



1st MISSION ARENA
14-16 November 2023 | Gothenburg, SE

Funders round table workshop

How do we find pathways forward for better cooperation between funders to achieve better project results?

THEME: **Funding**

in  #MissionArenaBANOS1



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Agenda

9:00 Opening

Angela, Submariner and Maya Miltell,
BaltCF, *including a speed presentation round*

9:20 Presentations

- Nils Höglund, CCB
- Peter Carlsson, Chalmers
- Eirik Oland, Handelens miljøfond

9:45 Small group brainstorming
(3*10min in smaller group)

10:30  

Second session at 10:45:
Big group discussion



BLUE MISSION BANOS

Supporting the Mission
Ocean Lighthouse in the
Baltic and North Sea Basins

Angela Schultz-Zehden,
Project Coordinator - SUBMARINER Network



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Mission objective and targets

Restore our ocean and waters by 2030

Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity in line with EU Biodiversity Strategy

Protect a minimum of 30% of the EU's sea area and integrate ecological corridors, as part of a true Trans-European Nature Network.

Strictly protect at least 10% of the EU's sea area

At least 25,000 km of free-flowing rivers are restored

Contribute to relevant upcoming marine nature restoration targets incl. degraded seabed habitats and coastal ecosystems

Prevent and eliminate pollution of our ocean, seas and waters in line with EU Action Plan towards Zero Pollution

Reduce by at least 50% plastic litter at sea

Reduce by at least 30% microplastics released into the environment

Reduce by at least 50% nutrient losses, the use and risk of chemical pesticides

Make the Blue Economy carbon neutral and circular in line with the European Climate Law

Eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from maritime economic activities in the EU and sequester those emissions that cannot be avoided (net zero maritime emissions)

Develop zero-carbon and low-impact aquaculture, and promote circular, low-carbon multi-purpose use of marine and water space.



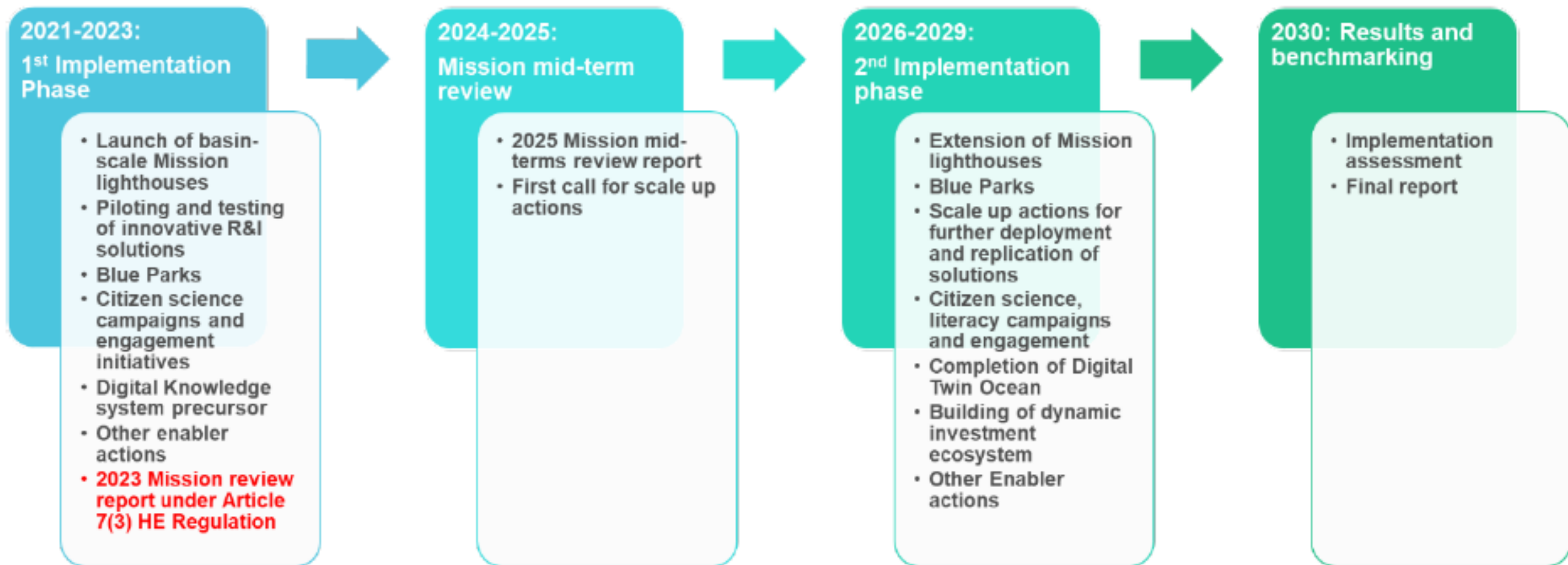
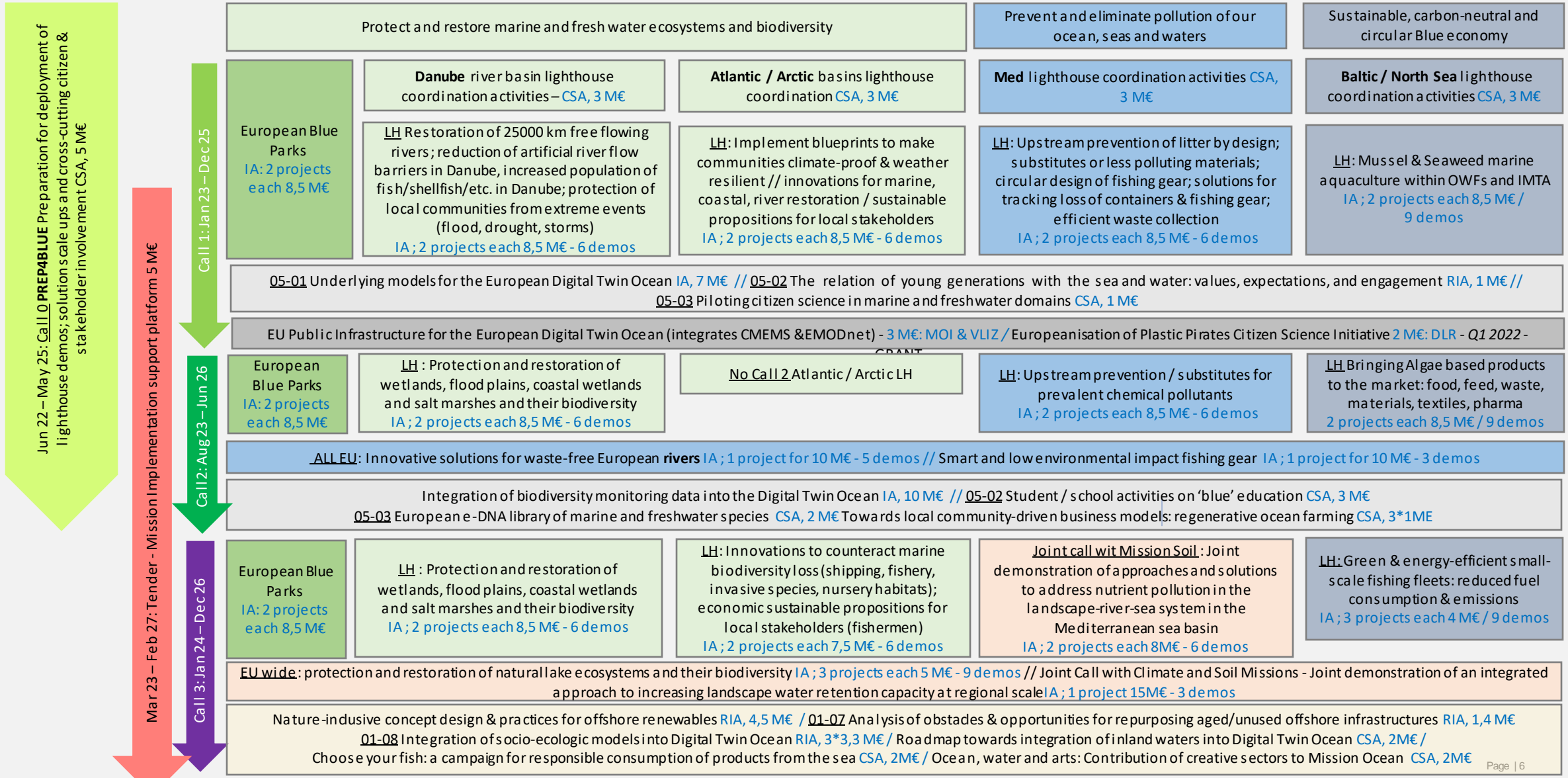


Figure 5 Overview of the Mission implementation schedule and milestones

The mission will be implemented in two phases: developing and piloting of solutions (2021-2024) and deployment and upscaling (as of 2025) of these activities. While the Commission has earmarked almost EUR 350 million from Horizon Europe for the period 2021-2023 to support the first phase, the mobilisation of additional commitments and budgets from public and private actors, including through the ERDF will be crucial for achieving the mission objectives.

