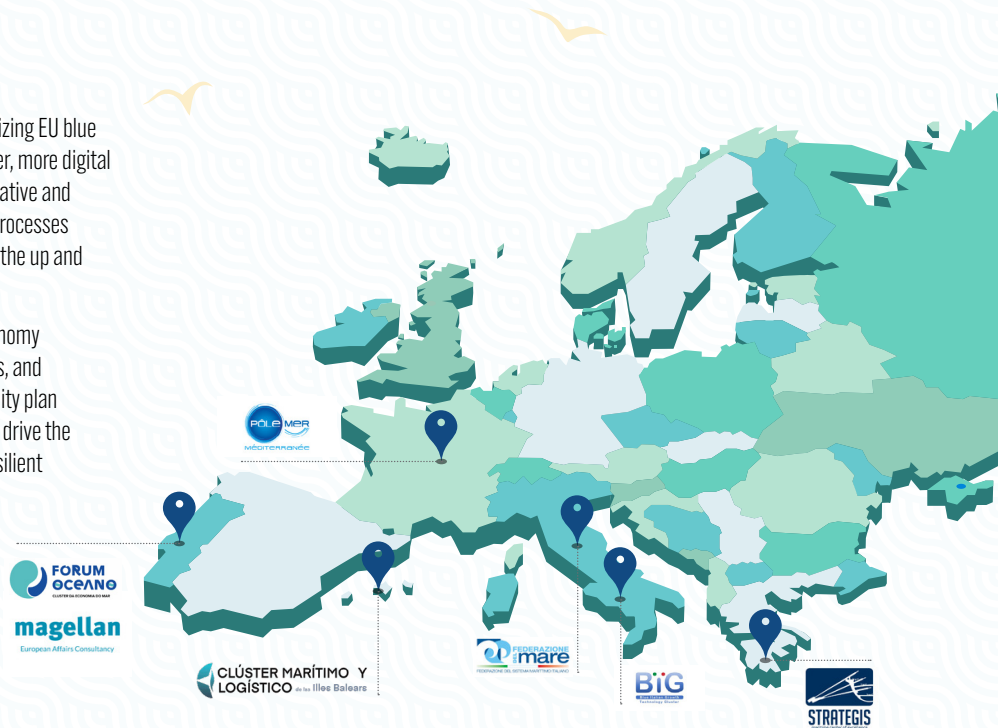# ★ MedBAN

Sept 2022 – Oct 2024

7 partners

Total budget: 1,4 M€

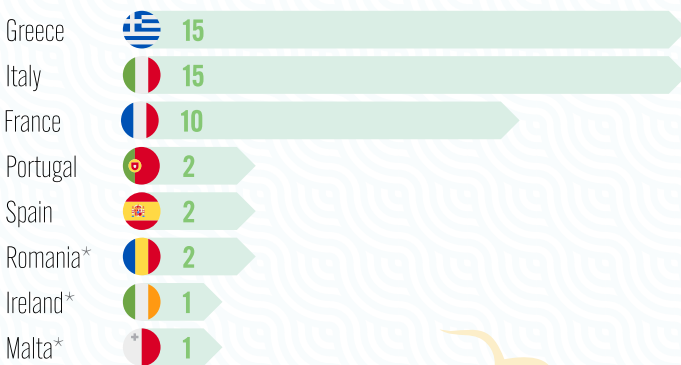# MedBAN - Mediterranean Blue Acceleration Network

MedBAN, the Mediterranean Blue Acceleration Network, is mobilizing EU blue economy SMEs to adopt processes and technologies for a greener, more digital and resilient economy. MedBAN integrates the Euroclusters' Initiative and is closely aligned with its specific objectives on the adoption of processes and technologies for the green and digital transition, training for the up and re-skilling of the workforce and internationalization of EU SMEs.

MedBAN has analyzed the EU Mediterranean countries' blue economy ecosystem to understand its inner workings, key players, barriers, and opportunities. This resulted in a resilience preparedness/continuity plan highlighting new collaboration models. The identified challenges drive the SME-focused open calls and the cluster training, enhancing a resilient and innovative Blue Economy in the Single Market.

Open Calls
Number of SMEs awarded

Country	SMEs awarded
Greece	15
Italy	15
France	10
Portugal	2
Spain	2
Romania*	2
Ireland*	1
Malta*	1

* Outside of the MedBAN consortium countries

The consortium is managing two open call schemes to fund a set of services for SMEs on innovation, training, twin transformation and internationalisation issues. These calls aim to contribute to tackling the multiple challenges identified by MedBAN in the Mediterranean Sea Basin and to providing financial support to SMEs working in the blue economy to support their innovation and internationalisation.

A total of **88 SMEs** from **14 countries** have participated in these calls, collectively submitting **100 applications**. These applications are centred around adapting processes and technologies to create a greener, more digital, and resilient blue economy.

58 Proposals were selected for funding in the two calls

35 Innovation, training and twin transformation call

23 Internationalisation call

48 SMEs were chosen for funding in the two calls (10 out of the 58 SMEs are in both calls)

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