

# ProCleanLakes Call for Associated Regions

## Open Call Webinar - Q&A

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**Q1:** Natural Lake as it is not a reservoir? But maybe heavily modified as designated by WFD?

**A1:** *If the origin of the lake is natural it can be also, but it has to be justified.*

From Funding and Tender Portal - **Natural lakes** are understood for the purposes of this Work Programme as natural inland bodies of standing surface freshwater or brackish water.

**Q2a:** Just to ensure we didn't miss any information given at the webinar, can we have the presentations, please?

**Q2b:** Secondly, where can we find the Annex 3, mentioned at the call?

**A2a:** The presentation will be sent.

**A2b:** Annex 3 can be found at the end of the documents of the call guidelines:

<https://procleanlakes.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/FSTP-call.pdf>

**Q3:** There are 3 demonstration lakes (annex 3): do the associated regions proposals have to consider among characteristics of all 3 demo lakes? Or just 1 that is best fitting?

**A3:** It is required that the lakes proposed as Associated regions to have ecosystems with the problems/under stressors that fit to at least one Demonstration site from ProCleanLakes.

**Q4:** Could more involved sites/lakes be an advantage?

**A4:** If it increases impact of ProCleanLakes it might be an advantage.

**Q5:** Is there a rule as to what amount a subcontractor can receive for activities?

**A5:** Yes, that max. 60% of the grant can be subcontracted.

**Q6:** In budgeting, should we prepare to travel to all demonstration sites or just the one that is similar to our lake?

**A6:** The travel has to be only to Demonstration site that is similar with the proposed by Associated Region. A certain part of the travel budget has to be reserved for other mandatory activities, e.g., final conference.

**Q7:** How will the benefits/ impact of proposed Nature based solutions (NbS) be measured and/or evaluated?

**A7:** In the ProCleanLakes Project we proposed to have premonitoring of Demonstration sites (DSs) ecosystems before and postmonitoring after the design and implementation of NbS.

**Q8:** Is it necessary to do water analysis or we can use historical data?

**A8:** If the budget will allow, it is very good to know the water quality related to some common stressors between the DS and the proposed sites in associated regions. If not, historical data will be enough.

**Q9.** Can a beneficiary be a manager of a public good (in this case several lakes) be a beneficiary although this particular entity is a private company?

**A9.** The beneficiary must comply with the definition of a local or regional authority: *ProCleanLakes defines local and regional authorities as*



governmental or administrative bodies that operate at the local (municipal or city) and regional (state, provincial, or district) levels. These authorities are responsible for managing, regulating, or overseeing water resources, including lakes and lake catchments, within their respective jurisdictions (e.g. local water departments and agencies, municipalities, environmental protection agencies etc.). In this sense, being a private company does not disqualify the participation in the project, but the beneficiary must be well justified. In cases of a doubt, we cordially ask to send legal documents of this company to us for a check.

For other questions please look at <https://procleanlakes.eu/procleanlakes-open-call/> or contact: [anca.stoica@boku.ac.at](mailto:anca.stoica@boku.ac.at) and [rodiefros@aua.gr](mailto:rodiefros@aua.gr)

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ProCleanLakes puts together a unique consortium with 18 partners, including 12 academic and research institutions, 1 public authority, 1 NGO, and 4 service providers companies from 11 countries. The project will design and demonstrate in 3 demonstration sites and 3 monitoring sites the feasibility of integrated nature-based emerging approaches for joint protection and restoration of European Natural Lakes (ENL) and their biodiversity, considering scenarios which imply the presence of various pressures that affect the aquatic ecosystems' status.

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