

Open Call for Associated Regions Results Announcement

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The ProCleanLakes project is pleased to **announce the results of its Open Call for Associated Regions**, which invited applications from across Europe to support innovative, region-specific solutions for the protection and restoration of natural lakes.

The Open Call ran from **1 January to 8 April 2025**, offering a total budget of **€300,000** to fund three selected regional projects, each receiving between **up to €100,000**. The funded projects will officially launch between **October 2025 and January 2026**, with implementation period of

Following a competitive selection process, **22 proposals** were received. After a thorough eligibility check and expert evaluation, three proposals were selected for funding. Each application was assessed against strict Horizon Europe criteria, including environmental suitability, pollution levels, replication potential, economic feasibility, and stakeholder engagement.

The selected associated regions will join the ProCleanLakes mission to demonstrate and replicate integrated, nature-based approaches for the sustainable management and restoration of European Natural Lakes (ENL).



"This Open Call has attracted outstanding regional initiatives, and we are excited to collaborate with them to extend the reach and impact of ProCleanLakes," said **Anca-Iulia Stoica**, Project Coordinator of ProCleanLakes.

Next Steps: The selected projects will now proceed to the **Grant Agreement Preparation** phase. All applicants have been notified of the results announcement.

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Full announcement: [ProCleanLakes OpenCall Results Announcement v2.pdf](#)

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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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