EU Mission Funds via Horizon



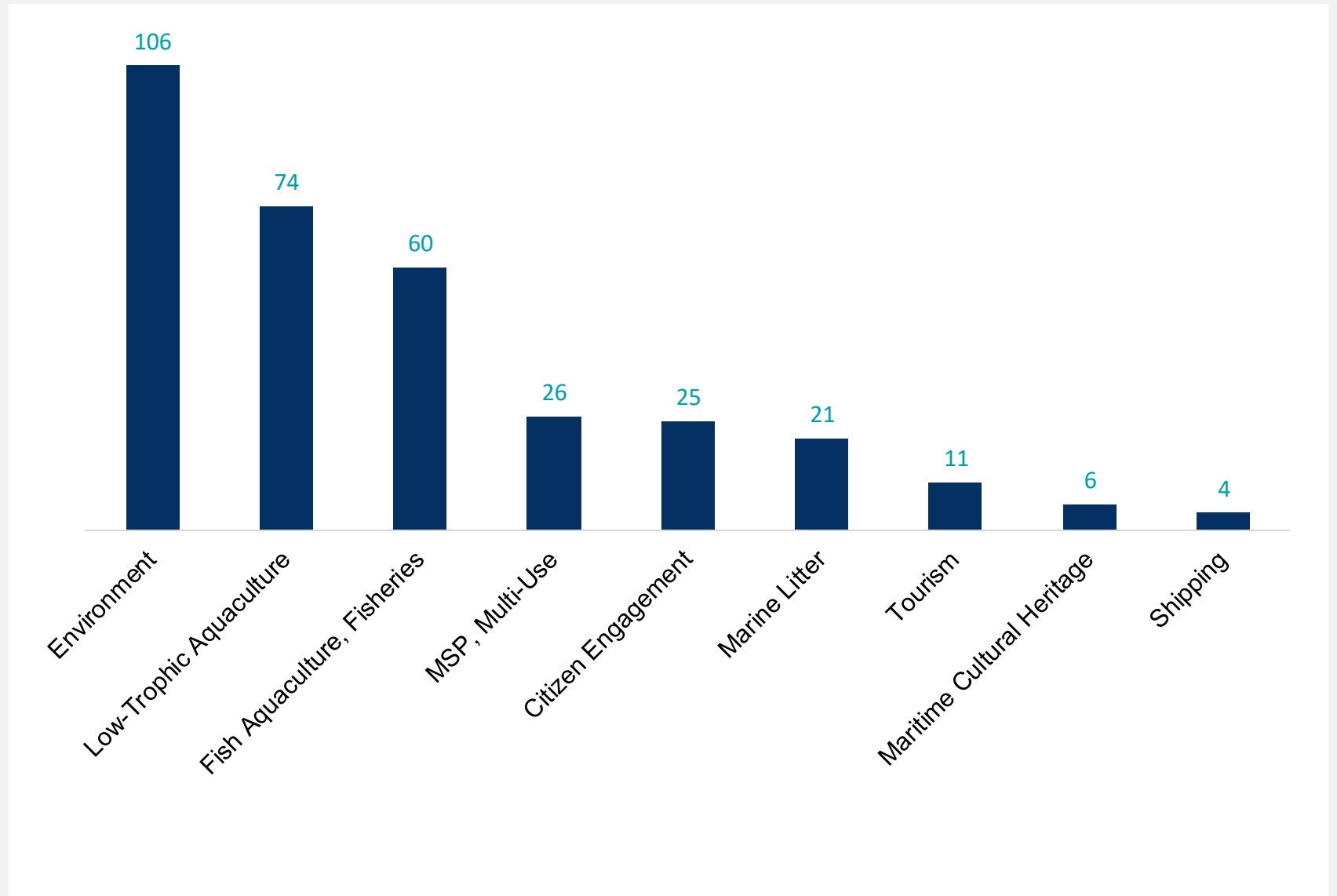
	N° Projects	N° Demos	Start	End	EU Wide	BANOS	MED	ATLAN-ARC	DANUBE	Total
Call 0										
Prep4Blue	1	0	Jun 22	May 25	5,0 €					5,0 €
Call 1										
CSAs	1	0	Jan 23	Dec 25		3,0 €	3,0 €	3,0 €	3,0 €	12,0 €
LHs	8	27	Jan 23	Dec 26		17,0 €	17,0 €	17,0 €	17,0 €	68,0 €
Blue Parks	2	0	Jan 23	Dec 25	17,0 €					17,0 €
Digital Twin	1	0	Jan 23	Dec 26	7,0 €					7,0 €
Digital Twin Public Infrastructure	1	0	Jan 23	Dec 25	3,0 €					3,0 €
Young Generation	1	0	Jan 23	Dec 25	1,0 €					1,0 €
Citizen Science	1	0	Jan 23	Dec 25	1,0 €					1,0 €
Citizen Science Plastic Pirates	1	0	Jan 23	Dec 25	2,0 €					2,0 €
Sub.-Total Call 1	16	27			31,0 €	20,0 €	20,0 €	20,0 €	20,0 €	111,0 €
Call 2										
LHs	6	21	Jun 23	Jun 26		17,0 €	17,0 €		17,0 €	51,0 €
Blue Parks	2	0	Jun 23	Jun 26	17,0 €					17,0 €
Waste Free Rivers	1	5	Jun 23	Jun 26	10,0 €					10,0 €
Smart Fishing Gear	1	3	Jun 23	Jun 26	10,0 €					10,0 €
Digital Twin Monitoring	1		Jun 23	Jun 26	10,0 €					10,0 €
Blue Education	1		Jun 23	Jun 26	3,0 €					3,0 €
e-DNA species	1		Jun 23	Jun 26	2,0 €					2,0 €
Community regenerative farming	3	0	Jun 23	Jun 26	3,0 €					3,0 €
Sub.-Total Call 2	16	29			55,0 €	17,0 €	17,0 €	0,0 €	17,0 €	106,0 €
Call 3										
LHs	9	27	Jan 24	Dec 26		12,0 €	16,0 €	15,0 €	17,0 €	60,0 €
Protect Natural Lakes	3	9	Jan 24	Dec 26	15,0 €					15,0 €
Blue Parks	2	0	Jan 24	Dec 26	17,0 €					17,0 €
Design OWF	1		Jan 24	Dec 26	4,5 €					4,5 €
Repurpose offshore infrastructure	1		Jan 24	Dec 26	1,4 €					1,4 €
Digital Twin Socio-ecologic models	3		Jan 24	Dec 26	10,0 €					10,0 €
Digital Twin Inland Waters	1		Jan 24	Dec 26	2,0 €					2,0 €
Consumer Fish Campaign	1		Jan 24	Dec 26	2,0 €					2,0 €
Ocean & Arts	1		Jan 24	Dec 26	2,0 €					2,0 €
Sub.-Total Call 3	22	36			53,9 €	12,0 €	16,0 €	15,0 €	17,0 €	113,9 €
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Totals	55	92	Jan 23	Dec 26	144,9 €	49,0 €	53,0 €	35,0 €	54,0 €	335,9 €

