# Joint call for proposals

# Underwater noise in the marine environment

# PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

*This template is an indicative model of proposal application form. All proposals have to be submitted online via the electronic proposal submission system (EPSS) available at* [https://noiseinthesea-submission.mur.gov.it](https://noiseinthesea-submission.mur.gov.it/)*.*

*The format of the proposal application form will be modified to fit the EPSS.*

***General guidance for all applicants:***

* *The proposal must be written in English;*
* *The different sections of the application should not exceed the prescribed maximum space, please take into account the maximum number of characters indicated for each section includes also spaces. Text exceeding these dimensions will not be taken in consideration by the evaluators;*
* *Any documents other than those requested as part of the proposal will not be forwarded to Evaluation Committee members.*

***Please make sure to respect the eligibility rules of the call which include the general eligibility rules to be respected by each and every consortium and partner and the Funding Partners’ eligibility rules, annexed to the call text, applicable only to the partners of the respective country.***

***All eligibility rules are compulsory.***

***Applicants are strongly advised to contact their respective Funding Partners (list available on the call text) and to confirm their eligibility with their Funding Partners before submitting the proposal.***

1. **General information**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ***Acronym:*** | *(max 20 characters)* |
| ***Project title*** | *(max 150 characters)* |
| ***Start date of the project*** | *(Projects shall start in the second semester of year 2022)* |
| ***Duration of the project:*** | *Number of months (max. 36)* |
| ***Keywords:*** | *(Maximum 5 keywords related to your project may be entered here. Keywords help effective expert selection to evaluate your proposal.)* |

**Relevance to the call**

Indicate the topic/s you are addressing with your proposal entering an indicative repartition, in percentage, between the two topics (total 100%)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Theme 1: Effects of anthropogenic noise pollution on marine ecosystems |  | percentage |  |
| Theme 2: Innovative seismic sources as an option for quieter and effective alternatives to conventional marine geophysical exploration |  | percentage |  |

1. **Consortium/ List of partners**

*(all administrative details of all partners, either of the legal entities, the Principal investigators and the research teams)*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Coordinator *(Partner 1) or Partner 2, Partner 3 … Partner N*  *Please insert as many copies of this table as necessary for other Partners* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Researcher in charge (Principal investigator): | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Family name | | |  | | | | First name | | | |  | | |
| Title | | |  | | | | Gender | | | |  | | |
| Phone | | |  | | | | E-mail | | | |  | | |
| ORCID id. | | |  | | | | Nationality | | | |  | | |
| *Career Stage[[1]](#footnote-1)* | | | | *To be chosen among:*  Category A: Top grade researcher  Category B: Senior researcher  Category C: Recognised researcher  Category D: First stage researcher | | | | | | | | | |
| Web site | | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Legal full name of the research organisation / company | | | |  | | | Short name (acronym) of the research organisation/Company | | | |  | | |
| Participant Identification Code (PIC) of the organisation[[2]](#footnote-2) | | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Status: Private or Public? | | *Choose between:*  Private  Public | | | Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME status): | | | *Choose between:*  YES, NO | Statistical Classification of Economic Activities (NACE)[[3]](#footnote-3): | | | |  |
| Registered Office address of the research organisation / company | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Street name and number | | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| PO Box | |  | | | Postal code | |  | | Cedex | | |  | |
| Town |  | | | | | | Country | | |  | | | |
| Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory | | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Division / Department / Unit or Laboratory address | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Street name and number | | | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| PO Box | |  | | | Postal code | |  | | Cedex | | |  | |
| Town |  | | | | | | Country | | |  | | | |
| Employment status information | | | | | | | *Choose between:*  On permanent position  On fixed-term position | | | | | | |
| If on fixed term position: | | | | | | |
| * Duration of contract: | | | |  | | |
| * Funding body: | | | |  | | |
| Other team members involved in the project\* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id. | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id. | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| ……. | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| Team member N: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id. | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| \* *Please include all the team members to be involved in the project, would they be funded or not by your Funding Organisation. If you do not have yet this information for one team member (e.g. for a postdoc), you can indicate “to be determined”* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. **Project Summary/ Abstract** (max. 2000 characters[[4]](#footnote-4))
2. **Summary of Work packages, Tasks, Milestones and Deliverables**

*Please fill, on line, the following tables:*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Work packages (WP)*** | | |
| WP | Title | Lead partner |
| 1 |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |
| … |  |  |

*(Use as many lines as needed)*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ***Tasks*** | | |
| No. | Title | Lead partner / partner, PM |
| T1.1 |  |  |
| T1.2 |  |  |
| T1... |  |  |
| T2.1 |  |  |
| T2.2 |  |  |
| T… |  |  |

*(Use as many lines as needed)*

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| --- | --- |
| ***Milestones*** | |
| No. | Title |
| M1.1 |  |
| M1.2 |  |
| M1. … |  |
| M2.1 |  |
| M2.2 |  |
| M…. |  |

