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Call for proposals - Research and innovation project (Seed Project) within the activities of Work Package 3 of the "European University of the Seas Alliance navigating towards modern and co-transformative inter-campus life; people-driven, planet-friendly and knowledge-based progress for all" — acronym SEA-EU 2.0— Grant Agreement n. 101089757 - ERASMUS-EDU-2022-EUR-UNIV-1 — CUP I43C22000680002 — Principal investigator Prof. Gabriele Sampagnaro

THE RECTOR

- HAVING REGARD TO** The University Statute, issued under Rectoral Decree no. 283 dated 12 April 2023 as amended;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the University Regulations for Administration, Finance and Accounting issued by Rectoral Decree no. 494 dated 17.07.2017;
- HAVING REGARD TO** the Regulations for staff mobility, issued by Rectoral Decree no. 862 dated 29.12.2005;
- CONSIDERING** that the University of Naples "Parthenope" is a member of the SEA-EU Alliance together with the following universities: University of Cadiz, University of Western Brittany, University of Gdansk, University of Malta, University of Algarve, University of Kiel, University of Split, NORD University;
- HAVING REGARD TO** Grant Agreement No. 101089757, which funded "The European University of the Seas Alliance navigating towards modern and co-transformative inter-campus life; people-driven, planet-friendly and knowledge-based progress for all" - acronym SEA-EU 2.0 - ERASMUS-EDU-2022-EUR-UNIV-1- CUP I43C22000680002, within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme;
- CONSIDERING** that the coordination of the SEA-EU project activities, both educational and scientific, is entrusted to Prof. Gabriele Sampagnaro, who is also Rector's Delegate for SEA-EU, and that the management of all SEA-EU activities is entrusted to the Local Manager, Dr. Giovanna Apice;
- CONSIDERING** that within the framework of the activities provided for by WP3 "Research and Innovation", specifically within Task 3.3 "Reinforcing SEA-EU RI common research framework by facilitating and increasing access to join resources and infrastructures", led by Prof. Marco Ferretti, a Call for the funding of "Seed Projects" must be issued. These small-scale research and innovation projects aim to strengthen collaboration between SEA-EU universities and encourage the participation and cooperation of researchers from other SEA-EU universities in joint projects;
- CONSIDERING** that the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors, in their December 2025 sessions, authorized the granting of additional financial resources from the University budget in order to strengthen the commitment within the SEA-EU 2.0 - ERASMUS-EDU-2022-EUR-UNIV-1- CUP I43C22000680002 Alliance, allocating resources of € 7,000.00 to the accounting project with the U-Gov identification code



HAVING NOTED

"SEA-EU_2.0_ADDITIONAL RESOURCES", within which a specific entry of 3,000.00 covers the promotion of research activities; that the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors, in their meetings held in March 2023, authorized the issuance of the call for the selection of a small-scale research and innovation project, a Seed Project aimed at encouraging scientific collaboration among SEA-EU partners;

HAVING ASCERTAINED

that the expenses relating to the execution of the activities foreseen by the project selected under this Call, must amount to € 3,000.00 (three thousand euros/00) and that they will be borne by the additional University funds allocated to the implementation of the SEA-EU, CUP I13C24000290005 - U-Gov identification code: SEA-EU_2.0_RISORSE AGGIUNTIVE;

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ART. 1 – Scope and purpose

As provided for under Work Package 3 within the SEA-EU Alliance, we hereby issue a Call for a small-scale research and innovation project known as a ‘Seed Project’.

Work Package 3 'Research and Innovation' focuses on collaboration in the field of research and innovation.

This call is specifically part of the actions provided for by task 3.3 "Reinforcing SEA-EU RI common research framework by facilitating and increasing access to join resources and infrastructures".

The objective of the call is to fund a small-scale research and innovation project, hereafter referred to as a "Seed Project", which can serve to increase the opportunities for collaboration all universities belonging to the SEA-EU Alliance thereby leading to the design and planning of joint research.

The main objectives of Seed Projects are:

- to increase collaboration among SEA-EU universities and their local and regional ecosystems
- to Initiate and/or strengthen collaboration on across R&I topics of common interest
- to contribute to the long-term sustainability and cooperation of the SEA-EU Alliance.

Art. 2 – Eligible subjects

Proposals can be submitted by university researchers and must include at least two SEA-EU universities.

Proposals involving more than two universities of the SEA-EU Alliance are highly encouraged.

Below is the list of eligible SEA-EU partners:

UNIVERSITY	COUNTRY
University of Cadiz	Spain
University of Western Brittany	France
University of Gdansk	Poland
University of Malta	Malta
University of Algarve	Portugal
University of Kiel	Germany
University of Split	Croatia
NORD University	Norway



The project proposal must include:

1. a Principal Investigator (PI), researcher at Parthenope University;
2. at least one member of the research team belonging to one of the SEA-EU partner universities.

Researchers who hold a valid contract with the University of Naples Parthenope for the entire duration of the potentially funded project are eligible to submit proposals. The participation of PhD students, postdoctoral researchers and grant holders (early-stage researchers) in the research team highly encouraged.

Principal Investigators must be registered in the Research Potential Database and Shared Infrastructure Database for the SEA-EU Alliance (<https://research.sea-eu.ug.edu.pl/research-groups>).

Principal Investigators who have previously taken part in research groups that submitted their project proposals in response to Seed Project calls launched by other SEA-EU partner universities are not eligible to participate in this call.

Research team members can participate in a maximum of two project proposals submitted under this call.

