



BEMED

**A COMMITMENT FOR A PLASTIC-FREE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA**

Call for Micro-Initiatives

REGULATIONS

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1 PRESENTATION OF THE CALL FOR MICRO-INITIATIVES (CMI)

Beyond Plastic Med was launched in Monaco on 10th March 2015 during the international conference "Plastic in the Mediterranean: beyond observation, what are the solutions?". During the conference, the speakers endeavoured to go beyond mere observations concerning marine plastic pollution in order to identify real solutions and the courses of action to limit it.

To address the challenge of a Mediterranean with no plastic, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation joined forces with the Tara Ocean Foundation, Surfrider Foundation Europe, IUCN and the Mava Foundation to give life to the *Beyond Plastic Med* (BeMed) initiative that became a Monegasque association in 2019.

The aim of BeMed is to support innovative socially responsible solutions for a healthy Mediterranean, in cooperation with the public and private sectors, NGOs and the scientific community.

Creating local impetus to address a regional issue is one of the key focus areas of Beyond Plastic Med. To reach this first goal, BeMed is launching its sixth call for micro-initiatives (CMI) aimed at all Mediterranean countries on the 30th of September 2021.

Initiatives given support will be selected for their exemplarity.

This call participates to the development of a network of local Mediterranean stakeholders who will work in the field to combat plastic pollution by adapting to local socio-economic conditions.

2 OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL FOR MICRO-INITIATIVES (CMI)

Through support to micro-initiatives implemented by local stakeholders committed to combating plastic pollution, BeMed aims to achieve the following goals:

- To implement field initiatives in order to change social behaviour with regard to the unsustainable use of plastics,
- To develop the capacity of local stakeholders to reinforce the impact of their actions,
- To disseminate good practices, both with regard to the reduction of the use of plastic, the implementation of alternative products, and plastic waste management,

- To progressively establish a Mediterranean network of local stakeholders committed to combating plastic pollution.

3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

3.1 Eligible countries

- The CMI concerns every country in the Mediterranean region.
- However please note that funding will be allocated as a priority to the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, the Palestinian Territories, Tunisia, Turkey, Cyprus, Croatia, Malta and Greece.

3.2 Eligible applicant organisations

Applicant organisations need to meet the following criteria:

- Organizations that have already been supported twice by previous BeMed Calls for micro-initiatives cannot be supported again.
- To develop activities chiefly concerning awareness, nature protection, environmental lobbying, social change, research and innovation.
- To belong to one of the following categories: NGO, association, territorial authority, municipality, small and medium-sized enterprises, scientific institution.
- To have a legal status enabling them to receive grants.
- To have their head office registered in the country benefitting from the grant.
- Applications from institutions that have not received financial support from one of the members of BeMed will be given priority.

3.3 Eligible topics

Actions presented should comply with one or several of the topics listed in the table below. Any action not connected to one of the following topics will not be eligible.

ELIGIBLE TOPICS
Spread the word Raising awareness of both the public and institutions concerning the sources and consequences of plastic pollution
Recommendations and new regulations Support for the implementation of regulations concerning plastic
Experimentation and data collection Data collection and studies concerning the source of plastics and their impacts
Assemble allies and mobilize Activities generating synergy between the various stakeholders (including private sector) involved in plastic in order to facilitate the implementation of concrete solutions to combat plastic pollution
Reuse and find alternatives to plastics Eliminate single use, give second life to plastic and develop alternatives to limit the production and/or use of plastic
Improved systems to collect and process plastic wastes

4 TYPES OF INTERVENTION SOUGHT

The replication or adaptation of success stories in other regions or countries are encouraged.

Initiatives should include as many concrete activities as possible.

Studies (socio-economic, scientific...) may be considered but should be limited in terms of timing. They should lead to concrete action in the field as soon as the period of support from BeMed commences.

Initiatives should show the added value they provide.

Applicant organisations are advised to submit only one application for this Call for Micro-Initiatives (CMI).

5 FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR INITIATIVES

Each initiative should have an overall budget of **30,000 Euros maximum**.

BeMed's contribution:

- shall not exceed **75%** of the overall cost of the initiative, and
- shall not exceed **10,000 Euros**.

Additional support over and above the financial contribution of BeMed is therefore mandatory. This may take the form of self-financing by the project management or co-financing by local or international financial partners.

