

BlueActionAA's funding calls support ocean and freshwater restoration projects now running: apply by 29 May 2026

BlueActionAA is an Horizon Europe project designed to empower communities across the Atlantic and Arctic basins to lead the restoration and protection of marine and freshwater ecosystems. Its core mission aligns with the [EU Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030"](#), supporting biodiversity recovery, pollution reduction, and the transition to a climate-neutral blue economy. Two calls for grants are currently open for applications: the [Community-Led Pilot Action Call](#) and the first [Transition Agenda Call](#), both accepting submissions until 29 May 2026.

The **Community-Led Pilot Action Call**, launched on November 28, is dedicated to delivering cascading grants to community-led pilot actions with long-term impact. Community-led actions are defined as regional and local communities engaged in collective collaboration for innovation and uptake, acting as agents of change and long-term impact. This call aims to distribute a **total of EUR 7,000,000** in the form of lump sum grants through a single call, with **selected projects funded between EUR 200,000 and EUR 2,000,000** and lasting between 6 and 24 months.

The **Transition Agenda Call**, running since 30 January, is dedicated to delivering cascading grants for transition agendas, including strategic roadmaps, policy recommendations and regulatory innovation. For the purposes of this call, a Transition Agenda is a strategic roadmap or actionable multi-year plan to support the achievement of the Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030". It sets out priorities, specific actions, expected results and impacts, and identifies concrete pathways for implementation, scaling, and future financing. This call aims to distribute a **total of EUR 1,000,000** in the form of lump sum grants, with **selected projects funded up to EUR 100,000** and lasting between 6 and 18 months.

In addition to funding, BlueActionAA will offer selected projects continuous support, an active helpdesk, and targeted technical assistance based on individually requested and pre-agreed support.

BlueActionAA's approach to funding is built around a cascade mechanism that channels EU resources directly to local consortia, enabling communities to design and implement innovative pilot actions tailored to their regional needs. This bridges the gap between high-level policy goals and on-the-ground solutions, ensuring broader access, faster deployment, and greater community ownership of environmental transformation. By activating diverse local actors including regions, ports, cities, islands, and community organisations, the project seeks to accelerate real, measurable environmental impact. Beyond the two open calls, a third Transition Agenda Call will be launched in late 2026, with conditions to be defined later in the year.

More information is available on the [official project's website](#).