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Accelerating Blue Economy in Portugal



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What is Fórum Oceano

We are the Portugal's Blue Economy Cluster



140 members



4 MM € turnover



1,6 MM € exports



50% Portugal Blue GDP



+ 12.700 jobs

Recognised by the Portuguese Government as a Competitiveness Cluster (2009 and 2017)

- Strengthen dynamics of strategic cooperation between stakeholders (companies, public sector, R&D, start-ups, finance, NGO's, local authorities, European Commission);
- Promote the competitiveness of the main value chains that use the Sea and its resources as central elements of their activity;
- Contribute in a sustainable manner to economic growth, exports and employment;
- Increase the relative importance of the Blue Economy in the economy of the country;
- The Association has more than 100 members covering different sectors of activity of Blue Economy.

Blue Economy is the planet's mega-sector



ENERGY

TRANSPORT

MOBILITY

SEAFOOD

BIOTECH

HEALTH

COSMETICS

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

PORTS

TOURISM



Blue Economy Innovation Formula



Digitalise



Decarbonise



Circularise



Sustainable Blue Economy

Fórum Oceano is the world H.Q. of Bluetech Cluster Alliance



- 5000 companies
- 10 clusters
- 9 countries



Fórum Oceano integrates the European Commission Blue Invest Platform Consortium



BlueInvest aims to boost innovation and investment in sustainable technologies for the blue economy, by supporting readiness and access to finance for early-stage businesses, SMEs and scale-ups. It is enabled by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund.

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NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT | 28 March 2022 | Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Blueinvest: Commission and EIF agree to mobilise €500 million with new equity fund for blue economy



At the BlueInvest Days 2022 in Brussels, Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius and European

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CLUSTER DA ECONOMIA DO MAR

Quem somos | Associados | Atividades | Projetos | Estações Náuticas | Comunicação

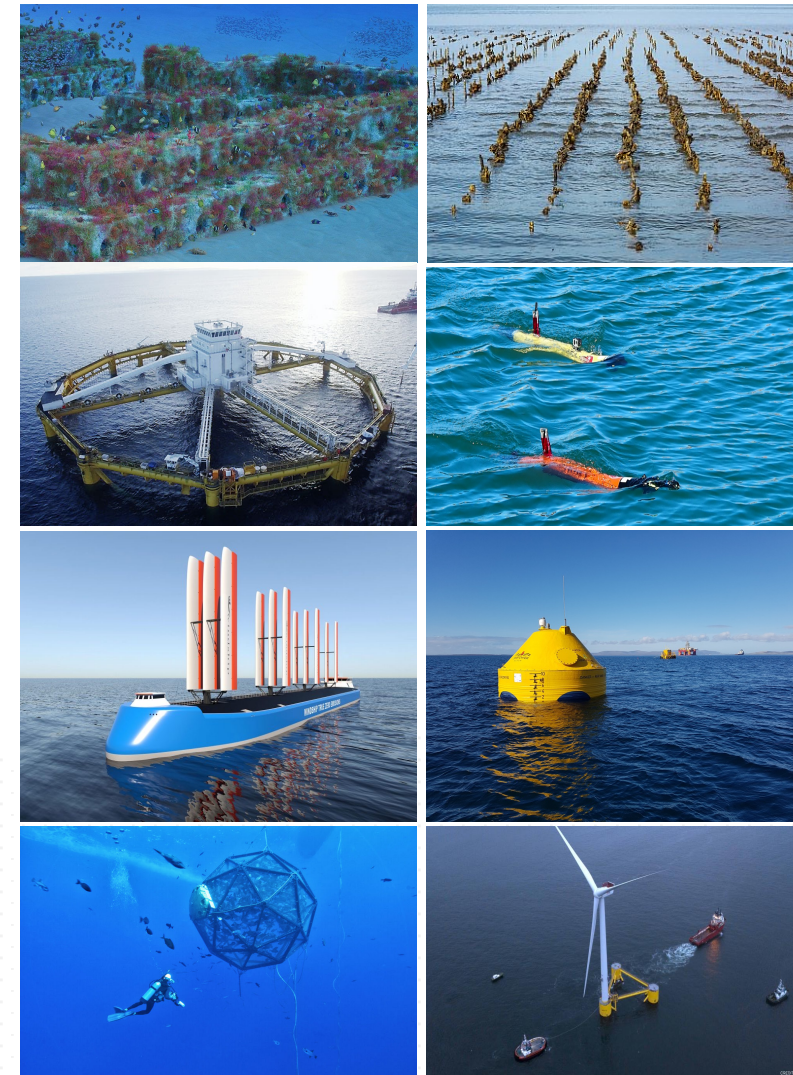
Fórum Oceano integra o consórcio da nova Blue Invest Platform

