

RISTANC Call for Small Project Funding

Information seminar for applicants

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What is RISTANC?

A European project for a healthy Slovenian sea

Funded by the Horizon Europe programme.

Contributes to the EU Mission “Restore Our Ocean and Waters by 2030”.

Three objectives of the EU Mission



Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems



Prevent and eliminate pollution of our ocean, seas and waters



Establish a carbon-neutral and circular blue economy

Project partners



Science and Research Centre Koper (ZRS Koper) – coordinator



Universities

University of Nova Gorica
Central European University
(Austria)
Stockholm University –
Stockholm Resilience Centre
(Sweden)



Municipalities

Municipality of Ankaran
Municipality of Izola
City Municipality of Koper
Municipality of Piran



Non- governmental organisations

Association for Culture and
Education PiNA
YouSea Institute



Associated partner: **Slovenian Water Agency**

The call at a glance

€60,000

available in total

€7,500–€12,000

per project

5–8

projects
expected
to be funded

6–12

months of
project
duration



We especially welcome those who have not, or have rarely, taken part in European projects.

Three challenges of the call

Your project must address at least one of them.



1

Moorings

Moorings for recreational and tourist vessels that do not damage the seabed.



2

Coastal zone

Planning and interventions that harmonise the needs of people and nature.



3

Healthy sea

Other measures for the EU Mission: less pollution, ecosystem restoration, blue economy.



Activities take place in the Slovenian sea and coast or help address its challenges.

Who can apply?

From associations and schools to fishers, divers and artists.



Legal entities

NGOs (associations, institutes, foundations), companies, social enterprises, schools, research organisations, local communities and others.



Natural persons

Individuals of legal age. Also informal groups – represented by one person who is responsible for the project.



Alone or with partners – the applicant is fully responsible, also financially.

Key conditions



Based in the EU

Or in a Horizon Europe associated country. Individuals: permanent EU residence.



Only one application

As applicant or as partner. Only the first application submitted counts.



Slovenian sea

Activities in the Slovenian sea and coast, or addressing its challenges.



No double funding

The project must not receive other public funding.



Conflict of interest

RISTANC partners cannot apply. All links with them must be disclosed.



Taxes and contributions

Must be settled before the agreement is signed.

What can you do?



**Experimental
activities**



**Prototype
development**



Feasibility studies



**Research and
innovation**



**Art, culture and
community**



**Education and
capacity-building**



**Monitoring and
citizen science**



**Knowledge
brokering and
transfer**



**A combination of
activities**

Solutions must be sustainable and inclusive.

How does the funding work?



**Lump sum
(flat-rate amount)**

Up to 100% funding.

You report on **results**, not on invoices.

Paid in three instalments

20%

when the agreement is signed

30%

after interim results

50%

after the final report

What does the lump sum cover?



Personnel

people implementing the project



Materials and equipment

strictly necessary for the project



External services

contractors, expert reports, analyses



Implementing activities

workshops, field and pilot actions



Communication

public information and promotion



Indirect costs

25% of personnel and purchase costs

Costs must be linked to the project and economical.

Application form



Applicant

Details of the legal or natural person and the contact person.



Declarations

Conflict of interest and ethical aspects.



Project

Project idea and financial plan. Write concisely and clearly.



Annexes: AJPES or other register extract (legal entities), articles of association (associations, institutes etc.), power of attorney (if not signed by the legal representative).

Section C – project idea (1/2)

Enter the project title and duration, then answer these questions:



Project relevance

Criterion 1

What challenge do you address, and why does it matter? How does it support the Mission?



Objectives

Criterion 1

What is the main objective? How will you measure whether you achieved it?



Implementation plan

Criterion 2

Which activities will you carry out to prepare, implement and promote the project? When?



Innovation

Criterion 3

What is new or better than existing solutions? What added value does it bring?

Section C – project idea (2/2)



Criterion 4

Impact

What changes and benefits do you expect? For which target groups? How many people will you reach?



Criterion 5

Sustainability

What happens to the results after the project? Who can use them, and how?



