



# MED-HUBS ACCELERATION PROGRAM

*Driving Blue Innovation in the Mediterranean*



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Are you a startup  
passionate about  
saving our oceans?

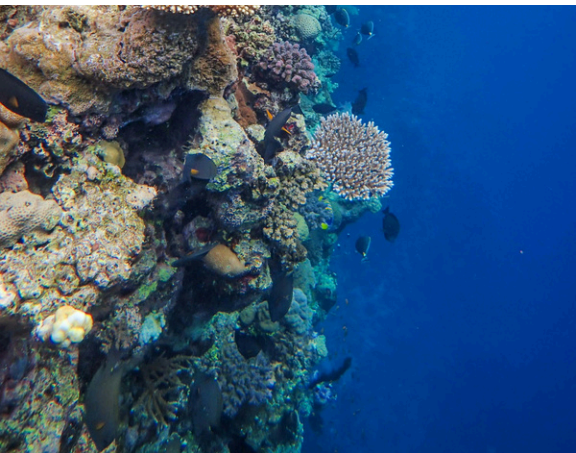
Are you looking for  
ways to accelerate your  
growth and amplify  
your impact?

If yes, this  
programme is the  
perfect fit for you!

## What we offer?

- **Tailored Coaching:** Customized 1:1 advisory and mentoring delivered by international experts designed around your specific needs and requirements, helping you navigate the challenges of scaling your blue venture and readying you for success.
- **Access to Public Funding:** Unlock the potential to apply for European R&D and growth funding, fuelling further development of your innovative venture.
- **Minimum Viable Product Pilots:** Minimum Viable Products (MVP) piloted between Spain and Italy at one of our partners sites. The pilots include scientific and technical advice from our testbed partners.
- **Business Development Support:** Benefit from comprehensive support in reaching international markets, enabling you to develop new sales channels, reach wider target markets and boost business growth.
- **Introduction to Equity Investors:** Review your business proposition and pitch deck, make them shine and maximise the attractiveness of your venture. Showcase your breakthrough solution to our investors' global network via pitching one-to-one and at our Demo Day.
- **Post-program Support:** Investors negotiations, public funding applications and MVP pilots run past program completion.
- **Demo Day Showcase:** Demo Day to be held at the end of the project as part of the MED-Hubs International Conference, Naples (Italy), September 2027.
- **International Partnerships:** Access our international stakeholders' network, including corporates, public sector, SMEs and academia, to develop joint-project and R&D collaborations.
- **Exclusive Workshops:** Engage in exclusive workshops covering topics such as IP and commercialisation, fundraising strategies, public funding and much more.
- **Solutions' Showcase:** Opportunity to showcase your solution at the [Global Sustainable Island Summit](#) (April 2026, Gran Canaria), engaging directly with key stakeholders and government representatives from island states around the world.

**The MED-Hubs program is free of charge, equity free, designed to support blue economy start-ups from prototype stage above (Technology Readiness Level 4-8 startups).**



### **Programme Duration**

From April to June 2026: Online delivery

From July 2026 to August 2027: MVP pilots and post-program support

September 2027: Demo Day and pitching at the International MED-Hubs Conference

### **We welcome startups developing blue solutions in the following areas:**

- Sustainable fisheries
- Aquaculture & fish farming
- Marine renewable energy
- Sustainable and green maritime transport
- Smart ports and marinas

### **Impact on Start-ups**

- Piloted technologies and solutions.
- Validated business models.
- Founders' skills development.
- International partnerships creation.
- Go-to-market strategy and roadmap.
- Investment readiness.
- Impact on West-Mediterranean ecosystems.
- Strengthened collaboration between startups and academia / universities R&D centres.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

- Development level: Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4 to 8.
- Sectors: Sustainable fisheries, Aquaculture and fish farming, Marine renewable energy, Sustainable and green maritime transport.
- Scalability potential: Scalable solutions with potential to be applied internationally and grow global.
- Market potential: Solutions (product / services) with potential to generate income from various international markets.
- Founders' skills and expertise.
- Country of origin: Incorporated in any country part of the EMFAF-2025-PIA-FLAGSHIP I3 topic 1 eligible countries. Specifically, EU member states and non-EU countries that are part of the EU sea basin strategies, i.e. Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia and Turkey, Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT).
- Year of incorporation: From 2019 onwards.





Join the MED-Hubs Acceleration Program  
journey to blue-tech success and shape a  
sustainable future for the Mediterranean Sea  
and beyond..

**[Apply here](#)**

**by March 23, 2026**

For more information about the program, please visit  
our website:

**<https://www.deep-ecosystems.com/med-hubs>**

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Together, let's make a lasting impact in the fight  
against climate change and improve the health  
and future of our oceans.



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