Results from EU Project Analysis on Mission relevant activities



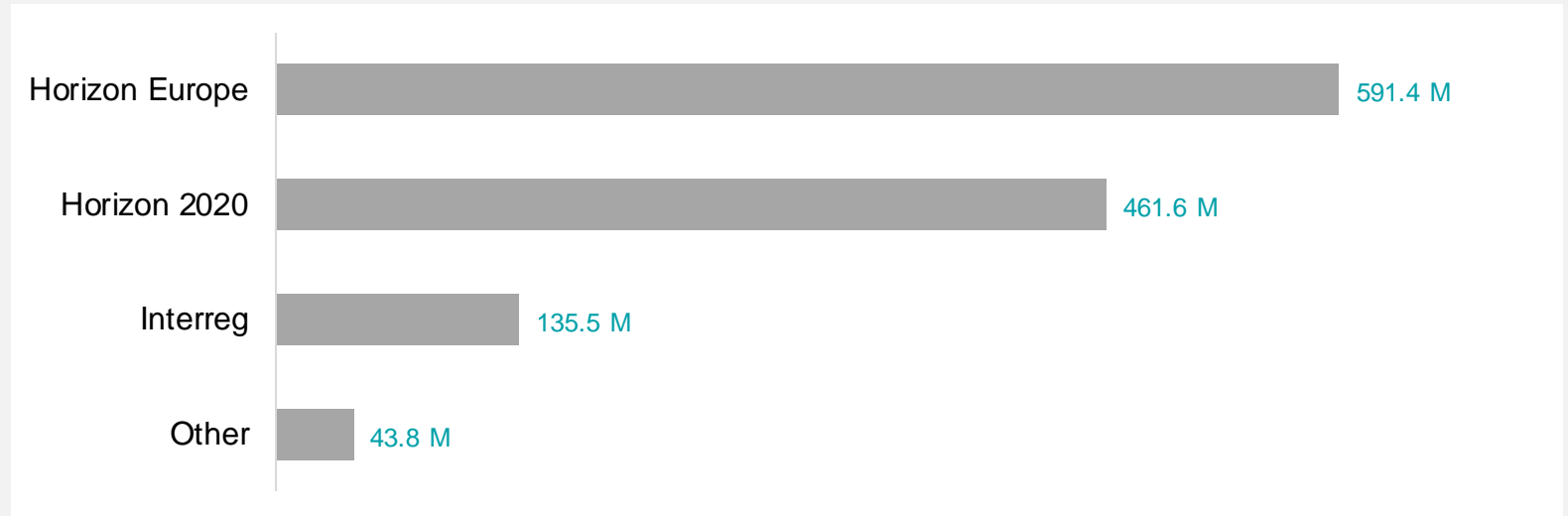
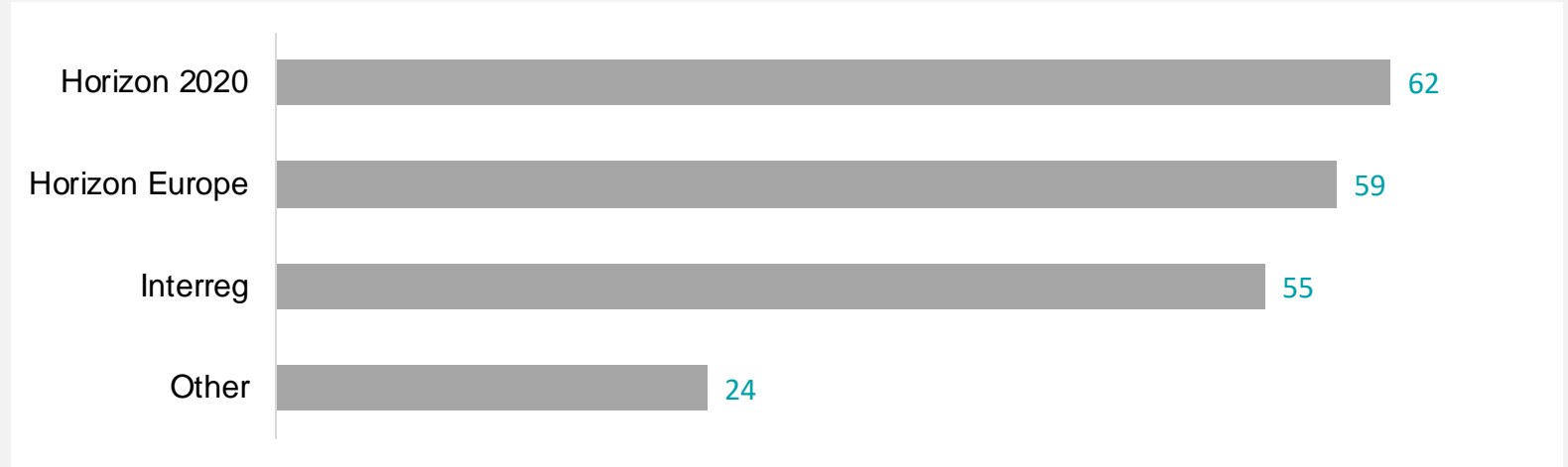
**200 Projects
Overall**

**112 Projects
Ongoing**



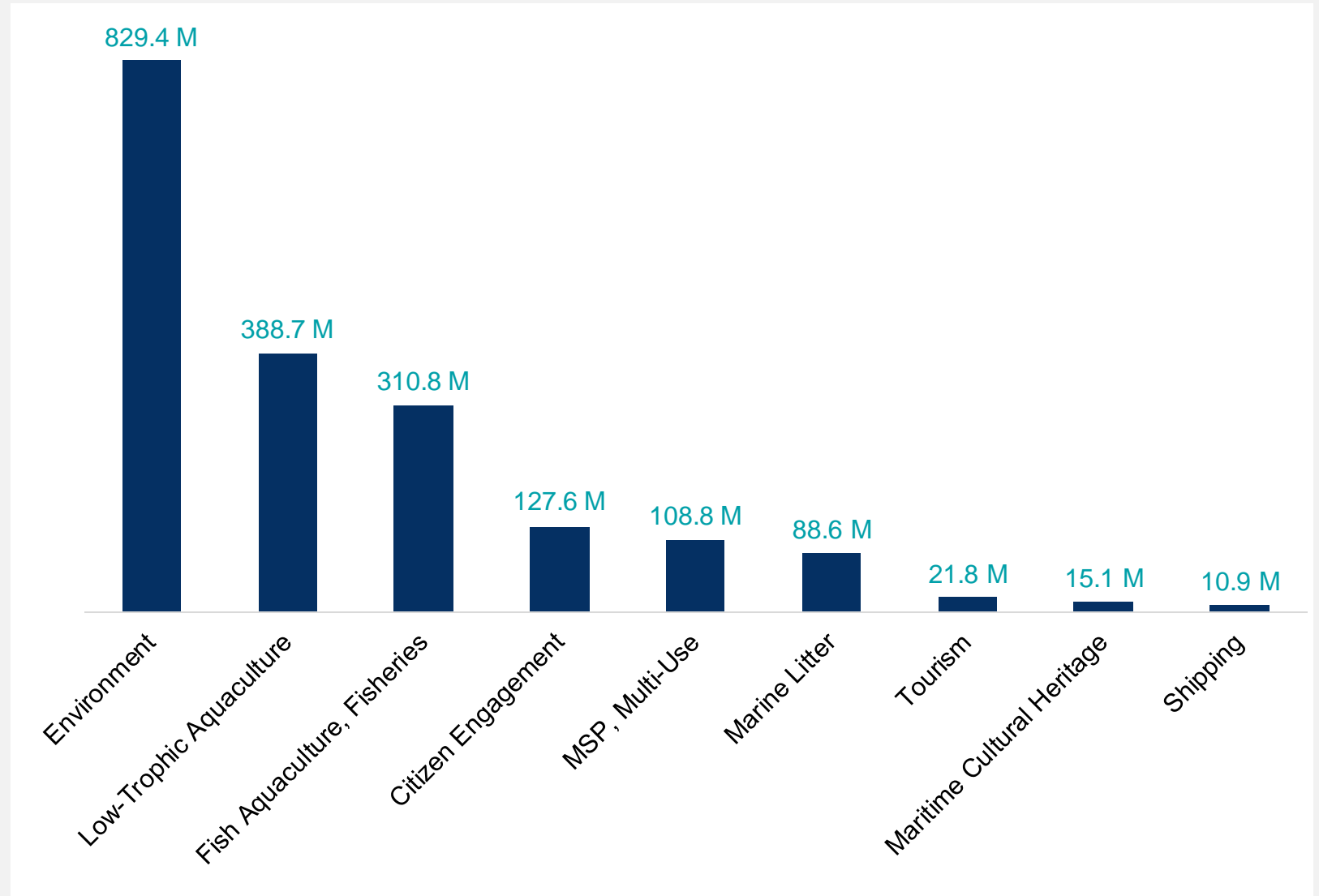
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Overall**

