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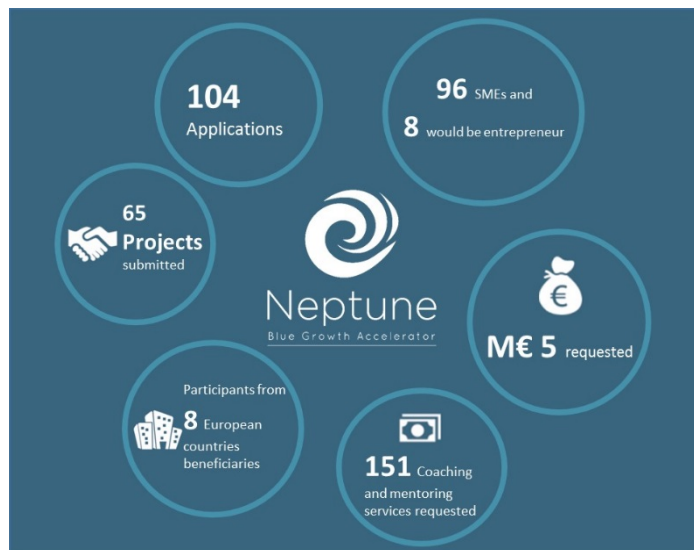
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104 European SMEs and Would-be Entrepreneurs submitted applications under NEPTUNE Blue Growth Accelerator Call

The second call to support innovative European SMEs and Would-be Entrepreneurs closed on September 15th, with a significant participation of European SMEs. With 104 applications received, in comparison to 80 presented under the first call, NEPTUNE Blue Growth Accelerator demonstrates once again the interest of innovative SMEs in this kind of support mechanism.

The success factors are multiple:

-  The accelerator approach itself, with a simplified process to submit, shortened application and a time to grant of less than 3 months;
-  The set of activities developed by the Accelerator and its associated clusters with international brokerage event and project idea emergence meetings;
-  The cross-sectoral and cross-national dimensions, which allow SMEs from different sectors and countries to find complementarities in a joint project to develop innovative technologies, services and products;
-  The great potential for innovation and economic growth of the Blue Economy;



- 🌀 The access to EU funding facilitated for novice SMEs;
- 🌀 The possibility to finance prototype and demonstration which are, by far, the most requested types of support.

The next step for the Accelerator is the evaluation of the applications which will take place during the entire month of October. The SMEs will be informed of the results by beginning of November, for an effective start on January 2018.

About the first cut-off deadline funded projects

Access the full description of the 18 projects led by innovative SMEs and Would-be entrepreneurs from the [NEPTUNE website](#) representing an investment of € 1.3 million.

Topic	Project	SME	Country
Environment	AMOS	SEMANTIC TS	France
		GET	Greece
	EOSAI	ACRI-HE	France
		Planetek Hellas	Greece
	INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING	Vultus AB	Sweden
		4IT AB	
	NEURAMARIS	Neuro-SYS	France
	CYPREOS France Eponge		
TRITON	COMEX SA	France	
		Zero 2 Infinity SL	Spain
World BioCoast	Terra Spatium	Greece	
		I-Sea	France
Maritime Transport	MaSSy	OptionsNET	Greece
		Sparsity Technologies	Spain
	PROPHSESA	Predict	France
	SAIL-AUTOMAT	MyCFD	France
BSG			
Wave Model Confidence Index	Noveltis	France	
	Compagnie Maritime Chambon		
Water Management	CROSSCLIMATE	Amigo Srl	Italy
	ANASYWA - Advanced Nano filtration system for water treatment	SC ELECTRONIC APRIL Srl	Romania
		Stea Tech Srl	
	Increasing the efficiency of nutrients removal in small community wastewaters	ECOTRUST Srl	Romania
		ECO-SISTEMI Srl	Italy
SONOELCHEMCELL	KEMATRONIC	Romania	
	OST Group Srl		
Marine Renewable Energies	4S4G	ProLarge	France
	NEREIDE	SAS Bobinage Artisanal Charentais	France
		SAS EDIE (ECOCINETIC)	
Wave-Bumper	Wave Bumper	France	
Port Logistics	RFIDrone	Drone by Drone	Spain
		Stockare RFID solutions	



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About NEPTUNE

Coordinated by Aerospace Valley, NEPTUNE which stands for New Cross Sectoral Value Chains Creation across Europe Facilitated By Clusters for SMEs' Innovation in Blue Growth is a European Union funded innovation action financed by the INNOSUP component of the HORIZON 2020 programme. It brings together 15 of Europe's leading clusters, 3 Science Parks/Technology/Research Centres, 2 regional development Agencies and 2 Innovation/Cluster expert organisations from 7 EU countries (France, Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain and Sweden). NEPTUNE targets the support of 100 European SMEs (individual or in groups) and the creation of 10 new companies in 15-20 new or reconfigured cross-sectoral/-cluster/-border value chains for the development of around 40 impactful and innovative solutions to improve existing or develop new technologies, services or products, improve production processes replacing or reducing the use of critical resources and deploy large scale demonstrators. It is driven by the integration of new technologies and know-how, facilitated by clusters in Water, Maritime, Aerospace, ICT, Microelectronics, Agrifood, Logistics, Creative Industries, Energy, and Mobility to foster the development of Blue Growth industries in Europe.

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