



Announcement of Competition “Good Practices for N2000 marine sites” for the selection of sustainable activities in the fishing sector and promotion activities in the areas of the NATURA 2000 network.

The "Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves" (in acronym FEDERPARCHI), as part of the project “Knowing and loving the Natura 2000 marine sites to protect them”, acronym of the project : LIFE A-MAR NATURA2000 - LIFE20 GIE/IT/001352 – organizes the competition “Good practices for marine N2000 sites”.

The Federation is 'the coordinating beneficiary' of the project, while Fundación Biodiversidad (FB), Lega Italiana Protezione Uccelli - Lipu ODV (LIPU), Triton Research S.r.l. (TRITON) are project partners.

What is LIFE A-MAR NATURA2000

LIFE A-MAR NATURA2000 is a project financed by the LIFE Environmental Governance & Information Program aimed at disseminating and promoting good conservation practices of the marine areas of the Natura 2000 network, through a more sustainable management of human activities and the involvement of the main stakeholders who benefit from the ecosystem services of these areas.

In detail, therefore, LIFE A-MAR NATURA 2000 aims to:

1. Raise awareness among specific categories of sea users on the existence, location and importance of Marine Natura 2000 Sites.
2. Promote replicable good practices and eco-sustainable behaviors in the management of Marine Natura 2000 Sites.





3. Promote active citizenship in knowledge and training for more effective and continuous monitoring of the marine environment.
4. Provide training support to managers of Marine Natura 2000 Sites and users for more timely and effective communication regarding the presence, environmental values and advantages of Marine Natura 2000 Sites.
5. Increase the knowledge of interested parties and other users who frequent them on Marine Natura 2000 Sites and increase their commitment to their conservation through the knowledge and monitoring actions envisaged by Citizen Science initiatives.

The project, which will end in 2025, will carry out communication and information actions that will mainly concern the marine sites of the Natura2000 network in the Mediterranean, in Italy and Spain, and will see the participation of all users of the sea, including fishermen, divers, yachtsmen or managers of accommodation/tourism/nautical activities, etc.

1. Objectives of the Call

This call aims to select "Good Practices" that promote sustainable management of fish resources, sustainable tourism and environmental education within *Natura 2000* sites with priority to sites that have been affected by the sailing campaign carried out within the LIFE A-MAR NATURA2000 project.

The "Good Practices" covered by this call must be implemented by companies that fall into the following categories of activities:

- a) Professional fishing companies that, with a view to the sustainable management of fish resources, practice artisanal fishing, defined by EC Reg. 26/2004 tab. 3 annex I: "Fishing carried out by vessels of less than 12 meters in length that do not use towed gear"





- b) Tourism businesses that practice forms of **sustainable tourism**;
- c) Companies that deal with **environmental education**.

"**Sustainable management**" refers to fishing activities that guarantee and promote the protection and/or enhancement of fish resources, promoting their reproducibility. This includes collective actions for the sustainable management of marine/lagoon areas, the development and use of selective fishing gear with low environmental impact, production chains for the enhancement of products from sustainable fishing and farming.

"**Sustainable tourism**" refers to tourism that is aware of its present and future social, economic and environmental impact, able to meet the needs of visitors, local communities, the environment and businesses.

By "**environmental education**" we mean the awareness of citizens and communities to greater responsibility and attention to environmental issues and good governance of the territory.

2. Participants

Companies, also cooperatives, single or associated, belonging to the sectors described above that operate in *Natura 2000 sites in Italy and Spain can participate in the call*.

Participation is reserved for:

- I. Professional fishing enterprises falling within the definition of artisanal fishing set out in point 1;
- II. Tourism and environmental education companies, with a curriculum that certifies previous experience for the activities included in the following call.

On the date of submission of the application, the companies must be registered, where required, in the Register of Companies held at the territorially competent Chamber of Commerce and be in the



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full and free exercise of their rights, not be in a state of dissolution or liquidation and not be subject to bankruptcy or composition with creditors, compulsory administrative or voluntary liquidation and receivership.

Participating companies must submit appropriate documentation proving the actual implementation of the activities referred to in this call.