**937 Million EUR
currently in Use**



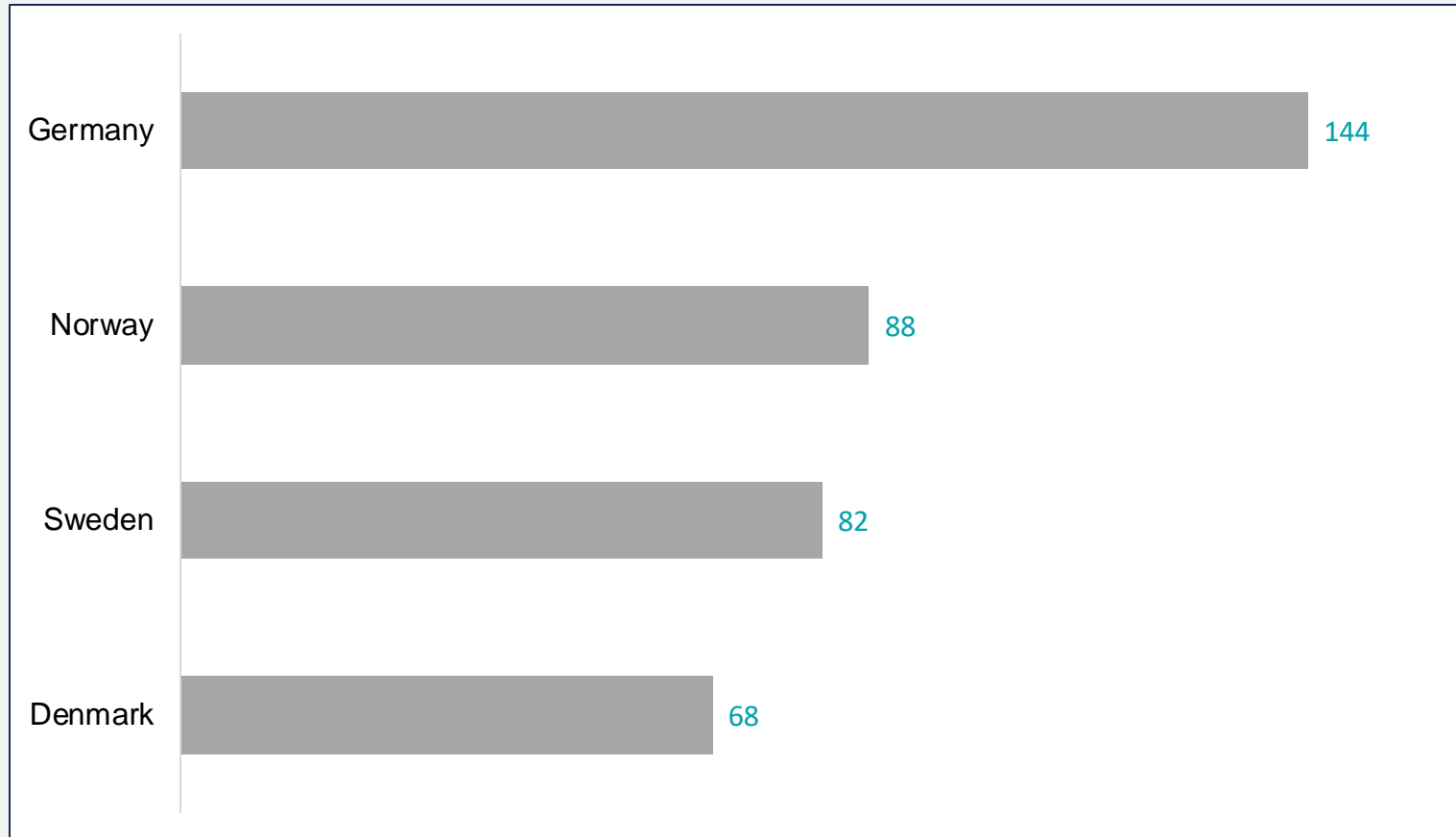
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382 Actors Overall in 200 Projects

- Technical University of Denmark (Denmark)
- Aalborg University (Denmark)
- Aarhus University (Denmark)
- SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth (Germany)
- Alfred Wegener Institute (Germany)
- GEOMAR (Germany)
- SINTEF (Norway)
- Nofima (Norway)
- Norwegian Institute for Water Research (Norway)
- Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden)
- Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (Sweden)
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Sweden)





BUT actually much more

- Other EU Funds
- National Projects
- Regional Actions / Initiatives
- Private Actions / Initiatives



Trying to combine / connect / provide 'focus'
Use existing funds in a more intelligent way
Prepare for the DEPLOYMENT phase ...
Much more 'real' funding needed



Ideas / Concepts to create more synergies*

- **2022/C421/03 Commission Notice on Synergies between Horizon Europe and ERDF Funding**
- **European Court of Auditors: Synergies between Horizon 2020 and ESIF / Special Report 2022**



Figure 1 – Types of synergies



Sequential funding upstreamed:

using ESI Funds to fund actions that build R&I capacities needed to compete in H2020 (*i.e. to participate in H2020 projects*) and participate in international networks



Sequential funding downstreamed:

using ESI Funds to fund actions that capitalise on already implemented H2020 projects and exploit and diffuse their R&I results



Alternative funding (Seal of Excellence):

providing ESI Funds to project proposals which had received a Seal of Excellence (SoE), *i.e.* they were positively evaluated under H2020 and ranked above a predefined quality threshold but were not funded by H2020 due to insufficient budgetary resources

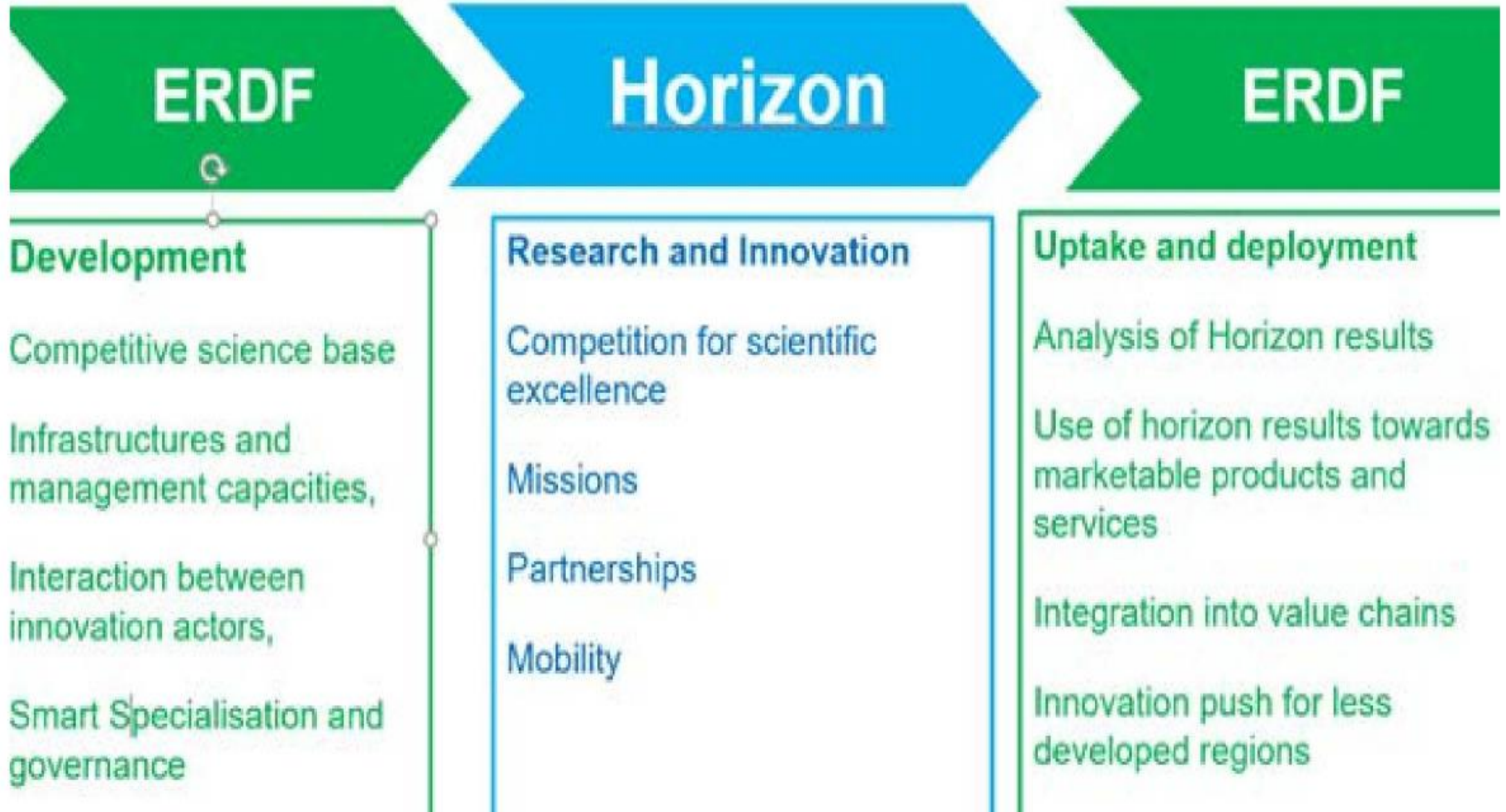


Complementary funding:

bringing together funding from H2020 and ESI Funds in the same project

- Cumulative Funding
- Combined Funding

Source: ECA.



Some recommendations

1) Improve cooperation between bodies involved in ESIF management and framework programmes

- set up **regular structured dialogue** between relevant bodies from Commission and Member States at policy level (research and cohesion policy) and at implementation level (Horizon / ERDF);
- work with Member States to foster such cooperation on a national/regional level.

