



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



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- 1. The length and complexity of the pre-proposal seems to be the same as for the full proposal.**

The sections remain the same from pre-proposal to full proposal stage. There are more information necessary with regard to the submission of full proposals (CVs, references, project description (max. 50.000 characters), and work plan with a full description of work packages, tasks, deliverables and milestones).

- 2. Is there a minimum number of countries that need to be involved?**

Yes, at least three partner countries.

- 3. Will the proposal be checked only for formal requirements (budget, countries etc.) or will proposals also be rated and filtered by content?**

There will be a general and national/regional eligibility check. Pre-proposals will be evaluated by an International Review Panel afterwards.

- 4. It will be large projects if you consider the whole value chain. Are projects that cover larger parts ranked higher?**

In general projects should explore innovative, yet sustainable and climate-friendly utilisation of aquatic biomass at different trophic levels, as well as sustainable harvesting, and novel aquaculture production systems targeting a range of existing or new markets, products (food, feed, chemistry, nutraceuticals, cosmetics, etc. applying a food first principle). Projects won't be ranked higher if they only cover larger parts of the value chain.

- 5. Can the focus region of the project lie outside the participating EU countries (e.g. Asia)?**

Yes. However, projects need to consider and specify how they want to realize the aim to achieve a sustainable and competitive Blue Bioeconomy in Europe.

- 6. What does land-based production mean specifically?**

All production processes that are based on land (agriculture, industry).

- 7. RRI ok but what about ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing) on say biological materials sequencing etc.? CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity)? Will pre-proposals get feedback for the full proposal?**

If applicable, please describe ABS and CBD in the Responsible Research and Innovation section at www.submission-blubio.eu.

Applicants that are invited to submit a full proposal receive a short feedback for pre-proposals.

- 8. What is the max. budget of a project?**

Please check the overview on funding opportunities of each participating funding organisation (see Call Announcement and Guidelines, page 10, table 2).

- 9. What do we do if we receive interest from a valuable potential partner after having submitted the pre-proposal?**

It is not possible to change core information from pre- to full proposal (e.g. partners, finances).

- 10. Can you have industry partners from a country outside an eligible research country or must all involved actors be from eligible countries?**

Industry and research partners can come from eligible or non-eligible countries. If they come from a non-eligible country they need to bring their own funds.

- 11. Who can apply as coordinator?**

A research or industry partner from one of the eligible countries.

- 12. During the selection of priority areas: How should I proceed if more than two priority areas are covered?**

Please choose the one that is most suitable to your project. Please describe other priority area(s) that is/are covered in the project description.

13. What is acceptable for overhead rate (coordinator)?

Please check Annex 2 Call Announcement and Guidelines for national/regional regulation.

14. Must an industry be a partner or is it okay to involve them in a steering group or similar?

Industry involvement is fulfilled if an industry partner(s) participates as partner or as member of a steering group, advisory board or similar. In case the only industry partner within a project is involved as member of a steering group, advisory board, or similar, this partner needs to be registered in the submission system as external contributor. A letter of commitment from this partner is a must.

15. How do you measure scientific quality? Have you chosen objective criteria?

Yes, objective criteria have been chosen. Please check the Call Announcement and Guidelines, p.15.

16. Could you please precise which countries are eligible?

Please check Annex 1 in the Call Announcement and Guidelines at www.submission-bluebio.eu.

17. Is it mandatory that the project is a continuation of an ongoing or recently finished project (H2020 etc.)?

No.

18. What does synergy between aquaculture and fisheries means? Can you specify please?

We are looking for benefits created by linkages and interactions between fisheries and aquaculture. BlueBio aims at identifying gaps and positive effects by using these synergies and knowledge exchange between sectors.



19. One of the stakeholders of the project originates from a non-participating country. Does such a project has equal high relevance for the evaluation board?

Partners from non-eligible countries have to bring their own funds. They are so-called external contributors. Projects with or without external contributors are treated equally.

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