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## 2<sup>nd</sup> JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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## BACKGROUND

*The Marine Biotechnology ERA-NET (ERA-MBT)* is a consortium of national funding agencies seeking complementarities between national activities by pooling resources to undertake joint funding of transnational projects in the area of Marine Biotechnology. The activities will support the development of the European bioeconomy.

During the life-time of the project, **three thematic calls** will be launched to generate joint European research and development activities in marine biotechnology.

## GENERAL SCOPE

In seeking to identify bioactive compounds with potential applications, applicants are required to focus their research on biological materials obtained from one or more of the following sources: culture collections, biobanks and repositories that are held within institutions/companies; from fishery or aquaculture activity; marine biomass processing by-products and waste fractions; and biological materials collected from the foreshore (coastal areas between the limits of low and high water).

## CALL FOCUS

The general call focus and limitations of the call are discussed in detail in the **Call text** at [www.marinebiotech.eu/second-transnational-call](http://www.marinebiotech.eu/second-transnational-call).

## ELIGIBILITY

- Transnational consortia eligible for funding must consist of a **minimum of three partners** from at least **three different countries** participating in this call.
- Eligible organisations from other countries (not involved in the call) can participate as long as they provide their **own funds**.
- Applicants must refer and adhere to the **specific regulations** of the national/ regional funding organisations.
- The eligibility criteria are discussed in more detail in the **Guidelines for applicants** at [www.marinebiotech.eu/second-transnational-call](http://www.marinebiotech.eu/second-transnational-call).



## FUNDING COMMITMENT

An indicative budget of around **€ 8 million** is available for the second Joint Call.

Each participating funding organisation will finance the beneficiaries located in their own country/region. The call text includes details of individual budget allocation.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submissions of proposals will be in one stage: all **proposals** should be submitted through the ERA-MBT **online submission system**:

[www.submission-marinebiotech.eu](http://www.submission-marinebiotech.eu)

Project partners can use the **partnering platform** within the submission system to enter offers and requests for project ideas and build up a project consortium.

## TIMELINE

Official Call Opening	1 December 2015
Deadline for submitting proposals	16 March 2016
Peer Review Panel Meeting	6, 7 July 2016
Communication of funding recommendation	September 2016
Starting date of projects	End of 2016 / Beginning of 2017