2) Exploit the potential of data to foster synergies

- **use databases** for the framework programme and cohesion funds to map policy or thematic domains to allow easier matchmaking between projects and beneficiaries;

3) Increase the use of downstream synergies

- support MAs in designing/ implementing actions to **create downstream synergies with Horizon projects**;
- promote **public procurement based on results of research projects** among national / regional authorities;
- promote **among Horizon beneficiaries** the ERDF's potential for deployment / commercialization of project results

4) Improve information flow about projects that have received the Seal of Excellence

- The Commission should regularly provide all managing authorities with **data on project proposals** that have received the **Seal of Excellence** in their Member State or region.

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**What does this mean for
this session ?**

**Areas for Improvement
WITHOUT long winding
policy / programme change**





**Baltic Sea
Conservation
Foundation**



BaltCF



Who we are

Charitable organization with a home base in Germany.

Established in 2014 as the result of a court settlement with the Nord Stream AG

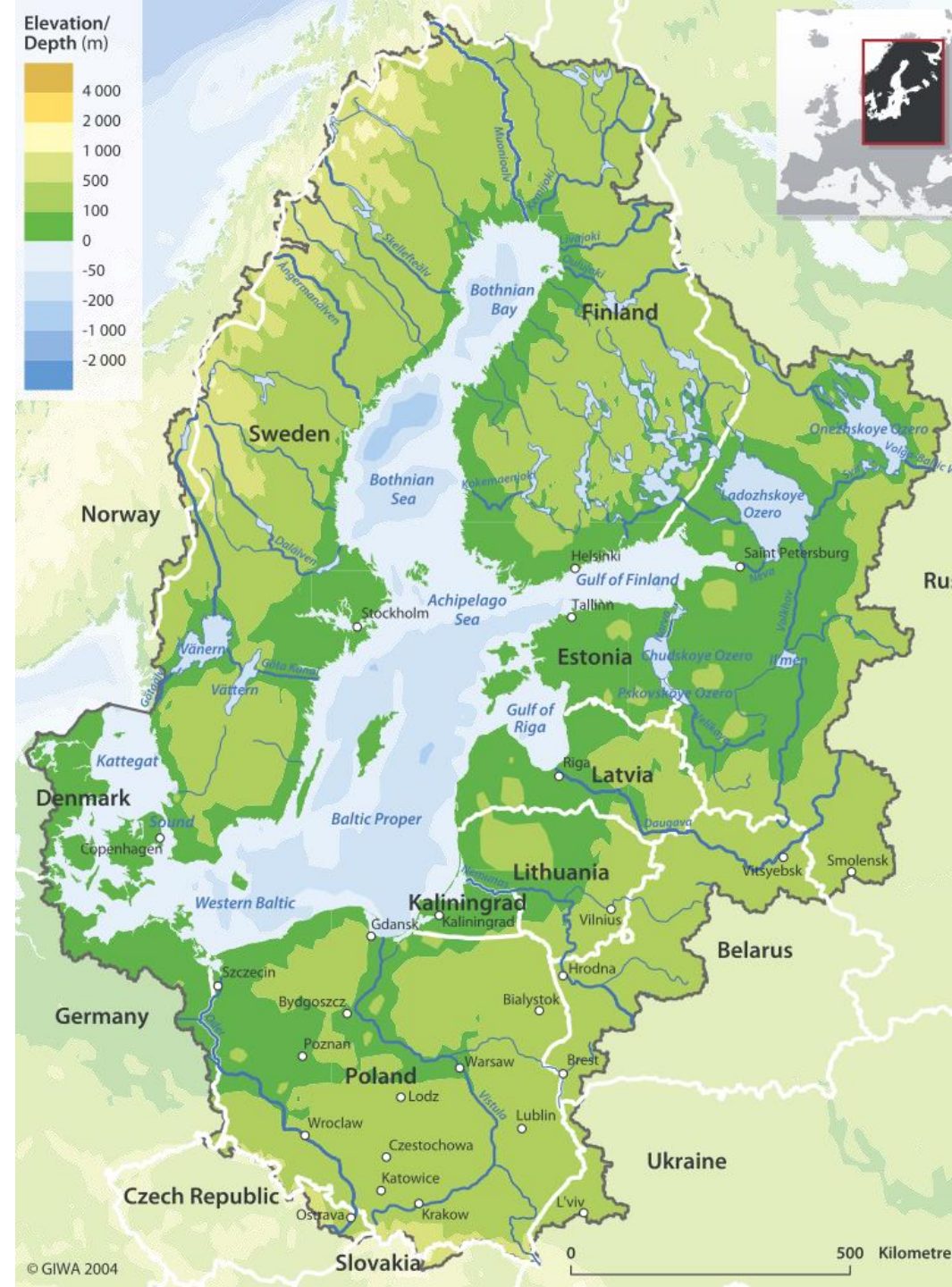
Purpose: Conservation projects and measures in the entire Baltic Sea Region

What we do

Mainly project funding, also land purchases and looking into starting some operational projects.

Focus on projects with a **concrete benefit for the Baltic Sea ecosystem,**

e.g. Not research or lobbying focus.



What we fund

We support **nature conservation and environmental protection projects** in countries bordering with the Baltic Sea which fulfill at least one of the objectives outlined in our funding guidelines.



What we fund

Improve the **ecological stability** and/or the regenerative capacity of the marine environment;

Contribute to the **reduction and/or degradation of pollutants** or depositions leading to eutrophication;

Help to **secure and/or improve habitats** for rare and/or protected species and support biodiversity;

Help to **secure, expand, or develop marine protected areas**;





Why are we here?

We want to help the Baltic Sea NGO community to do their best work and achieve as good results as possible.

How do we work on our end as funders?

Plan and expectations

Part one: What do we do and what do we want to do?

Part two: What can we and should we do?

End: Where do we start? What do we pick up?

NGOs and funders

- an interesting relationship

With support from



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Baltic Sea Region



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for Marine and
Water Management

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Coalition Clean Baltic



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*"Take what ye can, give
nothin' back" ..*

*"Not all treasure is silver
or gold mate"*

-Jack Sparrow



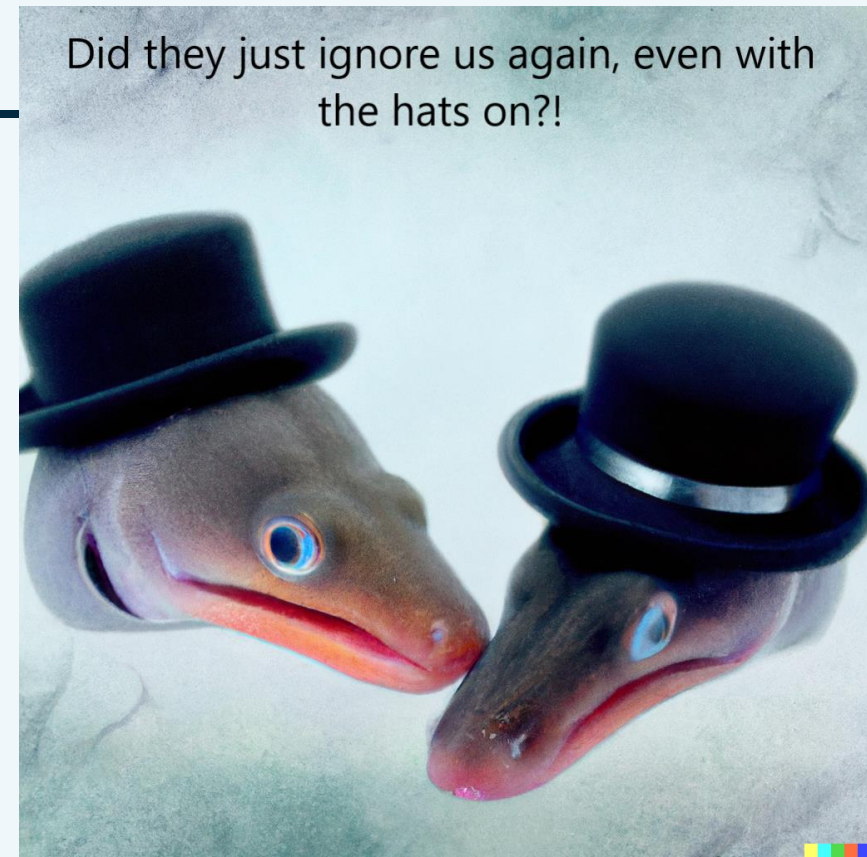
Example issues

- Type of funding – “the fit” and co-funding
- Its not all about the process of applying, rather about timelines
- Limited space for “boring old” topics
- Lock in our out - “key beneficiaries”



What we feel we need more of

- Understanding of time – ToC and results in 10 years
- Core grants - any "field work" needs to be maintained
- Projects/funding that allows sub-granting
- Acceptance that funding means people, as in staff



Some ideas to discuss

- Coordination and joint applications between funders
- Package calls from the start
- Continuation funding or “driving the point home funding”
- Contingency i.e. emergency funding

