



BEMED

**FIGHTING PLASTIC POLLUTION IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN**

Call for Micro-Initiatives

REGULATIONS

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1 PRESENTATION OF THE CALL FOR MICRO INITIATIVES (CMI)

The Beyond Plastic Med initiative was launched in Monaco on 10th March 2015 during the international conference "Plastic in the Mediterranean: beyond observation, what are the solutions?". During the conference, the speakers endeavoured to go beyond mere observations concerning marine plastic pollution in order to identify real solutions and the courses of action to limit it.

To address the challenge of a Mediterranean with no plastic, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Tara Expeditions, Surfrider Foundation Europe, IUCN and the Mava Foundation joined forces in order to give life to the *Beyond Plastic Med* (BeMed) initiative.

The aim of BeMed is to support innovative socially responsible solutions for a healthy Mediterranean, in cooperation with the public and private sectors, NGOs and the scientific community.

Creating local impetus to address a regional issue is one of the key focus areas of Beyond Plastic Med. To reach this first goal, BeMed is launching a call for micro-initiatives (CMI) aimed at all Mediterranean countries on 8th June 2016 on the occasion of World Oceans Day.

Initiatives given support will be selected for their innovative character, whether of a technological or institutional nature or related to public awareness and education.

In the long term, BeMed will develop a network of local Mediterranean players who will work in the field to combat plastic pollution by adapting to local socio-economic conditions.

2 OBJECTIVES OF THE CALL FOR MICRO INITIATIVES (CMI)

Through support to micro-initiatives implemented by local players committed to combating plastic pollution, BeMed aims to achieve the following goals:

- To implement field initiatives in order to change social behaviour with regard to the unsustainable use of plastics,
- To develop the capacity of local players,
- To disseminate good practice, both with regard to plastic waste management and the implementation of alternative products,
- To establish progressively a Mediterranean network of local players committed to combating plastic pollution.

3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

3.1 Eligible countries

- The CMI concerns every country in the Mediterranean region.
- However please note that funding will be allocated as a priority to the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, the Palestinian Territories, Tunisia, Turkey, Cyprus, Croatia, Malta and Greece.

3.2 Eligible applicant organisations

Applicant organisations need to meet the following criteria:

- Applications from institutions that have not received financial support from one of the members of BeMed will be given priority.
- To develop activities chiefly concerning awareness, nature protection, environmental lobbying, social change, research and innovation.
- To belong to one of the following categories: NGO, territorial authority, private company with fewer than 20 employees, scientific institution.
- To have a legal status enabling them to receive grants.
- To have their head office registered in the country benefitting from the grant.

3.3 Eligible topics

Actions presented should comply with one or several of the topics listed in the table below. Any action not connected to one of the following topics will not be eligible.

ELIGIBLE TOPICS
Raising awareness of both the public and institutions concerning the sources and consequences of plastic pollution
Support for the implementation of regulations concerning plastic
Sustainable management of tourism and its relation vis-à-vis plastic
Activities generating synergy between the various players involved in plastic in order to facilitate the implementation of concrete solutions to combat plastic pollution
Awareness and involvement of sea users to limit the use of plastic in their activities (fishing, aquaculture, maritime traffic, cruising)
Development and deployment of innovation to limit the production and/or use of plastic
Improved systems to collect and process plastic waste

Examples of activities that could be developed within the eligible topics:

- Organisation of workshops/campaigns to raise awareness concerning plastic pollution among the local populations (school children, inhabitants...)
- Implementation of an action programme against the use of plastic in relation to tourist, fishing and aquaculture activities
- Efforts for the consultation and involvement of players in the field concerning the plastic issue
- Developing charters with local authorities in order to involve them in the fight against plastic pollution
- Developing partnerships with economic players involved in packaging
- Implementation of regulations to prohibit single-use plastic bags
- Developing regulations in hotel complexes to limit plastic consumption
- Establishment of a label for tourist services implementing concrete actions to limit plastic in everyday use
- Production of good practice guides to limit the use of plastic bags
- Implementation of collection/recycling measures for plastic waste
- Innovative solutions to find an alternative to the plastic bag and beginning of implementation
- Involvement of tourist operators in raising their clients' awareness of the plastic issue

4 TYPES OF INTERVENTION SOUGHT

The replication or adaptation of success stories in other regions or countries are encouraged.

Initiatives should include a maximum number of concrete actions.

Studies may be considered but should be limited in terms of timing. They should lead to concrete action in the field as soon as the period of support from BeMed commences.

Initiatives put forward should show the added value they provide.

