



BLUE MISSION BANOS

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

Mission Arenas and Solutions



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Withing the framework of BlueMissionBANOS, four Mission Arenas were organised to bring together a wide range of local, national, and regional stakeholders. As a result, four regional roadmaps were created.

Co-financed Mission Arenas

The Mission Arenas were open to all stakeholders in the Blue Economy, with no participation fee. To cover the event costs, participating projects and stakeholders co-financed the Arenas. They recognized the value of using the Arenas as a platform to reach a wide audience and strengthen their visibility within the Mission Ocean framework. This co-financing model allowed the events to grow beyond the initial budget and attracted a diverse range of participants, creating a space for collaboration and engagement among all involved.

Action Points

The focus of the Mission Arenas' was on action points, a selection of regional priorities in the Blue Economy, compiled in preparation for the events. This process involved stakeholders from various sectors, including science, policy, finance, and civil society. Action points were ranked using a structured scoring system, considering factors like Mission relevance, feasibility, and impact. The action points were then discussed during the Mission Arenas' workshops, helping to address and incorporate different perspectives, such as regulation, innovation, and community concerns. By involving everyone in the decision-making, the process created shared ownership of the outcomes and made sure that the most important actions were prioritized for the future.

Regional Roadmaps

The closing sessions of all four Mission Arenas brought together high-level speakers from both the EU and national levels, along with all other event participants. During these sessions, attendees voted to determine the top three priority actions required for the deployment of the Mission Ocean in the BANOS region. The action points were compiled into four regional roadmaps, highlighting key actions needed for enabling policies, research and innovation (R&I) needs, business support, and scaling up the existing solutions.

Regional Roadmaps resulting from the Mission Arenas

Gothenburg, Sweden November 2023

South Norway,
West-South Sweden,
East Denmark,
North Germany

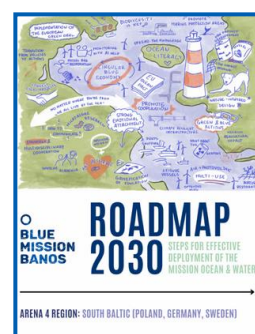
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Amsterdam, the Netherlands November 2024

the Netherlands,
Belgium,
West Denmark,
West Germany,
North France

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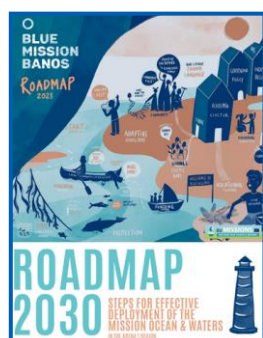
Riga, Latvia April 2024

Estonia,
Lithuania,
South Finland,
South Germany

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Sopot, Poland April 2025

Poland,
East Germany,
East Denmark,
South-East Sweden

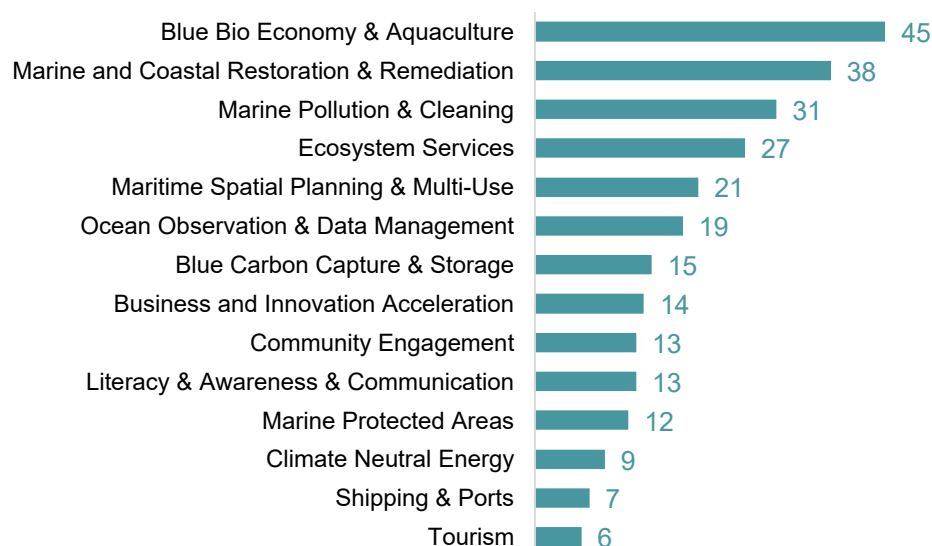


Solutions

To identify which action points could be built upon existing solutions, the process of defining these solutions took place after the Mission Arenas. Here, "solutions" refer to proven practices or results that are replicable and scalable in different settings. These solutions have been tested in real-world environments, often through pilot projects, living labs, or demo sites, and can include new products, methodologies, collaboration platforms, or research outputs. Essentially, a solution is any innovative approach that has demonstrated its value and can inspire others to adopt or adapt it. A detailed list of these solutions can be found on WaveLinks, a database that showcases the latest developments in the blue economy of the BANOS region.

Solutions by theme

Overall, more than 100 solutions were identified. Many of them were developed within cross-sector collaborations and R&I initiatives, addressing multiple objectives of the Mission Ocean. These solutions cover a range of topics relevant for a sustainable development of the blue economy in the BANOS region, placing a special importance on the issues of aquaculture, and marine and coastal restoration.



Solutions by type

The solutions represent various types of instruments and tools applicable in different sectors of the blue economy and targeting different stakeholders.

Type	Solutions
Technology & Tools	62
Knowledge Sharing	48
Material & Equipment	30
Regulatory & Governance	29
Public Mobilisation & Engagement	22
Infrastructure	19
Financial & Business	14

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regional roadmaps

14
themes

115
solutions

68 solutions
contribute to
Mission Ocean Goal
1: **Protect and
restore marine and
freshwater
ecosystems and
biodiversity**

56 solutions
contribute to
Mission Ocean Goal
2: **Prevent and
eliminate pollution of
our ocean, seas, and
waters**

65 solutions
contribute to
Mission Ocean Goal
3: **Make the
sustainable
economy carbon-
neutral and circular**