Criterion 6

Competencies and experience

What relevant experience do you and your partners have? What is each partner's role?



Financial plan: personnel (A), subcontracting (B), purchase costs (C) and indirect costs $25\% \times (A + C)$. Also list any other income.

Criterion 7

Evaluation criteria

1	Fit with challenges, clear objective		20
2	Implementation plan and timeline		20
3	Innovation and originality		10
4	Impact on target groups		20
5	Sustainability of results		10
6	Competencies and experience		10
7	Cost-effectiveness		10

Threshold

55

out of 100 points

Each criterion has its own field in the application form.

Criteria in detail

CRITERION		FORM FIELD	POINTS
1	Consistency with the call challenges, clear objective, monitoring	Relevance, Objectives	20
2	Quality and feasibility of implementation plan and timeline	Implementation plan	20
3	Degree of innovation and originality of the project idea	Innovation	10
4	Expected impact, including impact on target groups	Impact	20
5	Sustainability plan for results	Sustainability	10
6	Competencies and experience of the applicant	Competencies and experience	10
7	Cost-effectiveness of the budget	Financial plan	10

How to apply?



Fill in the form

and sign it



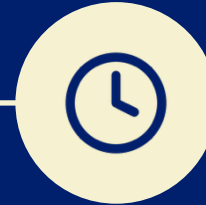
Add the annexes

all in PDF format



Send by email

ristanc-funding@zrs-kp.si



28 Nov 2026

deadline, 23:59 (CET)



Email subject:

RISTANC – application for the call [name of applicant]



Language:

Slovenian or English

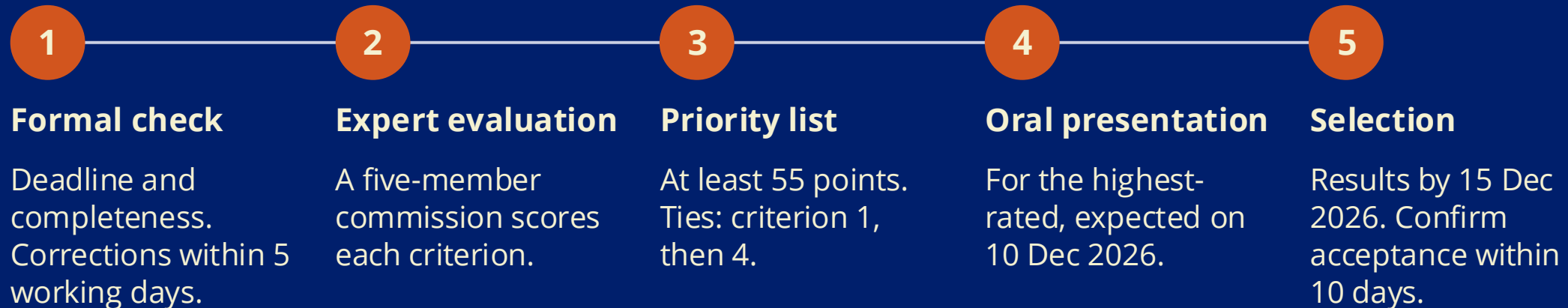
How does the evaluation work?

SCORING SCALE FOR EACH CRITERION

None	Low	Medium-low	Medium	Medium-high	High
0 / 0	4 / 2	8 / 4	12 / 6	16 / 8	20 / 10

Points for criteria worth up to 20 / up to 10 points

STEPS



Key dates

APPLICATION



SELECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION



Once your project is funded



Reporting

Interim and final report, plus evidence (photos, materials ...).



Visibility

RISTANC and EU logos and the disclaimer on all materials.



Field visit

Allow RISTANC to film and photograph your project.



Ethics

Respect ethical principles and take part in the RISTANC research.



Intellectual property

Stays with you. RISTANC may use the work non-commercially.

Any questions?



Write to us

ristanc-funding@zrs-kp.si



By 31 Oct 2026

send your questions.
Answers will be published
on the call website.



Recording

The recording and
presentation will be
published on the website.

All about the call: ristanc.eu

Thank you!

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