*(Use as many lines as needed)*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ***Deliverables*** | |
| No. | Title |
| D1.1 |  |
| D1.2 |  |
| D1…. |  |
| D2.1 |  |
| D2.2 |  |
| D… |  |
|  |  |

*(Use as many lines as needed)*

1. **Summary of efforts**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Person month (PM) per Work package / partner (WP)*** | | | | | | | |
| WP | Partner 1 | Partner 2 | Partner 3 | Partner 4 | Partner 5 | Partner 6 | Partner 7 |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| … |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*(Use as many lines and columns as needed)*

### Financial Plan/ Budget *(all details with all partners to record in the submission tool)*

*Please note that you should indicate in this table the total costs of the project and the funding requested to your Funding Partner and their indicative repartition between the different categories of costs, i.e. personnel (including permanent salaries depending on Funding Partners rules), equipment, consumables, subcontracts, travels, overheads).* ***Please, make sure to follow your Funding Partner’ rules for the determination of the eligible costs and the requested funding calculation.*** *Please note that some Funding Partners’ cannot provide a funding equal to 100% of eligible costs. For questions, contact your Funding Partner Contact Point.*

*The column Total costs comprise all the costs related to the project independently of national funding rules. You have to indicate here all the costs of the project.*

*The column Funding request comprises the part of the costs that you will request to your Funding Partner.*

*Please, include one table like the following one for each partner.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Partner 1 | | | | |
| Name | *put the short name* | Country | |  |
| Funding organisation(s) to which you are applying for funding[[5]](#footnote-5) | | | *To be selected on the list of Funding organizations* | |

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| items | Total cost (in Euro including VAT)[[6]](#footnote-6) | Funding requested (in Euro, including VAT depending on national rules)[[7]](#footnote-7) | Own funding (equal to the difference between total cost and funding requested) |
| Personnel |  |  | *Calculated by EPSS* |
| Equipment |  |  | *Calculated by EPSS* |
| Consumables |  |  | *Calculated by EPSS* |
| Subcontracting[[8]](#footnote-8) |  |  | *Calculated by EPSS* |
| Travel |  |  | *Calculated by EPSS* |
| Overhead |  |  | *Calculated by EPSS* |
| Total | *Calculated by EPSS* | *Calculated by EPSS* | *Calculated by EPSS* |

### VII. Financial comments (1.000 characters)

*Each partner can enter a brief description regarding the costs (please, take into account that the eligibility of the costs and their limitations depends on the national rules).*

*For self-financed Partners, please indicate shortly how their participation to the project will be funded.*

### Contents of the proposal

*This chapter shall be prepared off-line and uploaded in the submission tool ad a pdf file. It should include the following chapters*

### State of the art *(max. 25.000 characters)*

1. **Project Objectives/ Description** *(include the expected project impact and relevance to the call topic/s, max. 25.000 characters)*

### Detailed description of the research plan - Work plan module *(max 8.000 characters)*

1. **Dissemination, Outreach, networking, training opportunities** *(max. 8.000 characters)*
2. **International Cooperation - Affiliation with (inter)national research programmes** *(max. 6.000 characters)*
3. **Description of project management including data management** *(max. 6.000 characters)*
4. **Scientific publications** *(Optional)**(max. 6.000 characters)*

#### DECLARATIONS

#### *To be filled in on line*

The project applicants hereby declare, that to the best of their knowledge the research outlined in this proposal is unique in character and does not duplicate research already funded at national, regional or EU level, within national, regional, international or EU calls.

The project applicants hereby declare that they have consulted and taken into account all eligibility criteria, including also the relevant Funding Partners’ rules.

The applicants confirm that they are aware that failure to fulfil these conditions will result in the withdrawal of this proposal from the application process or the withdrawal of funding from approved projects.

Confirm this declaration

**Do No Significant Harm principle (DNSH)**

The Do No Significant Harm principle was introduced in the European Green Deal to ensure that the research and innovation activities do not make a significant harm to any of the six following environmental objectives (EU Taxonomy Regulation): Climate change mitigation, Climate change adaptation, Sustainable use & protection of water & marine resources, Pollution prevention & control, Transition to a circular economy and Protection and restoration of biodiversity & ecosystems. You can find more information on what is considered as doing significant harm to the above objectives in the following note:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/c2021_1054_en.pdf>

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| --- | --- |
| Does your project comply with the "Do No Significant Harm principle"? | YES / NO |
| If NO, please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000) |  |

