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RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS



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Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges

CHALLENGES

Man-made changes are putting our ocean and waters at a serious risk, leading to:

- Pollution;
- Biodiversity loss;
- Extreme weather events such as floods, droughts and heatwaves.

OPPORTUNITIES

- **Climate neutrality:** the ocean and waters are major carbon sinks and are essential for adaptation to climate change
- **Biodiversity:** the ocean and waters are home to a rich diversity of species.
- **Economic prosperity:** the ocean is estimated to generate €2.5 trillion per year by 2030

GOAL

Restore our ocean and waters by 2030

ACTIONS



The Horizon Europe programme, the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, Invest EU and other EU programmes will provide around **€500 million** in seed funding during the period 2021-23;



Create a **network of lighthouses at sea and river basin scale** to implement the mission and expand the networks of marine protected areas;



Establish an **EU-wide 'Blue Parks' initiative** to provide new restoration and conservation opportunities;



Support **effective water management** through a digital knowledge system with a European Twin Ocean and improved environmental monitoring of ocean health.

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