

OPERA Calls for Participation 2025



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1 Regional Coordinator to lead consortium to develop ocean forecasting systems (1 Regional & 4 Coastal Systems)

Budget €540,000 to operate the consortium

- In 2025, Select consortium lead, start working on regional forecasting system
- In 2026, once applications are known, sub-contract up to 4 institutions to build coastal systems

Call to be published on the Mercator/OceanPrediction DCC websites in June, with 90 days to respond.

Expected engagement from Q4 2025 - Dec 2028

In addition to the budget:

- Support of technology transfer team to co-design and co-develop software and system (separate call)
- 3-month stay of member staff
- Participation in 2 « summer schools » over course of project
- Hardware acquisition (including one supercomputer)

Two consortia – 1 regional leader + 4 partner institutions (Geographical balance)

Budget €510,000 PER consortia to develop 4 applications (2 each) – selected on impact, feasibility and innovative approach and sustainability of solutions

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Expected engagement from Q4 2025 - Dec 2028

In addition to the budget:

- Support of technology transfer teams to co-design and develop applications (Separate competitive call)
- Participation in 2 « summer schools » over course of project
- Hardware acquisition (computers)

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Requirements:

- At least 3 institutions from different countries, public sector institutions (possibility to subcontract work)

Desirable: Participation of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), geographical balance of consortium partners, inclusion of women and youth in consortium partner participants)

Other information

- Prefinancing availability
- Mercator to make payments directly to ocean forecasting consortium leader (who will be responsible for making payments to subcontracted entities building coastal systems)
- Mercator to make payments directly to each consortium partner (for the applications grant)

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Technology team to co-design & co-develop ocean forecasting systems

- **Budget €600,000**, Expected engagement from Q4 2025 - Dec 2028
- Call for tender published in **July/Aug 2025** on website: <https://www.mercator-ocean.eu/en/about/tenders/>
- 30 days to respond once call published

Technology teams to co-design applications

- **Budget €200,000 per team** with up to 4 teams, Expected engagement from Q1 2026 - Dec 2028
- Call for tender published in **Dec 2025/Jan 2026** on website: <https://www.mercator-ocean.eu/en/about/tenders/>
- 30 days to respond once call published

Open to private & public organisations

In Year 1/ 2025, **Budget €520,000**

Design, implement and manage:

- Ocean literacy activities
- 4 Massive Online Open Courses on OceanPrediction DCC virtuous loop for ocean forecasting)
- Advanced training with specialised ocean forecasting software (SEA-FORWARD)
- Expected engagement Q3 2025 – Dec 2028

Call for tender published in **June 2025** on website: <https://www.mercator-ocean.eu/en/about/tenders/> (**30 days to respond**)

Other opportunities in 2027 & 2028 (training course organisation)

Calls will be announced via the OceanPrediction DCC and Mercator Ocean communication channels (website, linkedin, X)

Calls for participation schedule -

- Grant Ocean Forecasting consortium (June 2025)
- Tender - Capacity development activities (June 2025)
- Grants application consortia (July 2025)
- Tender - Technology transfer team – Ocean Forecasting (July 2025)
- Tender - Technology transfer team – Applications (Dec 2025/Jan 2026)

Set up OPERA project Advisory Board

Apply to endorse OPERA as Ocean Decade Action attached to SEAWARD Africa

UNOC3 European Digital Ocean Pavilion, 10 June (15h UTC+2), Nice, France

Showcasing European leadership in advancing Ocean science for sustainable development –
Session on OceanPrediction DCC African Regional Team highlighting OPERA
Hybrid event - in-person & streaming)

www.digitaloceanpavilion.eu



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