Priority will be given to companies operating in the areas of the Natura 2000 network of Italy and Spain affected by the following sailing campaigns:

Italian <i>Natura 2000</i> sites	
Region	Name of the site crossed with the sailing campaign
Campania	Regno di Nettuno Marine Protected Area (Ischia, Procida and Vivara))
Lazio	Circeo National Park (Ponza and Zannone Islands)
	Secche di Tor Paterno Marine Protected Area (Rome)
Liguria	Cinque Terre National Park
Sardegna	Asinara National Park
	Maddalena National Park
Sicilia	Capo Milazzo Marine Protected Area
	Egadi Islands Marine Protected Area
Toscana	Tuscan Archipelago National Park

Spanish <i>Natura 2000</i> sites	
Region	Name of the site crossed with the sailing campaign
Almeria	Cabo de Gata-Nijar
Baleari	South Coast of Menorca - North Coast of Ciutadella
	North coast of Menorca - Cap Negre
	Costa est de Menorca - From S'Albufera to La Mola
	Illa d l'Aire - Illa d l'Aire
	North bays of Mallorca - Bays of Pollensa and Alcudia
	Dragonera - Sa Dragonera
	Salines d'Eivissa i Formentera - Ses Salines d'Eivissa i Formentera
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COORDINATING BENEFICIARY



ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY



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Catalogna	Cap de Creus Marine area of the Ebro Delta
Murcia	Calblanque, Monte de las Cenizas and Peña del Águila
Valencia	Montgó - Cabo de San Antonio

3. Awards

On the basis of the score assigned, a ranking will be drawn up for each of the two countries (Italy and Spain) and for each of the three categories of activities indicated in *Paragraph 1 – Objectives of the Call*.

The following prizes will be awarded to the three Italian and three Spanish winning companies, one for each category of activity:

1-artisanal fishing enterprise: complete technical work and safety clothing (life jackets and professional oilskins, boots, work gloves, etc.) in recyclable material suitable for the fishing system practiced;

2-Sustainable **tourism company**: n° 6 technical binoculars suitable for the marine environment and coastal ecosystems for sightings of cetacean birds, etc.;

3-Environmental **education company**: n° 1 underwater camera equipped with transmission cable and external monitor for viewing marine ecosystems on the boat.

All prizes will be personalized with the project's logo-

4. How to Participate

The companies referred to in points I and II of *Paragraph 2 – Participants must complete and submit the online application form, available at the following link:*

<https://forms.gle/UqAFE4zDsXV5aeUg9>

The deadline for sending the application form is 24 hours on 30 April 2024.



Only for the companies referred to in point II of Paragraph 2 of this call, it is required to send the Curriculum Vitae, including the company Curriculum Vitae, attached to the application form, which documents previous experience relevant to the activities outlined in this call.

Each company can only be awarded for one of the three categories indicated in point 1.

The Project Steering Committee will verify the admissibility of applications for the next phase of evaluation. To this end, the evaluation will be based on the elements reported by the competitor in the online application form. There will be a period of preliminary assistance in the 10 days following the deadline of the call.

The Steering Committee, at its sole discretion, may request documentation in support of the application submitted, further information and/or news relating to the candidate activity, and may carry out technical verification inspections. The results of the Commission's activities are final.

5. Obligations of Participants

The participating companies authorize FEDERPARCHI to use the company's data, the news and information contained in the participation form for any publications, dissemination and promotional events, and for any other activity that FEDERPARCHI deems appropriate and necessary.

6. Assessment criteria

The evaluation criteria will include the relevance of the project, innovation, potential impact, feasibility and consistency with the objectives of the call.

7. Evaluation of applications to participate

Applications will be evaluated by the Steering Committee provided for in action E.1 of the LIFE20 GIE/IT/001352 project.

The jury's decision is final. The results of the evaluation will be communicated to the e-mail addresses of the companies applying to participate.





8. Selection and announcement of winners

The winners will be announced by May 15, 2024. The winners will be contacted directly by email and the list of winners will be published on the project's website and social media channels <https://lifeamarnatura2000.eu/it/>.

9. Award ceremony

The award ceremony will take place on 24/05/2024, with an online event, organized by FEDERPARCHI and with the participation of the partners, Detailed instructions will follow.

10. Advertising

This call will be published on the project website <https://lifeamarnatura2000.eu/it/>. The publication of this call will be communicated to the sectoral media outlets, which are the reference for interested companies, to the NATURA 2000 areas, with the request for publication and dissemination.

11. Information

For any further information and/or technical support, please contact Consorzio Mediterraneo by phone at 06.44251946 or by e-mail at segreteria@mediterraneo.coop.

12. Information on the processing of personal data

In accordance with the Regulation (REGULATION (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), it should be noted that the personal data collected, also processed with IT tools, are confidential and used exclusively in the context of the procedure.

13. Severability clause

FEDERPARCHI reserves the right to revoke, modify or cancel this announcement if it deems it appropriate, such as, by way of example, the occurrence of unforeseen or unforeseeable events that make it impossible or inappropriate to carry out the race or if unforeseen or unforeseeable circumstances arise that may cause unjustified prejudice to participants.

