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NEW PLANS AND VISIONS FOR THE SEAS, OCEANS AND WATERS

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EU MISSIONS
RESTORE OUR OCEAN & WATERS



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European Missions

- European Missions – a new way bringing innovative solutions
- **My Mission?** The restoration of our ocean and waters!
- **Why a Mission?** It tackles the problem in a European scale
- **What it delivers?** Impact though:
 - ✓ Portfolio of actions
 - ✓ New forms of governance
 - ✓ Citizens participation



“Every problem is an opportunity for innovation.

But we need a clear and ambitious objective.

We need a mission, like the European Green Deal.

That is why we have launched the ‘Mission to Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030’.

With EUR 0.5 billion in funding from the world's largest research and development programme, Horizon Europe, and other instruments.”

President von der Leyen at the One Ocean Summit , 11 Feb 2022

Mission objectives and targets



PROTECT AND RESTORE MARINE AND FRESHWATERS ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY

- Protect at least 30% and strictly protect 10% EU's sea areas
- Restore 25.000 km free flowing rivers
- Marine nature restoration targets (incl. degraded seabeds, coastal ecosystems)

PREVENT AND ELIMINATE POLLUTION OF OUR OCEANS, SEAS AND WATERS

- Reduce by at least 50% plastic litter
- Reduce by at least 30% microplastics
- Reduce by at least 50% nutrient losses, chemical pesticides

MAKE THE BLUE ECONOMY CARBON-NEUTRAL AND CIRCULAR

- Net zero maritime emissions
- Zero carbon aquaculture
- Low carbon multipurpose use of marine space

ENABLERS:

- Digital Ocean and waters knowledge System
- Public mobilization and engagement

**Mission
lighthouses:
sites to pilot,
demonstrate,
develop and deploy
the Mission
activities across EU
seas and river
basins**



Baltic & North sea basin



**MAKE THE BLUE
ECONOMY CARBON-
NEUTRAL AND CIRCULAR**

**Mediterranean sea
basin**



**PREVENT AND ELIMINATE
POLLUTION OF OUR
OCEAN, SEAS AND
WATERS**

Danube river basin

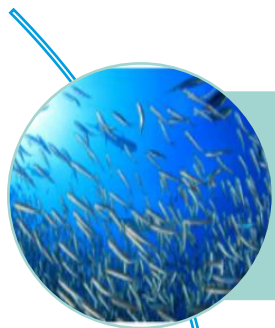


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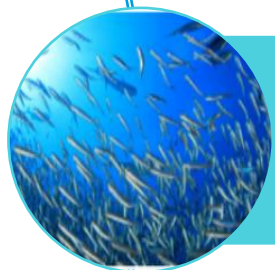
Atlantic & Arctic coast



Mission Charter: A joint commitment to Restoring our Ocean and Waters



Launched on **30 June 2020** at UN Ocean Conference, Lisbon.



Calling on wide range of stakeholders to **adhere to the Charter by submitting Actions** that will contribute to achieving the Mission objectives



Non-binding engagement, **open** to any public or private interested parties



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Mission Charter areas of actions:



Research and
innovation



Evidence-based
knowledge and data



Upscaling,
deployment and
replication of
solutions



Citizen engagement,
citizen science,
youth-led initiatives,
communities of
practice, literacy,
outreach, awareness
participatory
approaches



Education and
training



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Why to adhere to the Charter?

- ✓ Send a clear signal on the importance to protect our waters
- ✓ Be involved in major Mission events increasing the visibility of your actions
- ✓ Multiply your opportunities for networking, exchanges of experiences
- ✓ Be part of a community of practice involving entire EU sea/river basins
- ✓ Benefit from Mission services and tools to empower citizens and young people to take action, to share marine/maritime knowledge and data
- ✓ Benefit from a dynamic investment ecosystem and advisory services

How to be part of the Mission



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Mission [website](#)
Click to endorse
the charter



Fill in the
submission [form](#)



Actions will be
assessed by the
EC



Results of the
assessment will
be sent to the
applicants



Accepted actions
will be displayed
on a map in the
Maritime Forum

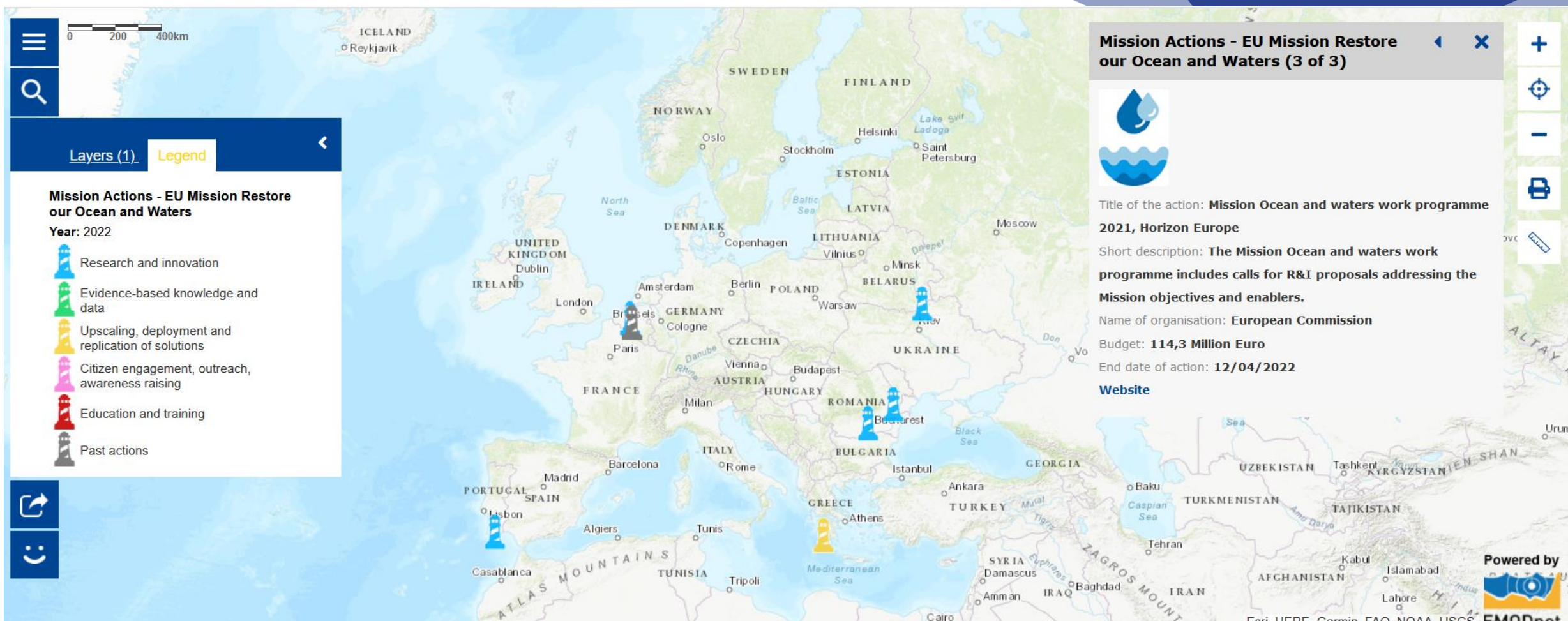


**You are part of
the Mission!!**

Your contribution in the Mission Atlas



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Thank you!

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