**Ethics self-assessment**

The applicant shall self-assess the respect of the ethics principles answering to the following questionnaire:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **1. HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS AND HUMAN EMBRYOS** | Y/N | If yes, please detail and indicate how you plan to deal with this ethic issue. |
| Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, will they be directly derived from embryos within this project? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they previously established cells lines? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are the cell lines registered in the European registry for human embryonic stem cell lines? | Y/N |  |
| Does this activity involve the use of human embryos? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, will the activity lead to their destruction? | Y/N |  |
| **2. HUMANS** | | |
| Does your research involve human participants? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they volunteers for nonmedical studies (e.g. social or human sciences research)? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they healthy volunteers or medical studies? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they patients for medical studies? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they potentially vulnerable individuals or groups? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they children / minors? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they other persons unable to give informed consent? | Y/N |  |
| Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, does it involve invasive techniques? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, does it involve collection of biological samples? | Y/N |  |
| Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014)? (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products). | Y/N |  |
| If yes, is it a clinical trial? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, is it a low-intervention clinical trial? | Y/N |  |
| **3. HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES** | | |
| Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they human embryonic or foetal cells or tissues? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they available commercially? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they obtained within this project? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they obtained from another project, laboratory or institution? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they obtained from biobank? | Y/N |  |
| **4. PERSONAL DATA** | | |
| Does this activity involve processing of personal data? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, does it involve the processing of special categories of personal data (e.g.: sexual lifestyle, ethnicity, genetic, biometric and health data, political opinion, religious or philosophical | Y/N |  |
| If yes, does it involve profiling, systematic monitoring of individuals, or processing of large scale of special categories of data or intrusive methods of data processing (such as, surveillance, geolocation tracking etc.)? | Y/N |  |
| Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of pre-existing data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)? | Y/N |  |
| Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, specify the type of personal data and countries involved: | | |
| Is it planned to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, specify the type of personal data and countries involved: | | |
| **5. ANIMALS** | | |
| Does your research involve animals? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they vertebrates? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they non-human primates (NHP)? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they genetically modified? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they cloned farm animals? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, are they endangered species? | Y/N |  |
| **6. NON-EU COUNTRIES** | | |
| Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, specify the countries | | |
| In case non-EU countries are involved, do the activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues? | Y/N |  |
| If yes, specify the countries | | |
| Is it planned to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)? | Y/N |  |
| Is it planned to import any material (other than data) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? For data imports, see section 4. | Y/N |  |
| If yes, specify material and countries involved: | | |
| Is it planned to export any material (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries? For data exports, see section 4. | Y/N |  |
| If yes, specify material and countries involved: | | |
| Does this activity involve low and/or lower-middle income countries? (if yes, detail the benefit- sharing actions planned in the self-assessment) | Y/N |  |
| Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the activity at risk? | Y/N |  |
| **7. ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH and SAFETY** | | |
| Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)? | Y/N |  |
| Does this activity deal with endangered fauna and/or flora / protected areas? | Y/N |  |
| Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to humans, including those performing the activity (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)? | Y/N |  |
| **8. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE** | | |
| Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence? (if yes, detail in the self-assessment whether that could raise ethical concerns related to human rights and values and detail how this will be addressed). | Y/N |  |
| **11. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES** | | |
| Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration? | Y/N |  |
| Please specify: (*max. 1.000 characters*) | | |

1. Choose one of the following 4 options:

   * Category A: The single highest grade/post at which research is normally conducted. (Example: “Director of research”)
   * Category B: Researchers working in positions not as senior as top position (A) but more senior than newly qualified doctoral graduates (Example: “Senior researcher”).
   * Category C: The first grade/post into which a newly qualified doctoral graduate would normally be recruited. (Examples: “researcher”, “investigator” or “Post-doctoral fellow”).
   * Category D: Either doctoral students at the IsCED level 8 who are engaged as researchers, or researchers working in posts that do not normally require a doctorate degree. (Examples: “Ph.D. students” or “junior researchers” without a Ph.D).

   These categories are defined in Frascati manual from OECD <https://www.oecd.org/sti/inno/frascati-manual.htm> (page 249) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 9-digit number serving as a unique identifier for organisations (legal entities) participating in EU funding programmes / procurements. If needed, one can apply for a temporary PIC on: [*https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register*](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register)*.* A search tool for organisations and their PICs is available on <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register-search>. We suggest validating the PICs via the public available Partner Search – Organisation Profile service. This allows use to fill out some requested data inputs automatically, which is less error-prone and provides much better user experience.

   <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/apis> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The NACE code is a Statistical Classification of Economic Activities of the organisation. You can find further information about NACE at Eurostat website https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/nace-rev2 and the classification can be downloaded at [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST\_CLS\_DLD&StrNom=NACE\_REV2&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntCurrentPage=1&StrLayoutCode=LINEAR#](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures/index.cfm?TargetUrl=LST_CLS_DLD&StrNom=NACE_REV2&StrLanguageCode=EN&IntCurrentPage=1&StrLayoutCode=LINEAR) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. All limits are “characters including spaces” here and throughout documents. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Please indicate to which Funding Partner you are requesting funds [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Please make sure that VAT is eligible according to national/regional legal framework and Funding Partners’ rules. If not, please do not include VAT. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. For self-financed partners, indicate here zero. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Indicate here the total budget and requested budget for your subcontracted Partners and/or any other subcontracting costs. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)