



BlueGreen Governance

GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The main goal of BlueGreen Governance (BGG) is to

- ✓ Develop innovative land-sea governance schemes based on scientific evidence and societal choices that link marine policies with the management of the land and inland waters;
- ✓ **And draw lessons on how to trigger and facilitate institutional change and policy reforms for better marine policies**

BACKGROUND

The current management of oceans, seas and coasts is fragmented across multiple institutional layers and policy areas, and based on past experience.

BGG pursues an innovative approach to the governance of the seas and coastal areas that



Promotes integration between institutional layers & across policy sectors with a clear impact on the use of the land and the sea;



Involves and engages citizens in decision making processes, while at the same time including scientific evidence;



Responds predictively to changing physical conditions as indicated by scientific evidence on major environmental challenges as well as indigenous and local knowledge & citizen science



And uses e-governance tools in support of the previous three points

With this focus and approach, the project responds to the need for better-informed decision-making processes, social engagement and digital innovation while promoting more harmonious and effective science-policy-society interfaces. The promotion of better science-policy, science-society and society-policy interactions will be embedded in the digital transformation and application of e-governance tools for codesign and service delivery.

IMPACT

Re-design marine policies around the land-sea connection and ease the implementation of EU and national marine policies

Restore marine and coastal habitats taking into account climate change and land-sea interactions.

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THE CALL

HORIZON-CL6-2022 GOVERNANCE-01-03

DESTINATION

Innovation governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal

RIA

TYPE OF ACTION

DURATION

4 YEARS

From - 01.01.2024
Until - 31.12.2027

14

Numbers of Partners

8

Numbers of case studies

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PROJECT STRUCTURE

To achieve its goals, BGG develops in four steps and pursues four specific objectives (SOs) corresponding to the thematic Work Packages (WPs)




Identification of institutional barriers & enablers (WP1)

SO1: To understand the institutional and sociopolitical barriers jeopardising marine policies' design, implementation and change across multiple levels of governance, and identify enablers for effective marine governance




Co-design of innovative governance schemes (WP2)

SO2: To co-design innovative schemes of governance in collaboration with scientists and all other stakeholders from target groups and direct users to indirect beneficiaries of marine policies).



Policy experimentations (WP3)

SO3: To put into practice innovative governance schemes for marine policies in several European regions and sea basins in order to improve their design and implementation, and evaluate the impact of institutional innovations



Moving towards integrated land-sea governance (WP4)

SO4: To promote institutional change and policy reforms in land-sea governance beyond policy experimentations.

BGG will implement and assess these innovative governance schemes in 8 cases across several European regions and sea basins and will draw lessons on how to trigger and facilitate effective institutional change via capacity building.

The cases are: Comunidad Valenciana; North Adriatic; Isle of Wight; Western Scheldt; Oslofjord; Canary Islands and Reunion. With this geographical scope, the project will investigate five marine basins (Western Mediterranean Sea, Eastern Mediterranean Sea, North Sea, Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean), including one transnational marine basin (i.e. the North Adriatic case) and one transnational river basin (i.e. the Western Scheldt case).

