

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS CALL

TRANSBOUNDARY MARINE BIOTECHNOLOGY LABORATORY (BLUEBIOLAB)

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Introduction

One of the objectives of the BLUEBIOLAB project is to promote collaborative research and strengthen priority research lines, which is why a call is open to select research projects that involve the participation of various members of the BLUEBIOLAB consortium.

The call for submission of proposals will be open until **16th of July 2020** for BLUEBIOLAB participating teams with joint cross-border research projects in which at least three project member institutions must participate. Priority will be given to those projects that address the research priority lines, new perspectives and especially that rely on the development and use of new transversal tools, such as "high throughput technologies" or, among others, prospecting, collection and preservation of marine biological resources for biotechnological purposes, especially those applied to research in the areas of: aquaculture, the study of marine biodiversity, or the development of new biomaterials and bioactive compounds.

Characteristics of collaborative research projects

Research projects joined by members of the BLUEBIOLAB Project consortium will be related within the 3 priority areas of the project:

1. Aquaculture and Biotechnology
2. Development of new bioactive compounds and biomaterials of marine origin
3. Use of omics technologies to understand marine biodiversity.

The projects will focus on innovative aspects that may generate new high-impact research and publications in areas of strategic interest that can serve as pilot projects that are predecessors of more ambitious future projects.

The **maximum duration of these research projects will be until 11-30-2021**, deadline for the delivery of the implementation report.

The research must have a cross-border nature and must include the participation of at least 3 consortium institutions: University of Vigo, University of Santiago de Compostela, University of A Coruña, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Instituto Español de Oceanografía- IEO, University of Minho and Centro Interdisciplinar de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental (CIIMAR). In addition, the projects will be carried out taking advantage of the network of facilities that make up the Transboundary Laboratory of Marine Biotechnology.



For the collaborative project implementation, **Working Groups** will be formed, comprising of researchers from the Research Groups participating in the project, who will maintain continuous contact through telephone and telematic means, and will meet every three months depending on the needs of the project, either in person or via videoconference.

Researchers recruited within the BLUEBIOLAB project could also participate in the selected research projects.

Application

Application will be made through a **application form** accompanied by a **scientific-technical report**, both available on the BLUEBIOLAB website, in the services section, in the Collaboration in research projects section <https://bluebiolab.eu/es/servicios/>. The scientific-technical report must include a description of the project, partners involved, objectives set and expected results (Maximum 1000 words, 2 pages). Both documents will be completed and will be sent to beatriznova@iim.csic.es indicating in the subject, request to participate in collaborative projects.

Deadline for submitting applications begins the day after the publication of this call and will end on **07-16-2020 at 14:00 (CET)**. A confirmation email will be sent to all requests that are submitted correctly in due time and form.

Any doubts about the process, interested persons may contact the IIM-CSIC Immunology and Genomics group or the project manager, in the following emails beatriznova@iim.csic.es or taniatato@uvigo.es or on the phone +34 986 23 19 30.

Project selection and funding

Applications will be evaluated by the Director Committee, which will have the support of the External Scientific Advisory Committee in evaluating the proposals. With all the applications received, 3 research projects will be selected, one per subarea. A brief report will be drawn up justifying the selection of approved projects.



Funding already obtained by the research teams of the BLUEBIOLAB project will be used to cover the costs of the research carried out on the projects.

Monitoring and Evaluation of selected collaborative research projects

Monitoring and evaluation of the collaborative research projects will be carried out by a **Working Group** made up of members of the Technical Committee. The Research Groups involved in collaborative projects will send to the Working Group in charge of the evaluation the information regarding the degree of progress of the research projects. The submission of this information will take place every four months.

A meeting will be scheduled for each project at the beginning of the project in order to define the objectives and work plan. After this initial meeting, a calendar of follow-up meetings will be established every four months, probably about 4 meetings that will be physical or virtual.

Throughout the implementation of the projects, the partners must explore the existing opportunities both for the expansion of these research lines, relying on collaborative calls that allow the development of more ambitious projects, such as the commercial valuation of the knowledge generated through initiatives. spin-offs that may arise within the scope of the Research Groups participating in the project. To study these opportunities, specific actions are included in Activity 4 of the project.

Results obtained in each of the collaborative project, such as papers, scientific conference contributions, patents, licenses, etc., will be shared among the entities participating in each project, according to the terms agreed by the working group that will ensure that ethical requirements on data authorship are met. Any publication resulting from the collaborative projects must refer to the Interreg-POCTEP 0474_bluebiolab project in the acknowledgments section, highlighting the co-financing of FEDER funds as stated in the Project Communication Manual.

At the end of the projects, promoters will send to the Evaluation Working Group an **Implementation Report**. This group will evaluate the reports at the end of each collaborative



project, in order to check the degree of achievement of the objectives and make a final monitoring and evaluation report.