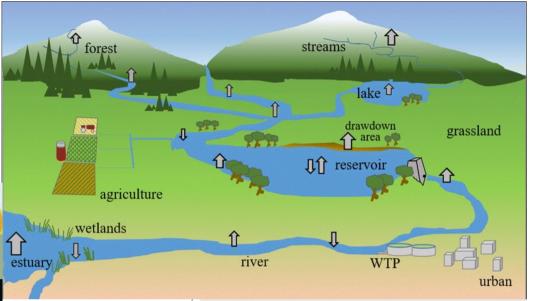
KIC WMM & Co-location Center in Norway





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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN

THE NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NTNU)

and

THE UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN (UIB)

TOWARDS THE PARTICIPATION TO A FUTURE WWM KIC



The KIC WMM mission is to improve the quality of life for European citizens by

providing water security and access to sustainable freshwater, marine and maritime resources

TOPICS

- 1. Water scarcity, floods and droughts
- Ecosystem degradation (freshwater and marine)
- 3. Circular & blue economy

















Marine Strategy Framework Directive:

A Blueprint to safeguard Europe's waters



EU Water Framework Directive







EU MISSIONS

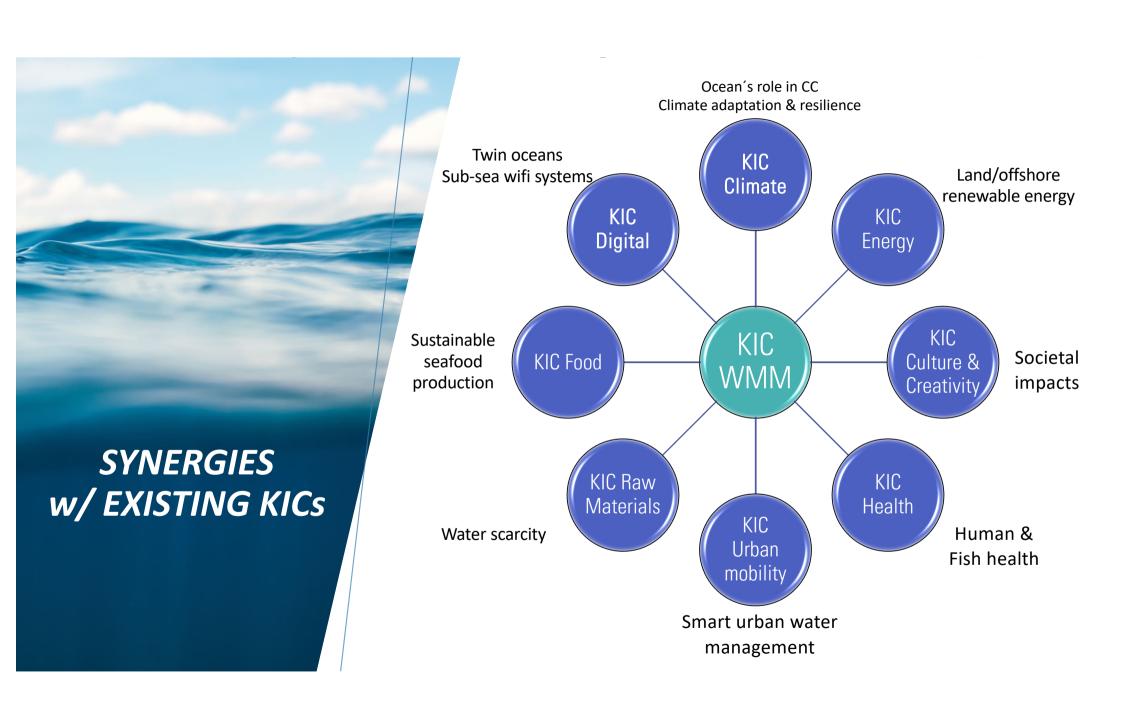
RESTORE OUR OCEAN & WATERS



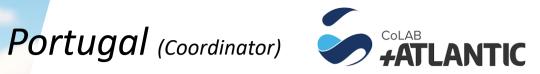


BLUE CIRCULAR ECONOMY









France





Germany



Italy





Ireland







Norway





Spain



Romania



Polytechnic University of Bucharest

Bucharest, Romania



Coordinator Portugal

Co-location Center
Co: TBD

Co-location Center CO: Norway NTNU & UiB

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An opportunity to integrate and boost the knowledge-triangle of the Blue Innovation Ecosystem at the regional & international level

Business

Job creation (Start & scale-ups)
Funding & Investment
Matching solutions to demand
Policy & Markets





RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Ocean, offshore & underwater technology/Research infrastructures/ AI/Robotics/sensors/ Marine biology/Oceanography/ Fish health/ Aquaculture /Seafood production/ Pollution/ Eutrophication/ Climate change/ Ecosystem stressors/ Biodiversity loss/ Renewable energy/...



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Next generation of entrepreneurs, professionals and skilled work-force for the water-based, marine and maritime industries







- Degree programmes (Master and PhD)
- Fellowship Schemes
- Non-degree Education



□ NTNU School of Entrepreneurship (NSE)







Joint Internship Scheme with EIC, ERC and MSCA



Key Impact Indicators

€ Capital raised in external investment by start-ups

Start-ups and scale-ups

Products launched on the market

Jobs created

Participants across innovation activities

Events

R&D paper published

Partners

Industrial cooperation

Graduates from EIT-labelled education

Achieved financial sustainability > 15 years





• Launch of the call: Q1 2025

• Call info day: **Q1 2025**

• Call closes: **Q3 2025**

• Expert assessment: Q3 2025

Hearing and designation: Q4 2025

• Grant Agreement EIT & KIC WMM: Q1 2026

KIC Business Plan submission: Q3 2026





Identify research and innovation priorities

 Engage with companies, investors, public and private sectors, etc

Consolidate the national partnership



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Questions?



