

NEPTUNE (New cross sectorial value chains creation across Europe facilitated by clusters for SMEs's Innovation in Blue Growth) aims at developing new cross-sectoral and cross-border industrial value-chains, including notably SMEs, to foster the development of Blue Growth industries in Europe and beyond.



This will be based on the construction or reconfiguration of value chains driven by the integration of new technologies and know-how between Water, Aerospace, ICT and Agriculture industries.

NETPUNE addresses in particular three key aspects of Blue Growth that have a great potential to benefit from such collaboration and SME innovation support: (i) Water management in urban and rural environments; (ii) Fluvial and maritime transport and port logistics; (iii) Environment and renewable marine energy.

From a methodological perspective, NEPTUNE focuses on two main concepts: the innovative Open Space Platform that refers to the collaborative space and innovation animation techniques via a project emergence methodology that helps SMEs and other stakeholders to identify market trends and opportunities and support the incubation of Blue Growth projects and innovation ideas.

NEPTUNE expects to support at least 100 SMEs for the development of 40 new innovative solutions. NEPTUNE brings together 10 of Europe’s leading clusters from 7 countries and 2 additional innovation, creativity and inter-cluster expert organisations to implement this ambitious project.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Call	H2020-INNOSUP-2015-1				
Budget	4.1 M€	AV: 768 k€ including 470 k€ for SME	100%	Duration	30 months: 01/07/16-31/12/18
Coordinator	Aerospace Valley				
Partners	ADI ALPC (FR), ESTIA (FR), Inno TSD (FR), Pole Mer Méditerranée (Fr), Space PL (PL), Corallia (GR), Eurecat (ES), Win (SE), Parco Tecnologico (IT), MLC ITS (ES), North West regional Development Agency (RO)				
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