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O Fórum Oceano pertence ao consórcio ganhador da nova Blue Invest Platform, o instrumento contratualizado pela Comissão Europeia para desenvolver o ecossistema de investimento e inovação na economia azul no espaço da UE. O FO é o único cluster de economia azul presente no consórcio liderado pela PWC Luxemburgo.

Accelerating ESG Blue Economy

Blue Economy innovation engines in Portugal



Fórum Oceano fosters Portugal's Hub Azul Network

87M€ FROM PORTUGAL'S RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN IS GOING TO BE INVESTED IN CREATING THE «HUB AZUL NETWORK», WHICH IS COMPRISED BY:

- **7** Innovation centers in Portugal mainland (new technologies products and services testing, prototyping, acceleration, incubation, for start-ups and SMEs).
- **1** Blue Hub School (Nautical College [ENIDH], Oeiras municipality+FOR-MAR training centers network in Portugal Mainland).

Innovation Ecosystem cooperation established with:

- Blue Hub Madeira (Autonomous Region of Madeira)
- Blue Hub Azores (Autonomous Region of Azores)
- Portuguese Navy and Hydrographic Institute Innovation Ecosystems

Hub Azul Network will deliver tech and business solutions for:

- New products and services of high ESG performance
- Transforming Ports into blue economy hubs
- Restoring ocean and rivers ecosystems health and biodiversity



<https://hubazul.pt/>

HUB AZUL DEALROOM | a global ecosystem connecting blue innovators with investors

Hub Azul Dealroom is the digital platform for global internationalization of Portugal's Blue Economy, ignited by Fórum Oceano (Portugal's Blue Economy Cluster), in articulation with the Strategic Management Council presided by the Directorate General for Maritime Policy of the Ministry of Economy and Sea of Portugal. Hub Azul Dealroom is financed by Next Generation EU Fund - Recovery and Resilience Plan of Portugal.

1,100

STARTUPS

1,764

ROUNDS

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Are you a founder, a VC, or otherwise active in the ecosystem? Gain visibility, unlock more features, and help the database become more complete by adding your organization for free.

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Becoming a partner

Our partners help make this platform what it is through data sharing, collaboration, sponsorship and research. Sounds interesting? We'd love to discuss any ideas.

Contact us



Where the data comes from

This platform is powered by Dealroom. We combine machine learning and data engineering with user-submitted data with robust verification processes and a strong network of ecosystems.

See more



Glossary & definitions

What is a startup, scaleup or service provider? B2B or B2C? Take a look at our methodology and list of Dealroom definitions.

See more

HUB AZUL Dealroom: local expertise for higher data accuracy & community reach

Working strategically with ecosystem builders to:

Connect more with the global startup community, so:

- Startups can make more use of this open-access tool.
- Users can claim their company profile and easily validate/submit their company data.

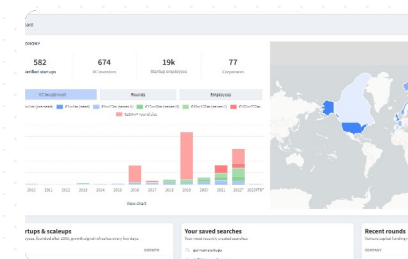
Make the Blue Economy ecosystem more visible on the international scene, gaining:

- Visibility towards international investors.
- Increased collaboration with the larger global ecosystem.
- Establishing the Blue economy as of one of the most dynamic ecosystems in the world.

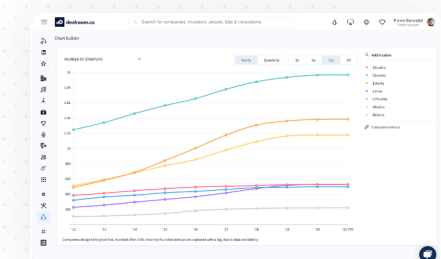
Local data



Richer **database**



more visible globally
on Dealroom



Visit <https://hubazuldealroom.forumoceano.pt/>
to explore the Blue Economy ecosystem in greater depth





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