



**BEMED**

**COMMITTING TO A PLASTIC-FREE  
MEDITERRANEAN SEA**

Call for projects to reduce plastic pollution in the  
Mediterranean islands

**REGULATIONS**

## SUMMARY

<b>1</b>	<b>Presentation of the Call for Proposals</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Objectives of the Call for Proposals</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>4</b>
3.1	Eligible countries / geographical areas	4
3.2	Eligible project sponsors	4
3.3	Types of actions	4
<b>4</b>	<b>Types of interventions sought</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Methods of financing projects</b>	<b>5</b>
5.1	Contribution of BeMed	5
5.2	Financing Plan	5
<b>6</b>	<b>Duration of projects</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Selection procedure</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Project implementation</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Procedure for submitting projects</b>	<b>8</b>

## 1 PRESENTATION OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

---

To meet the challenge of a plastic-free Mediterranean Sea, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Tara Ocean Foundation, Surfrider Foundation Europe, IUCN and the Mava Foundation have joined forces to give life to the Beyond Plastic Med (BeMed) association, which succeeds the BeMed Task Force launched in 2015.

BeMed aims to reduce plastic pollution at source by supporting effective solutions for a healthy Mediterranean Sea, in collaboration with the public and private sectors, NGOs and the scientific community.

Creating a local dynamic to respond to a regional issue is one of the major axes of *Beyond Plastic Med*. To reach this concrete objective, BeMed launches on April 1st, 2020, **a call for projects to reduce plastic pollution in the Mediterranean islands.**

## 2 OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

---

By supporting projects implemented by or in close collaboration with local actors involved in the fight against plastic pollution, BeMed aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Reduce plastic pollution at source and its impact on the marine environment by carrying out initiatives in the field,
- Putting in place sustainable solutions,
- Improve the understanding of the local context related to plastic pollution (major sources, level of information of the population, waste treatment system, regulations, main obstacles to the implementation of solutions, key actors...),
- Build partnerships and strengthen the capacity of local partners,
- Reinforce and replicate the effective actions already underway in the Mediterranean.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

---

### 3.1 Eligible countries / geographical areas

- The call for projects concerns all the countries around the Mediterranean Sea.
- The project must target a Mediterranean island (or a group of islands) without priority of size.
- The project must have a significant impact at the scale of an island or group of islands.

### 3.2 Eligible project sponsors

- The call for projects concerns all types of stakeholders whose legal status allows them to receive grants.
- Particular attention will be paid to the financial soundness of the applicant organization.
- Priority will be given to organizations that develop activities mainly in the areas of awareness raising, nature protection, environmental lobbying, societal change, solution finding and innovation.

### 3.3 Types of actions

- The call **only** concerns actions that are part of **a project already under way, complementing a completed project or replicating actions that** have proven to be effective.
- The actions presented must be capable of achieving concrete, measurable results within the duration of the project.
- The actions presented must include indicators that can demonstrate their impact.

## 4 TYPES OF INTERVENTIONS SOUGHT

---

The replication or adaptation of successful experiences in other areas or countries is encouraged.

Projects must include a maximum of concrete actions.

Studies may be considered but must be limited in time. They must lead to concrete actions in the field, starting from the period of BeMed support.

Particular attention will be paid to the multi-stakeholder approach of the proposed actions. Projects must demonstrate good integration between the public sector, local authorities and the private sector.

## 5 METHODS OF FINANCING PROJECTS

---

### 5.1 Contribution of BeMed

The contribution of BeMed :

- Cannot exceed **70%** of the total amount of the project,
- Cannot exceed **100,000 euros**.

**An additional contribution to BeMed's financial support is therefore mandatory.** This can take the form of self-financing by the project leader and/or co-financing by local or international financial partners.

The applicant organisation must demonstrate that the majority of the funding will have an impact on the targeted island/set of islands.

### 5.2 Financing Plan

The grant per project will be paid according to the following schedule:

- 1) 50% of the total grant on signature of the financing agreement,
- 2) 20% after the first months of implementation (to be defined according to the duration of the project),
- 3) 20% to half of the project,
- 4) 10% after the end of the activities,

The payment 2, 3 and 4 of the funding is subject to the validation of interim reports and a final report (see section 8).

The modification of this schedule is at BeMed's discretion.