The duration of the initiative is to be between **12 and 18 months maximum**. In all cases, initiatives should concern activities implemented as from the **1st of June 2022** and should be completed by the **30th of November 2023** at the latest.

It is important to note that the process of preparing and signing the financial agreement may take several months after the selection of the project. It is therefore recommended to plan the budget necessary to start the project without BeMed support or to plan the project start date accordingly.

6 SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection process is organised in four phases:

	Phase 1: Eligibility	Phase 2: Pre-Selection	Phase 3: Final selection	Phase 4: Validation
Who?	BeMed secretariat.	BeMed and its network of experts if necessary.	BeMed and the selection committee appointed by BeMed.	BeMed and funders.
What?	First appraisal of applications based on eligibility criteria. If the application file of an initiative is incomplete, it will be eliminated.	Appraisal of eligible applications based on a scoring grid. Project managers may be asked to provide additional details. Preselected initiatives may be submitted for the opinion of a	Final selection of the initiatives based on BeMed's scoring grid and potentially the opinion of the selection committee.	Validation of the list of selected initiatives.

		network of experts.		
Results	Sorting of initiatives in accordance with eligibility criteria.	All initiatives are scored and those with the best scores are preselected.	Final selection of initiatives.	Confirmation of selection.

During the entire duration of the selection process, project managers may be invited to provide further information.

Responses informing of the results of the call for micro-initiatives are not to be expected before the **end of March 2022**.

Scoring system

Applications will be selected using a criteria grid which will result in an overall score out of 100 points being given to the initiative. Initiatives with an overall score below 60 points will automatically be rejected. Initiatives will be scored based on the five following criteria:

1. Project content (25 points):

Are the project and its objectives relevant to reducing plastic pollution in the Mediterranean? Are the stakeholders targeted by the project actions impactful in reducing plastic pollution? Are the proposed actions coherent and effective in relation to the country context?

2. Effectiveness of the initiative (25 points):

Are the proposed organisation and methodology effective in achieving the objectives? Is the project well-constructed (coherent actions) and are the risks well identified?

3. Internal coherence of the initiative (20 points):

Are the means (human, material and financial resources) implemented to deploy the methodology sufficient? Is the timetable consistent with the proposed actions? Is the applicant organisation legitimate to carry out the project, are the teams experienced?

4. Potential for sustainability (20 points):

Has the promoter thought about how to make its actions sustainable? Does the impact of the project go beyond the end of the project? Will the actions continue after the BeMed funding?

5. Network added value (10 points):

Does the project promote dialogue within the laureates' network? Is the replication of activities particularly interesting at the Mediterranean basin level?

7 IMPLEMENTATION OF MICRO-INITIATIVES

BeMed secretariat is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the CMI.

Beneficiaries will sign a Financing Agreement with the BeMed association.

BeMed may cancel the Financing Agreement for an initiative if the project activities do not begin in a timely manner (3 months maximum) following the signature of the agreement. The project manager will then be required to refund the entirety of the first instalment paid by BeMed which may choose to allocate the grant to another initiative.

All initiatives will systematically be subject to an interim assessment and a final assessment. BeMed will provide a template for technical and financial interim and final reports and will directly monitor the progress made for each initiative. However, when an assessment or visit of the sites concerned by the initiative is made by BeMed, the beneficiary agrees to make available to BeMed or the person appointed by the latter, all documentation and information allowing the assessment to be carried out successfully.

The grant for each initiative will be paid in 2 instalments: 70% of the funding on the signing of the Agreement and the balance of 30% once the final completion report has been submitted to and approved by BeMed. Changes to this schedule shall be at the discretion of BeMed.

8 PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF INITIATIVES

The application file for a grant can be downloaded from the BeMed website at the following address <http://beyondplasticmed.org/call-for-micro-initiatives-open>

It consists of two components available in English and in French:

- A Word format file: "Application form BeMed 2021"
- An Excel format file: "Application BeMed_Provisional Budget"

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

All the appendices listed in the "BeMed application file" should be provided.

The file should be sent by electronic mail to the following address: ami@beyondplasticmed.org

Grant application files sent in a paper version or outside the stipulated period to the members of BeMed will not be examined.

CMI time frame:

Opening of the submission of applications: 30th September 2021.

Any questions concerning the application file to be sent to the secretariat before 23 December 2021.

Deadline to submit your application: 2nd January 2022 – 8PM (Paris time, GMT+2)

Decision : from 21 March 2022