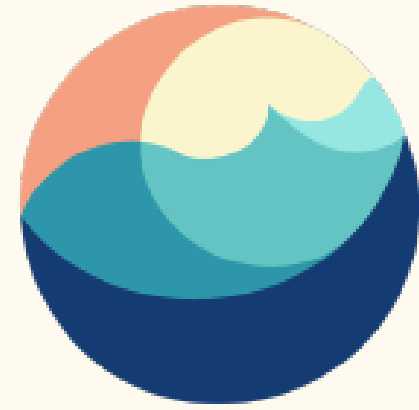
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SHORE

Empower students as the agents of change

Meet & Share: Citizen Engagement

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The project in numbers

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3
Years



3M€
Funding



15
Partners



10
Countries



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#EUBlueSchools



Geographical distribution of SHORE partners



SHORE regional-based approach and selection of ocean & water ecosystems

Baltic Sea:

- Overfishing
- Pollution from petroleum derivatives
- Eutrophication
- Organic pollutants
- Increased plastic use threatening biodiversity

Black Sea:

- Unique oxygen layering with active marine ecosystem
- Nitrate-based pollution
- Oil and natural gas pollution
- Microplastic accumulation
- Overfishing

Mediterranean Sea:

- Biodiversity hotspot
- Pressure from heavy maritime traffic
- Pollution and fishing impacts
- Climate-related changes challenging species preservation



Danube River:

- Second largest river in Europe, vital for various economic activities
- Biodiversity loss from historical and ongoing pollution
- Climate change impacts affecting water access and agriculture

Rhine River:

- Major route for industrial transportation
- Suffers from industrial pollution
- Contaminated water discharges
- Climate impacts like rising temperatures and water level fluctuations affecting aquatic and human life

Objectives

- Increase ocean literacy among primary and secondary students and educators
- Mobilize teachers, schools, and students to implement Mission Ocean objectives
- Foster international coordination and cooperation
- Empower schools to co-develop and implement blue projects

Funding Opportunities

SHORE Open Call # 1

Funding available for primary and secondary schools!
Submit your application before 20 March!