## 6 DURATION OF PROJECTS


---

The duration of the projects will be a **maximum of 24 months**. In any case, projects must concern activities implemented from 1 October 2020 and must be completed by 30 September 2022 at the latest.

**It is important to note that the process of preparation and signature of the financial agreement can take a few months after the selection of the project.** It is therefore recommended to provide the necessary budget for the start of the project without the support of BeMed.

## 7 SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection of projects will be carried out in four stages:

	Phase 1: Eligibility	Phase Two: Pre-selection	Phase 3: Final selection	Phase 4: Validation
				
<b>What?</b>	Initial evaluation of applications on the basis of the eligibility criteria	Evaluation of eligible applications on the basis of a scoring grid. Clarifications/amendments may be requested from the applicant organization.	Re-evaluation of projects on the basis of feedback from the applicant organization and final selection of projects.	Validation of the list of selected projects.
<b>Who?</b>	The BeMed Secretariat	BeMed and the Selection Committee appointed by BeMed	BeMed and the Selection Committee appointed by BeMed	BeMed and the Donors
<b>Results</b>	Sorting of projects that meet the eligibility criteria	Rating of all projects, selection of the projects with the best ratings and feedback to the applicant organizations if necessary.	Final selection of projects.	Confirmation of the selection.

During the selection process, additional information may be requested from the applicant organizations.

Final responses informing about the results of the call for projects are not expected before August 2020.

### **Scoring system**

**Applications will be selected** according to a grid of criteria that will lead to an overall score out of 100 points for the project. Projects with an overall score of less than 60 points will be automatically rejected.

Projects will be rated according to the following five criteria:

1. **Relevance of the project:** The project effectively reduces plastic pollution at the level of an island or a group of islands in the Mediterranean. (20 points)
2. **Internal coherence of the project:** Feasibility of the initiative based on the human and financial resources foreseen and the coherence of the institutional set-up. (15 points)
3. **Project Effectiveness:** Consistency of the organizational framework, partnerships and proposed methodology to achieve the stated objectives. (30 points)
4. **Potential for sustainability of the project:** The actions aim at a long-term impact and are sustainable after the end of BeMed funding. (20 points)
5. **Added value of the project:** The project has a real added value compared to the actions already underway in the Mediterranean. (15 points)

## 8 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

---

BeMed's secretariat is responsible for the implementation and follow-up of the call for proposals.

The beneficiaries will sign the Financing Agreement with the association Beyond Plastic Med.

All projects will be subject to two systematic interim and one final evaluation. BeMed will provide templates for interim and final reports (technical and financial) and will conduct direct monitoring of project progress. However, when BeMed undertakes an evaluation or a visit to the sites concerned by the project, the Beneficiary undertakes to make available to BeMed, or to the person mandated by it, any document or information likely to enable this evaluation to be carried out successfully.

Three interim and final reports will be requested:

- A first interim report will be requested several months into the implementation of the project (about a quarter of the project, date to be specified according to the total duration of the project). This report is intended to ensure that the activities have got off to a good start and triggers a payment of 20% of the grant.
- An interim report halfway through the project. Validation of this report triggers a payment of 20% of the grant.
- A final report to be sent no later than 1 month after the end of the project. The validation of this report closes BeMed's support and triggers the payment of the remaining 10% of the grant.

## 9 PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING PROJECTS

---

The grant application file to be completed can be downloaded from the BeMed website at the following address [www.beyondplasticmed.org/en/call-for-projects/](http://www.beyondplasticmed.org/en/call-for-projects/)

It consists of two components available in English and French:

- A file in Word format: "BeMed\_Application\_File\_2020".
- A file in Excel format: "BeMed\_Previsonal\_Budget\_2020".

Only grant applications completed in English or French and in strict accordance with the templates will be considered.

All the annexes listed in the " BeMed\_Application\_File\_2020" must be provided.

The dossier should be sent by e-mail to the following address: [contact@beyondplasticmed.org](mailto:contact@beyondplasticmed.org).

Grant applications sent in hard copy or outside the specified period to BeMed members will not be reviewed.

**Applicant organization are advised to submit only one application file for this call for proposals.**

### Planning for the call:

**Applications open: 1 April 2020**

**Closing: 21 June 2020 - 21:00 (Paris time, GMT+2)**

**Decision: from 1 August 2020**