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SEALabHaus PILOT PROJECTS **OPEN CALL FRAMEWORK**

**Apply to become one of the
SEALabHaus Pilot Initiatives aligned
with the New European Bauhaus**

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→ Objective of the call

This call is part of the SEALabHaus programme, funded through the Interreg Atlantic Area. **We aim to identify 25 projects** (5 per region) with local beneficial impact potential, **from which 1 Project per region will be selected for further development** through mentorship and promotion as an EU SEALabHaus supported Pilot Project.

The 5 selected Pilot Projects can access:

- Mentorship from business and NEB experts
- The NEB Canvas to guide development
- International exchange of experience and learning sessions
- The online EU SEALabHaus platform to maximise the visibility of your project

→ What are we looking for?

We're seeking **innovative, community-led or creative projects based in coastal regions across the Atlantic Area**. These projects should be committed to sustainability, social inclusion, and creative transformation.

Whether you're a grassroots community initiative, established local private business, start-up or collective, local authority or a government agency, we want to hear how your project supports the coastal economy, cultural identity, or natural environment — **early-stage proposals are also welcome**.

→ Who can apply?

Local community initiatives / Grassroots collectives / Local authorities or government agencies / NGOs and cooperatives / Start-ups and social enterprises / Established, early-stage or informal projects / Youth and/or women-led projects / Projects involving marginalised or underrepresented voices

**Projects must be based in or serving coastal communities in one of the partner regions of SEALabHaus*

→ How to apply?

1. Download the **Expression of interest questionnaire**
2. Complete and **send it to your regional contact email***
3. Attach any supporting material (images, PDFs, videos) if relevant

Please note that **the application questionnaire will be sent in each region to the email provided by the regional partners**. To ensure proper identification of the submissions, **the subject line of the email must include the following text:**

"SEALABHAUS PILOT PROJECTS OPENCALL SUBMISSION_NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION"

We kindly ask you to strictly follow this instruction to facilitate the organization and review of the applications received.

***Regional contact emails:**

- Ireland: localenterprise@meathcoco.ie
- France / Bretagne: gwladis.le-roux@brest-metropole.fr
- Spain / Galicia: proyectos@medatlantia.eu
- Portugal: geral@adelo.pt
- Spain / Canary Islands: sealabhauscanarias@gmail.com

Applications accepted in English, Portuguese, French or Spanish. For assistance, contact your regional contact email.

→ Timeline

Open Call publication: June 20th

Questionnaire submission deadline: July 21th

Finalists announcement: July 30th

Detailed application form deadline: September 1st

Jury selection: November 1st

→ Selection criteria

Projects will be selected based on:

- Relevance to local coastal context
- Social/environment impact potential
- Readiness for development through mentoring
- Openness to apply New European Bauhaus values
- Priority given to youth, women and people with disabilities

→ Evaluation process

1. Each regional partner will appoint a local jury for the selection of the shortlisted projects
2. Each region will nominate 1-2 experts to join the jury panel
3. Each regional partner jury will review the shortlisted project application forms and select the final project for their region
4. Final evaluation will be agreed with MCC (Meath County Council) with support from MEDA (Medatlantia) and Xunta de Galicia

→ Support for Selected Projects

- **A local mentor will be appointed** to each of the selected pilot projects in their region through 2026
- Each pilot project leader and their specialist mentor will be **invited to participate in the mentor training to be held in Ireland in November 2025**
- The pilot project leader and local mentor will meet on a quarterly basis throughout 2026 to review and support the project development and implementation
- **Training on the NEB canvas**, developed by the EU SEALabHaus project will be provided to all pilot project leaders
- **High levels of visibility** for each selected pilot project
- **Beneficial specialist critique** of your project to increase its potential for success