We need a relationship – we know not all treasure is silver or gold



CHALMERS INDUSTRITEKNIK

Our mission

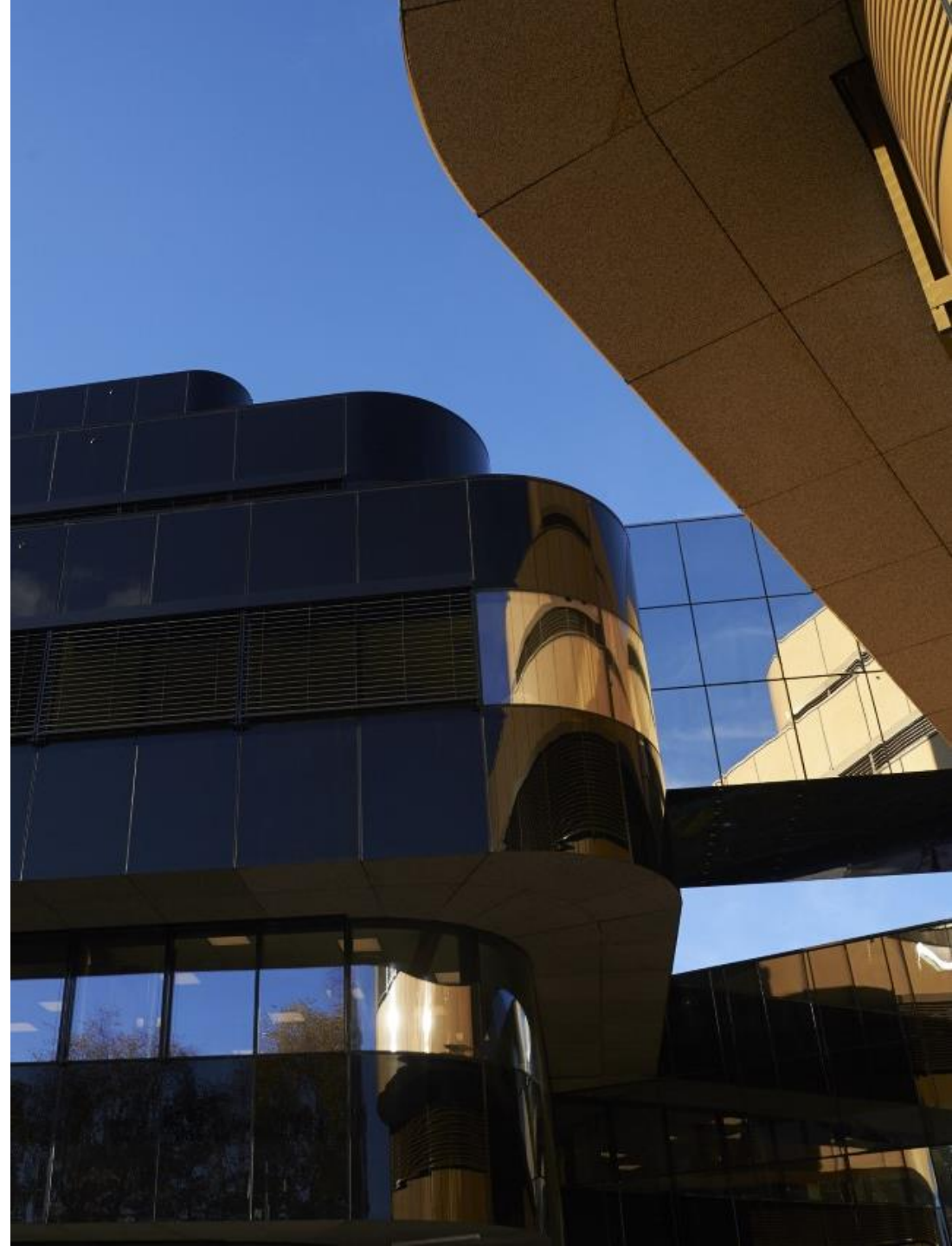
We are a research and development organization with a focus on innovation for a sustainable society. Our purpose is to strengthen Swedish innovation capacity and utilize research. Here, new knowledge and technology is generated that is made available and transferred to society and business in direct collaborations with the need owners within academia, authorities and companies.

Vi gör morgondagen redo för framtiden.



Facts about us

- Foundation with a subsidiary.
- Founded 1984.
- 100 employees, half with a doctorate.
- Annual turnover: SEK 140 million.
- Equal number of women and men.



A young girl with dark curly hair is looking upwards with a curious expression. In the background, several purple, semi-transparent 3D models of mechanical parts and molecular structures are floating in the air, creating a sense of scientific exploration and innovation.

Academic excellence

Applied AI, Circular Economy, Energy,
Materials and Chemistry as well as
innovation- and Project Management.

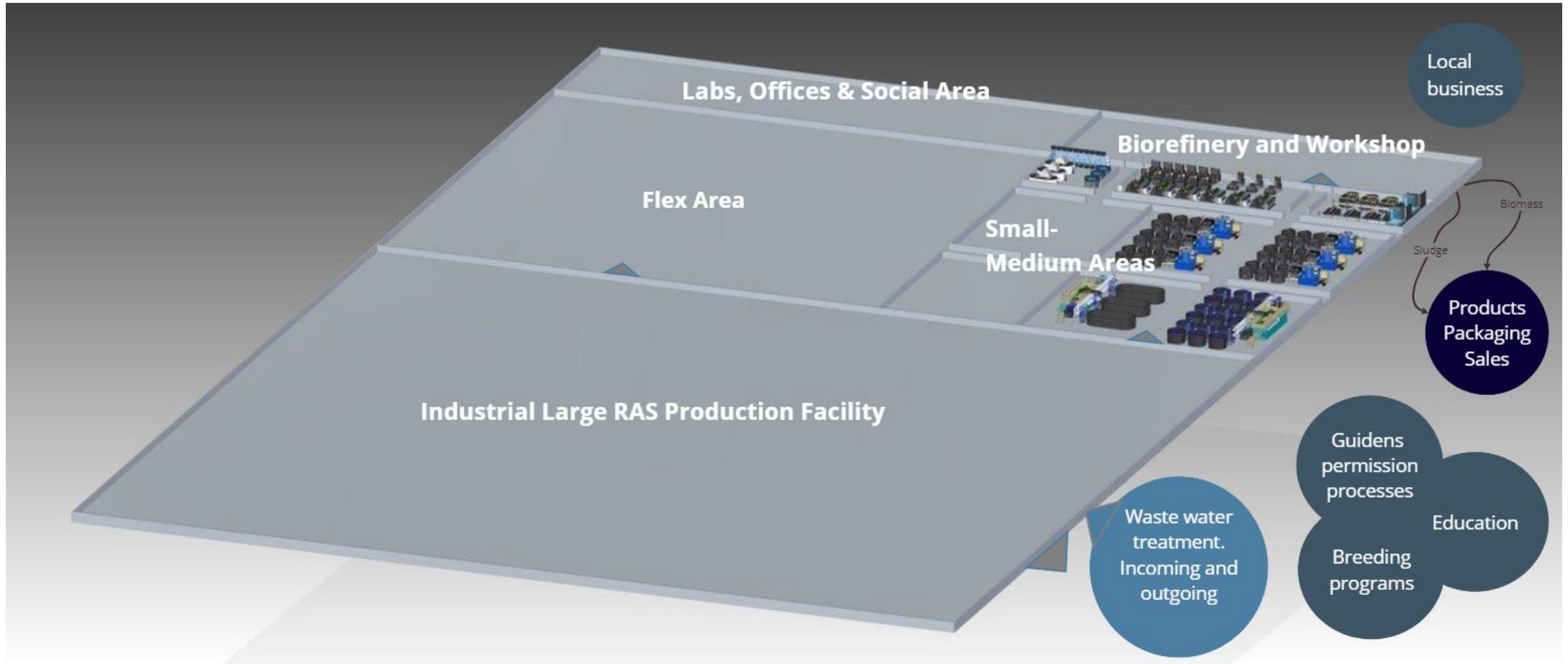
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Two examples