Art. 3 – Characteristics of project proposals

Applicants are invited to submit their Seed Project proposal on topics that clearly reflect the values of the SEA-EU Mission, available for consultation at <https://sea-eu.org/>.

The PI is responsible for coordinating the project and monitoring its overall implementation, with the support of the research team members. The PI and the members of the research team must hold an employment contract at one of the universities of the Alliance, valid for at least the entire duration necessary to ensure the successful implementation of the proposed project.

All proposals must clearly outline the anticipated outcomes (scientific publications, knowledge transfer, or similar results) and a feasible sustainability plan aimed at fostering continued collaboration among project members beyond the project's official duration.

Projects that incorporate the preparation of joint proposals for external funding are strongly encouraged.

The duration of the project proposal is one year, and the project activities must commence no later than 30.04.2026.

Upon completion of the funded project activities, the PI is required to submit a final report to the Rector's Delegate for SEA-EU. This report should provide a detailed account of the work undertaken and outline a prospective plan for ongoing collaboration among the participating researchers.

Art. 4 – Available resources and eligible expenses

The maximum amount awarded for the project is € 3,000.00.

Eligible costs within the framework of the project proposal must comply with the following criteria:

1. The costs must be actual and substantiated by appropriate and clearly documented evidence.
2. Costs must be incurred solely during the official duration of the Proposed Collaboration, with the exception of publication-related expenses. The latter can be incurred within a period of six (6) months following the conclusion of the Proposed Collaboration.
3. All costs must be directly related to the objectives of the Proposed Collaboration and must adhere to the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The project budget must be allocated across the following categories of expenditure:

a) **Travel and subsistence expenses:** These include costs related to international travel to SEA-EU partner universities. Travel must be directly connected to the research project and undertaken by project personnel before the official end date. All travel expenses must comply with the relevant regulations in force at the University.

b) **Other costs:** This category encompasses expenses for materials, supplies and related items that are directly attributable to the research activities. Eligible costs may include, but are not limited to: raw materials, semi-finished products and other commercial materials subject to chemical, physical or mechanical transformation during the project; supplies and services; consultancy fees and consumables.

c) Dissemination and translation costs: scientific conferences, publications, translations.

d) Other related costs.

Art. 5 –Submission procedure

Applications for participation may be submitted by:

1. University researchers holding a permanent contract (RTI);
2. University researchers holding a fixed-term contract type of the A and B type;
3. University researchers holding a fixed-term tenure track contract (RTT).

The following documents must be attached to the project proposal:

1. Budget proposal.
2. Letter/s of support from SEA-EU partner institution/s.
3. CV of the academic staff involved (UPN and other SEA-EU partners) and ORCID ID (if applicable).

The documentation must be sent by filling out the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/tCK9jna7Aq>

by and no later than the 20th day following the publication of this call for proposals on the Official Notice Board.

Art. 6 – Evaluation procedure and selection criteria

The selection process will be conducted by a Selection Committee appointed through Rectoral Decree, duly published on the University's official noticeboard. The Committee shall consist of one Full Professor and two Associate Professors.

The selection criteria have been established at the Alliance level, and each partner institution has committed to adhering to them. This ensures a consistent and shared evaluation framework across all partners, notwithstanding the fact that the funds allocated for the Seed Projects are managed independently by each participating university.

The Committee will review individual proposals and assess all formally eligible projects based on the following selection criteria:

1. **Project Quality.**
The quality of the proposed collaborative activities with other SEA-EU partners will be assessed in terms of the level of innovation and interdisciplinarity demonstrated within the chosen field of interest as well as the extent of researcher involvement.
2. **Strength of the Partnership**
The collaborative proposal must be led by recognized experts with a proven track record in research and innovation.
3. **Impact**
Potential outcomes of the collaborative proposal are expected (e.g. joint publications, subsequent calls for funding, development of innovative products, services, projects, etc.).

Upon conclusion of the selection process, all participants will be informed of the outcome through the publication of the final ranking list.

Art. 7 – Data Privacy

In accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR), published in the Official Journal of the European Union No. L 119/1 of 4 May 2016, the personal data submitted by candidates as part of their application will be processed exclusively for purposes related to and instrumental in the management of this selection procedure.

Data subjects are entitled to exercise the rights set forth in Articles 15 to 22 of the Regulation. These include, at any time and in accordance with applicable legislation, the right to access their personal data, verify its accuracy and usage, and, where appropriate, request its rectification, updating, integration, deletion, or object to its processing.

The data controller is the University of Naples "Parthenope", legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Antonio Garofalo. The University's contact address is: Via Acton, 38 – 80133 Naples, Italy, e-mail rettore@uniparthenope.it. Requests may be submitted either in writing to the above address or via email to: direzione.generale@pec.uniparthenope.it

Art. 8 – Person in charge of the procedure

The person in charge of the procedure, in compliance with Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, is Dr. Giovanna Apice, Local Manager of the SEA-EU project and Head of the EU and International Research Projects Office of the University of Naples "Parthenope" based in Naples, via Ammiraglio Ferdinando Acton, 38 CAP. 80133; telephone contacts - 081/5475625 - e-mail address: seaeu.upn@uniparthenope.it.

Art. 9 – Publicity



This Call for proposals is published on the Official University Notice Board.

Art. 10 – Final Provisions

This Call is an adapted translation of the official English version, intended to facilitate the participation of research teams from SEA-EU partner universities.

For any matters not expressly addressed in this call for proposals, reference shall be made to the general provisions of the SEA-EU project, as set forth in the Grant Agreement, and to the regulations governing the Horizon Europe programme, which shall prevail.

Naples,

THE DEPUTY RECTOR

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