Applicant organisations are advised to submit one application only for this Call for Micro-Initiatives (CMI).

5 FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR INITIATIVES

Each initiative should have an overall budget of **30,000 Euros maximum**.

BeMed's contribution:

- shall not exceed **75%** of the overall cost of the initiative,
- shall not exceed **10,000 Euros**.

Additional support over and above the financial contribution of BeMed is therefore mandatory. This may take the form of self-financing by the project management or co-financing by local or international financial partners.

The duration of the initiative is to be between 12 and **18 months maximum**. In all cases, initiatives should concern activities implemented as from 2017 and should be completed by December 2018 at the latest.

6 SELECTION PROCEDURE

Initiatives shall be selected in four phases:

	Phase 1: Eligibility	Phase 2: Pre-Selection	Phase 3: Final selection	Phase 4: Validation
Who?	The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation representing BeMed	BeMed and its network of experts if necessary	BeMed and the Scientific Committee appointed by BeMed	BeMed and funders
What?	First appraisal of applications based on eligibility criteria	Appraisal of eligible applications based on a scoring grid. Project managers may be asked for details. Preselected initiatives may be submitted for the opinion of a network of experts	Final selection of the initiatives based on BeMed's scoring grid and potentially the opinion of the Scientific Committee	Validation of the list of selected initiatives
Results	Sorting of initiatives in accordance with eligibility criteria	All initiatives are scored and those with the best scores are preselected	Final selection of initiatives	Confirmation of selection

The duration of the selection process shall not exceed 3 months from the date of the closing of the call for micro-initiatives. During this period, project managers may be asked for further information.

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation representing BeMed will send a reply to each of the applicants informing them of the results of the Call for Micro-Initiatives.

Scoring system

Applications will be selected using a criteria grid which will result in an overall score being given to the initiative. Initiatives with an overall score below 60 points will automatically be rejected.

Initiatives will be scored out of 100 points based on the five following criteria:

1. **Relevance of the initiative:** Justification for the initiative (the initiative concerns relevant action to limit plastic pollution) (20 points)
2. **Internal consistency of the initiative:** Feasibility of the initiative based on the provisional human and financial resources, the implementation schedule and the regulatory and institutional context (20 points)
3. **Effectiveness of the initiative:** Coherence of the organisational and institutional framework and the methodology chosen to implement activities (20 points).
4. **Potential for the sustainability** of the initiative's actions (20 points)
5. **Network added value:** Initiatives promoting exchange between Mediterranean players involved / potential for replicability / interest for the network of players involved (20 points)

In addition to the scoring criteria detailed above, the final selection criteria for the initiatives are as follows:

- Diversity of topics and activities
- Overall score
- Diversity of countries

7 IMPLEMENTATION OF MICRO-INITIATIVES

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation representing BeMed is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the CMI.

Beneficiaries will sign a Financing Agreement with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation may cancel the Financing Agreement for an initiative if the project activities do not begin in a timely manner (3 months maximum) following the signing of the agreement. The project manager will then be required to refund the entirety of the first instalment paid by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation which may choose to allocate the grant to another initiative.

All initiatives will systematically be subject to an interim assessment and a final assessment. The Prince Albert II Foundation will provide a template for

technical and financial interim and final reports and will directly monitor the progress made for each initiative. However, when an assessment or visit of the sites concerned by the initiative is made by BeMed, the beneficiary agrees to make available to BeMed or the person appointed by the latter, all documentation and information allowing the assessment to be carried out successfully.

The grant for each initiative will be paid in 2 instalments: 60% of the funding on the signing of the Agreement and the balance of 40% once the final completion report has been submitted to and approved by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. The distribution of payments will be established according to the financing capacities of the applicant organisations. Changes to this schedule shall be at the discretion of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.

8 PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF INITIATIVES

The application file for a grant can be downloaded from the BeMed website at the following address: <http://beyondplasticmed.org/bemed/lappel-a-projets/?lang=en>

It consists of two components available in English and in French:

- A Word format file: " application form BEMED "
- An Excel format file: "Application BEMED_Provisional Budget"

Only grant application files completed in French or in English and in strict accordance with the templates will be considered.

All the appendices listed in the "BEMED application file" should be provided.

The file should be sent by electronic mail to the following address: AMIBEMED2016@fpa2.mc

Grant application files sent in a paper version or outside the stipulated period to the members of BeMed will not be examined.

CMI time frame:

Opening of the submission of applications: 8th June 2016

Closing: 8th November 2016 – 6PM (Paris time, GMT+2)

Decision: 15th January 2017