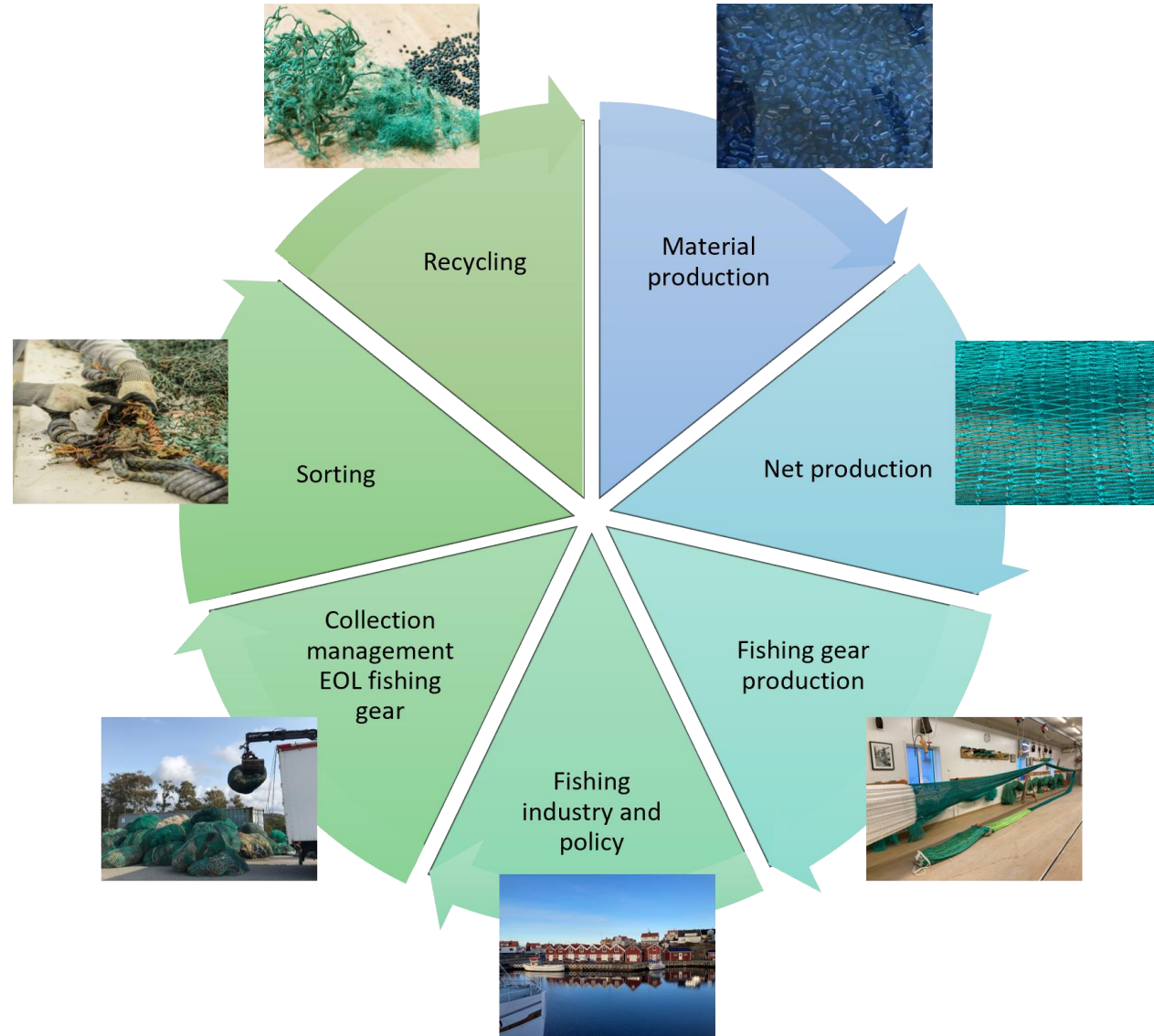
- Test bed for large scale land-based aquaculture
- Flagship sustainable fishing gears



Test bed for large scale land-based aquaculture



Flagship sustainable fishing gears

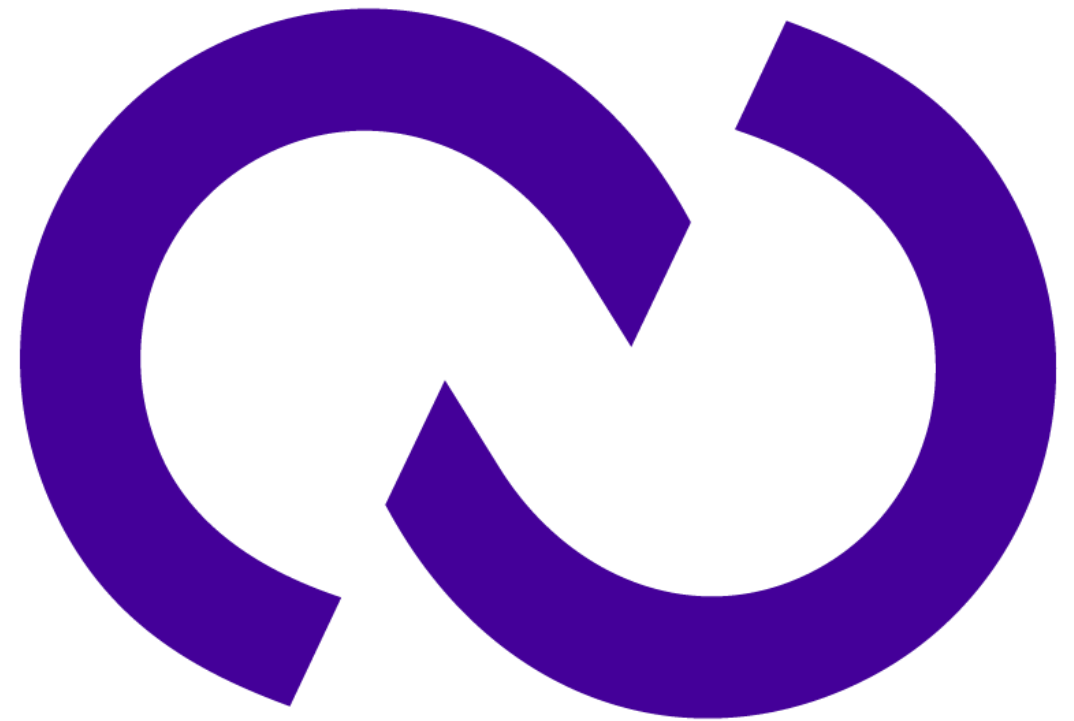


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Eirik Oland, Handelens miljøfond

Solving environmental problems caused by plastics

15.11.2023, Blue Mission Gothenburg

Eirik Oland CSO

Handelens Miljøfond, Norwegian Retailers Environment Fund

What we do:



**Prevent and remove plastic
pollution**



**Make plastics more resource
efficient**



Reduce plastic consumption

Results



More than **7 000 tons** of plastic waste has been removed



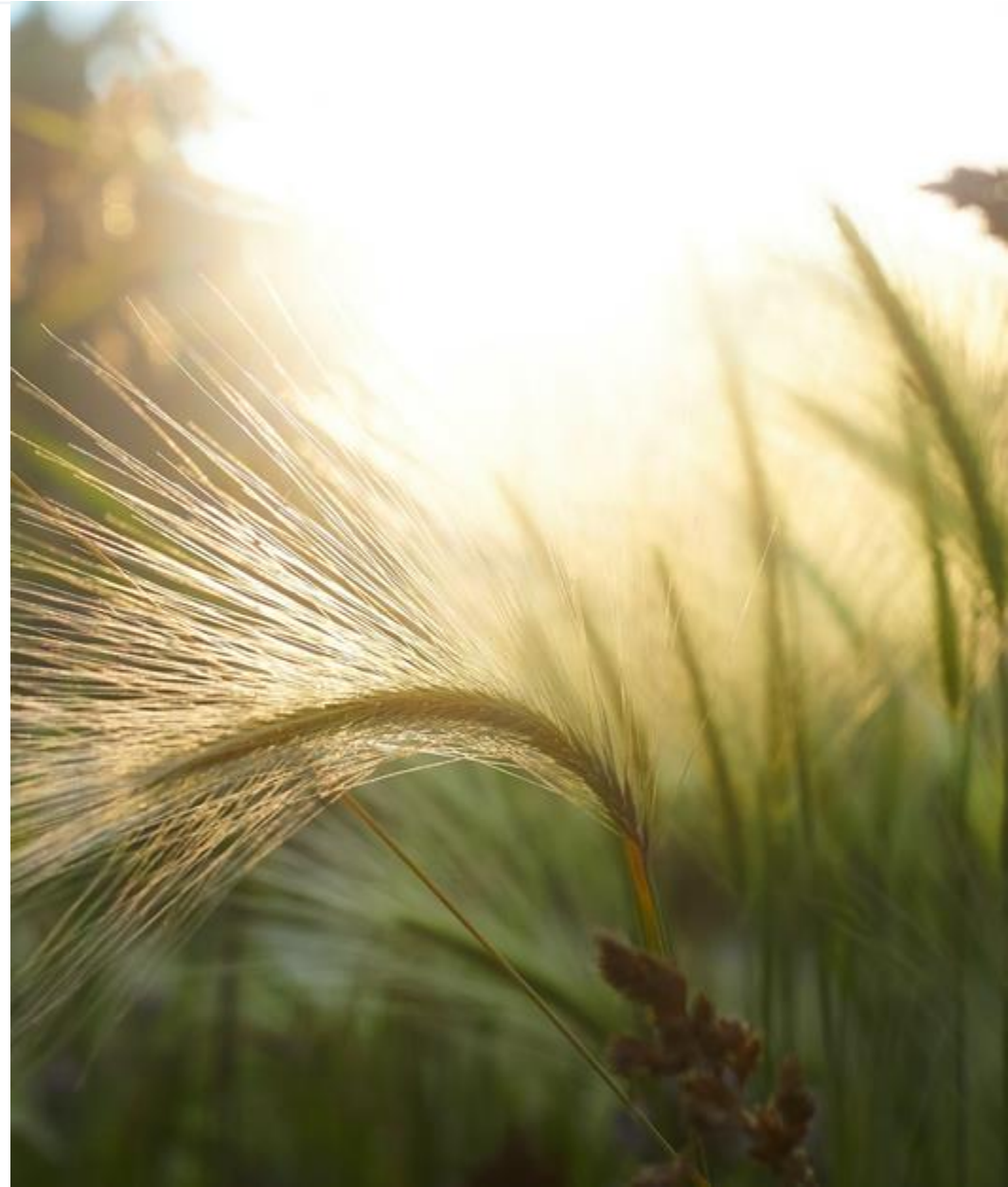
More than **18 000 km** is cleared of plastic waste