Up to 10,000€
per Project


Up to 6 month
projects

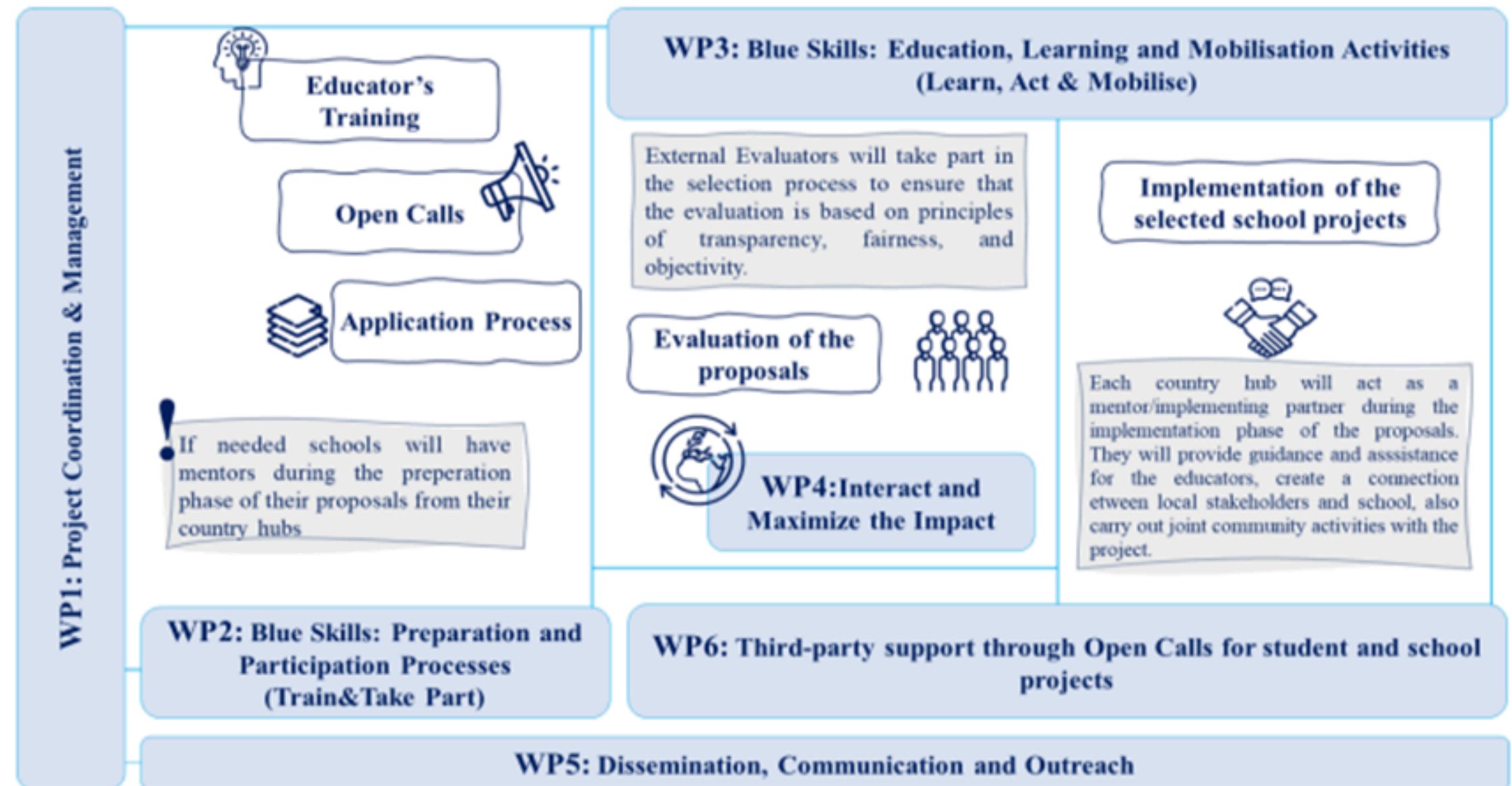

3 Open Calls


100 schools
projects funded

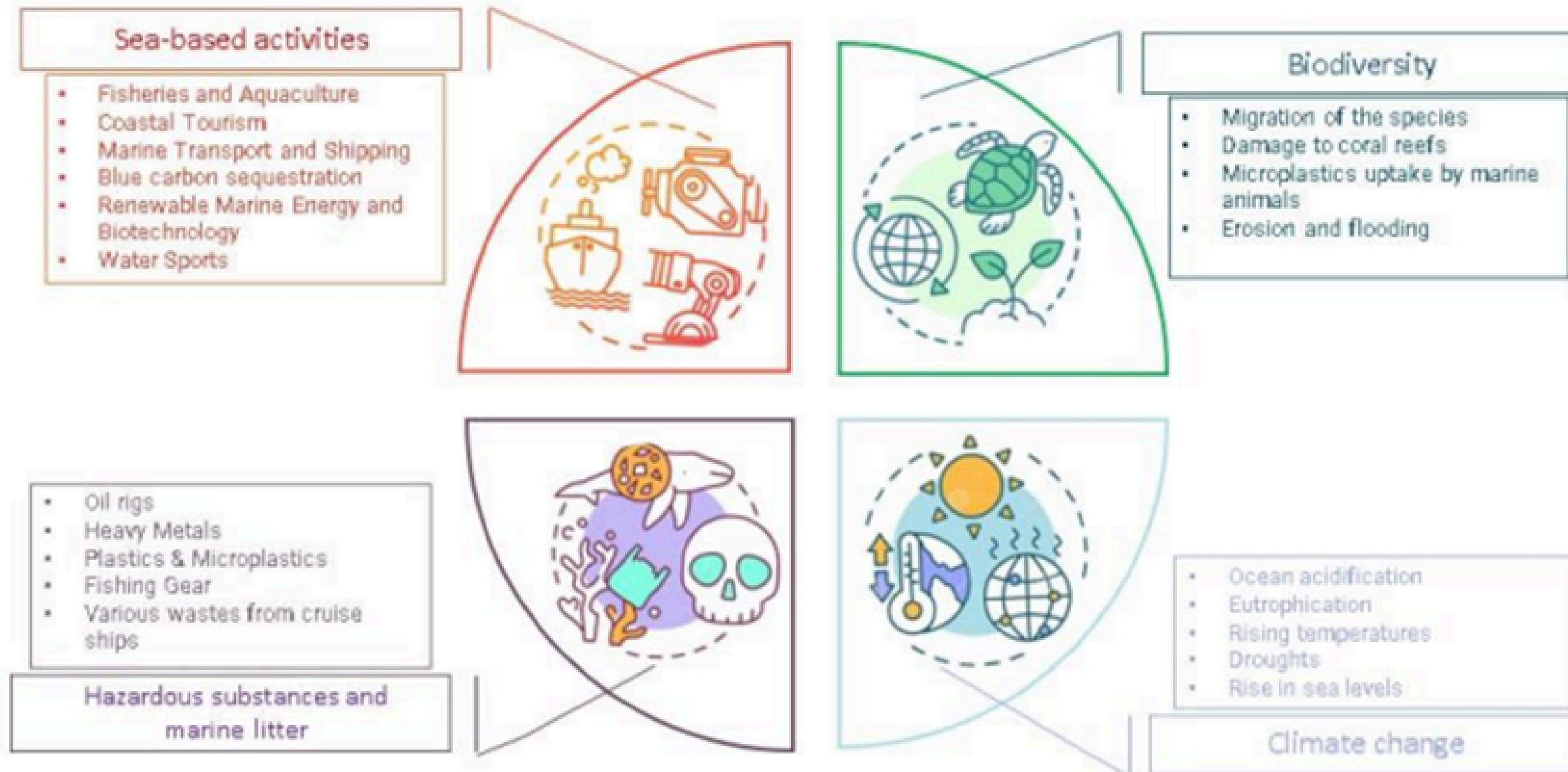


SHORE Activites

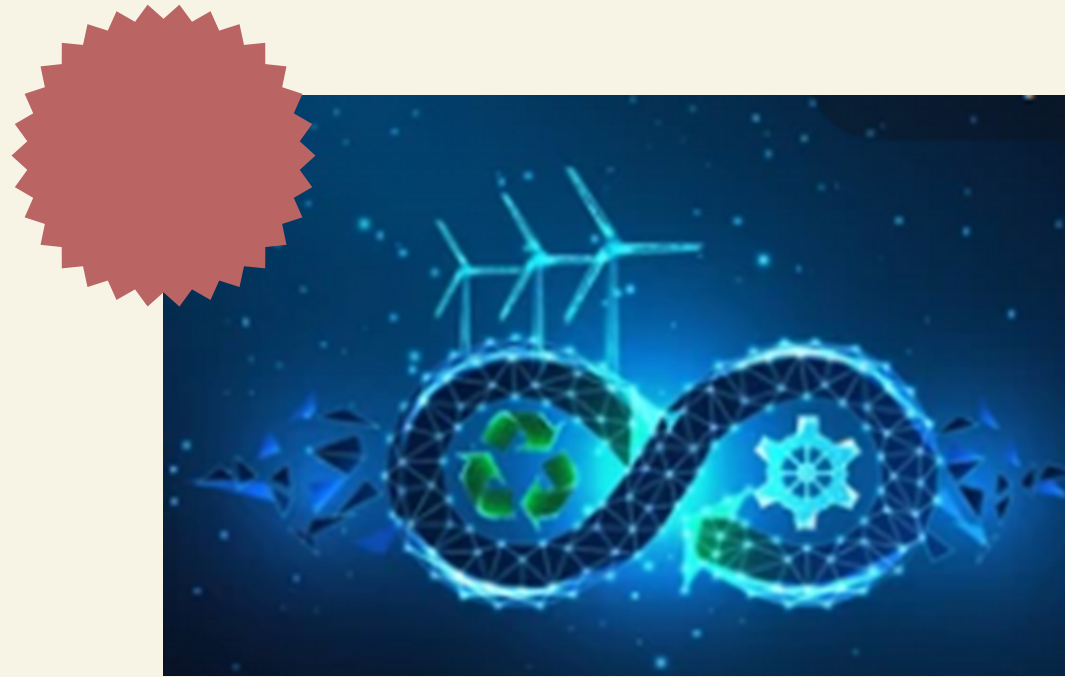
- Fund at least 100 schools
- Provide materials and training for educators
- Community activities: exhibitions, workshops, seminars, etc.
- Digital platform for project follow-up and virtual learning environment



Potential topics/themes for the school projects



Mission Ocean and Blue Economy



Mission Ocean Helix



SHORE clustering ecosystem



RELEVANT LINKED STRATEGIES & POLICY DOCUMENTS

- ✓ EU Blue Growth Strategy
- ✓ EU Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters" Implementation Plan
- ✓ "A new approach for a sustainable blue economy in the EU: Transforming the EU's Blue Economy for a Sustainable Future"
- ✓ "Blue Growth opportunities for marine and maritime sustainable growth"
- ✓ EU Green Deal
- ✓ UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

SHORE Engagement Tools



A **Digital platform** to ensure the visibility of SHORE internationally and support the schools in the implementation of their projects.



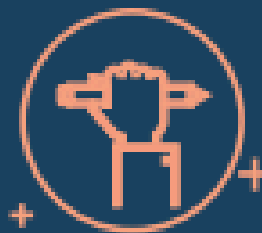
A **Submission platform** dedicated to the three open-calls.



The Mission Ocean Helix, a virtual network gathering experts on ocean literacy from academia and education.



Training materials for educator to increase their knowledge about sustainable and blue education.



Blue curricula toolkits and modules through open schooling methodologies.



SHORE Project's citizen engagement strategies

- **Youth Empowerment:** Educates and mobilizes young people as agents of change in environmental stewardship.
- **European Blue Schools Network:** Expands educational outreach, promoting ocean literacy across communities.
- **Educator Training:** Enhances the delivery of blue economy concepts, ensuring educators are well-equipped to engage students.
- **Community Activities:** Facilitates direct public involvement through workshops, exhibitions, and seminars.
- **Digital Platform:** Extends engagement via an online portal for educational materials, project interaction, and public voting on student projects.
- **Ocean Ambassador Program:** Recognizes and motivates community and student leaders in marine conservation efforts.



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