



uBlueTec opens applications for 2025 Bootcamp to accelerate blue economy startups

Organized by an European project co-funded by the EU under the EMFAF–Blue Careers initiative, the bootcamp offers expert training, tailored mentoring, and a final hybrid event focused on marine technology and startup development.

uBlueTec has officially opened applications for its 2025 Entrepreneurial Acceleration Bootcamp, a hands-on programme designed to help individuals and teams transform ideas related to the Blue Economy into viable business ventures. Co-funded by the European Union under the EMFAF–Blue Careers initiative, the bootcamp combines entrepreneurial training, mentoring, and a final hybrid event focused on marine technology and startup development.

The programme is open to teams, startups, students, researchers, freelancers, professionals, and individuals who wish to develop a business idea connected to the Blue Economy. Applicants may come from any professional background and must be aged 18 or older, reside in an EU Member State or associated country, and be able to present in English. Participation is free, although travel costs are not covered.

The bootcamp will be delivered entirely in English and consists of two main phases. The first phase includes five consecutive days of online training in November 2025, with sessions focused on business development, market validation, competition analysis, financial planning, pitching, crowdfunding, and strategic partnerships. Participants are expected to commit approximately three hours per day during this phase. The second phase involves one-on-one mentoring meetings tailored to each team, taking place between late November and early December. These sessions will provide personalised feedback and support in preparation for the final Bootcamp event.

The programme culminates in a two-day hybrid Bootcamp held between December 8–14, 2025, in Romania and online. On the first day, participants will deliver informal pitches and receive feedback from mentors and external experts. On the second day, teams will present their final business ideas to a jury panel and invited audience. All teams that successfully complete the programme will receive a Certificate of Completion. In addition, three non-monetary awards will be presented: Best Pitching

Award, Greatest Social & Environmental Impact Award, and Highest Investment Readiness Award.

Applications are open until Wednesday, October 15th, 2025. Interested candidates must submit a short CV and motivation letter via the official [Open Call page](#). For questions or clarifications, applicants can contact the project team at ubluetec@beia.eu

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://ubluetec.eu/open-call-for-participation-ubluetec-entrepreneurial-acceleration-bootcamp-2025/>

About uBlueTec

uBlueTec is a pioneering project co-funded by the European Union under the EMFAF program, dedicated to advancing skills development in the Blue Economy. Through its triple transition training model, uBlueTec aims to bridge gaps, address challenges, and contribute to the creation of a sustainable, carbon-neutral, and tech-oriented Blue Economy in Europe. uBlueTec project is coordinated by Aix-Marseille University (France), bringing academic expertise to the forefront. Partnering in this endeavor are Atlantis Consulting SA (Greece), University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing (Croatia), BEIA Consult International Srl (Romania), Università della Calabria (Italy), WWF Portugal (Portugal), and Maritime Technology Cluster (Italy). The project co-funded by the European Union under the EMFAF program (European Maritime, Fisheries, and Aquaculture Fund) is set to embark on a transformative journey spanning 30 months, from September 2023 to February 2026, with a budget of 1.2 million euros.



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