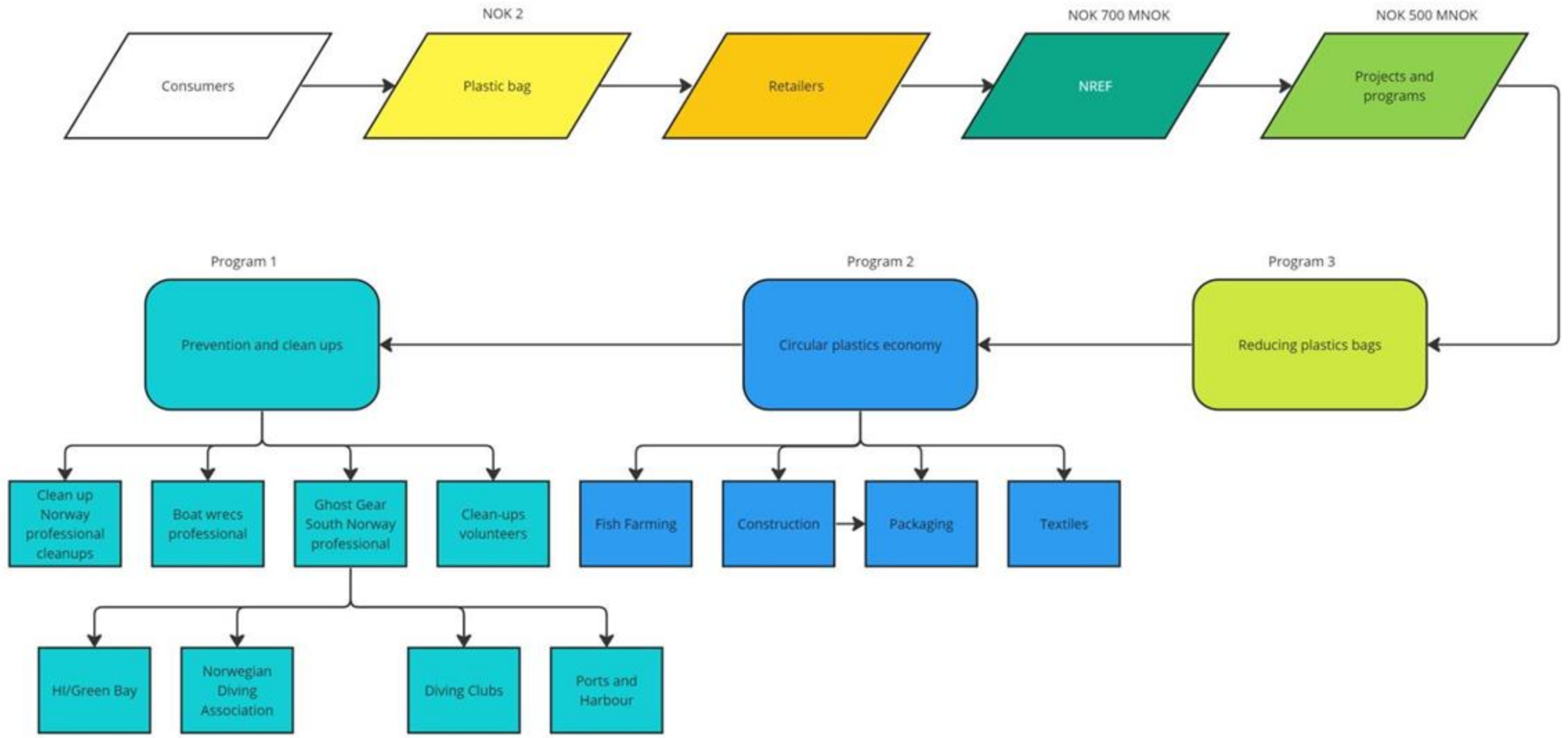
More than **12 000 tons** of recycled plastics has replaced virgin material



Plastic bag consumption is **reduced by 30 %** 2016-2022











Norwegian Retailers'
Environment Fund

Thank you!

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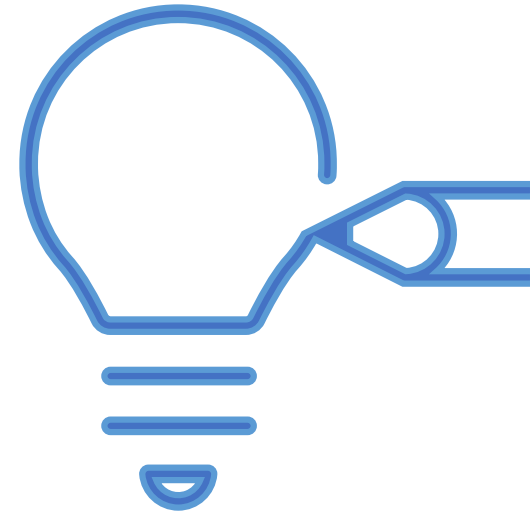
Brainstorming

Groups of ca 3 people, for 3 rounds.

10 min discussion, then we change groups. Start with a super short intro, and you can refer to the Overview.

Please put at least **one idea or reflection per person and round** in the Menti during the discussions, or on post its.

The outcomes from this will be the base for the next session.



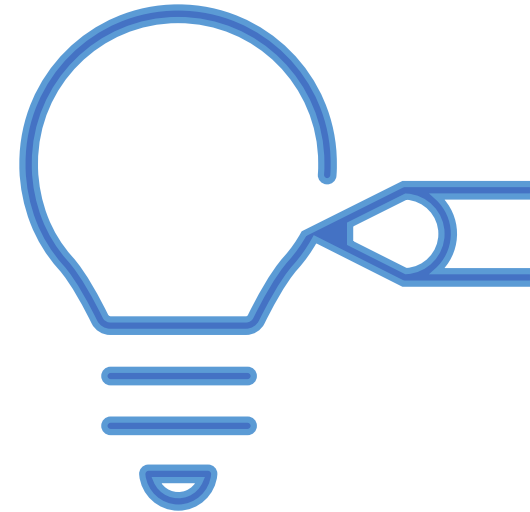
Brainstorming

We focus on brainstorming “What do we do and what do we want to do”?

As a help, you have the Overview and some guiding questions on the table to start the discussion.

THINK BIG! What would a dream development or project be for you?
Who would you love to work with?

THINK CONCRETE! How do we work, do we have specific issues we’ve encountered?



Round 1

Angela Schultz-Zehden	1	Eva Rantama	1	Nils Höglund	1
Careen Krüger	2	Floor Ten Hoopen	3	Peter Carlsson	4
Charlotte Steffen	5	Frederick Bruce	2	Peter Wiwen-Nilsson	4
Claudia Pecoraro	5	Frode Dal Fjeldavli	2	Sarah Holsen	4
Dennis Hamro-Drotz	5	Julie Oliver	3	Sophie Wachtmeister	2
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Eirik Oland	3	Louise Valentin	1	Vineta Goba	5
Emil Gejrot	4	Martin Letz	6	Magdalena Glogowska	6

Round 2

Angela Schultz-Zehden	3	Eva Rantama	1	Nils Höglund	4
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10:45 Big group discussion

- Overview of last session
- Do we have any ideas that would solve identified problems?
- Prioritisation

11:45 Wrap-up

Overview

What is the next step?

An underwater photograph showing a dense field of dark mussels and reddish-brown coral on a rocky seabed. The water is clear and greenish-blue. The text "Thank you for today!" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Thank you
for today!**