4TH TRANSNATIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING LIVING LAB • BLUEDOTS PROJECT

European Blue Economy Summit & B2B Matchmaking 2027

Gdańsk & Gdynia (Poland) • 27–28 January 2027 | Connecting 100+ maritime pioneers, shipbuilders, ocean tech leaders, and blue economy enterprises across 17 European nations.

100% FINANCIAL SUPPORT EU Single Market Programme	UP TO € 800 GRANT PER ATTENDING ORGANISATION	Covers travel, hotel & meals for up to 2 participants. Strictly limited to 90 funded spots across Europe. Application Deadline: Monday, 14 December 2026

300+	90 SPOTS	4th EDITION	17 NATIONS
European SMEs Engaged	Funded Across Europe	Transnational Living Lab	Maritime Leaders & Buyers

1. A PROVEN EUROPEAN TRACK RECORD: OVER 300 SMES CONNECTED

Organized within the European BLUEDOTS project (SMP-COSME-2023-SEED, Grant 101167884), this landmark gathering represents the 4th Transnational Capacity-Building Living Lab in Europe. Building upon the extraordinary momentum of our previous sold-out editions in Spain (Malaga), Germany (Kiel), and Italy/Belgium (Milan and Brussels), BLUEDOTS has already mobilized more than 300 ambitious European blue economy SMEs and maritime clusters.

These living labs have proven to be concrete launchpads for bilateral commercial contracts, joint technology licensing, and winning consortium agreements for Horizon Europe and Interreg programmes, generating substantial economic profitability, sustainable jobs, and marine environmental regeneration across the continent.

2. HIGH-IMPACT B2B DEALMAKING & CONSORTIA ENGINE

The Poland Living Lab is engineered from the ground up as a high-yield B2B matchmaking and dealmaking platform. Delegates participate in curated bilateral sessions and targeted commercial roundtables designed to:

• Contract Directly with Baltic Industrial Leaders: Direct commercial exchange connecting clean propulsion, robotics, sensors, water treatment, and blue biotech suppliers with major Baltic shipyards and international procurement directors.

• Form Winning Consortia for Upcoming EU Calls: Structured co-creation tables to draft project pipelines for Horizon Europe, Interreg South Baltic, and Single Market Programme funding.

• Accelerate High-Value Technology Transfer: Bridging social economy coastal enterprises with advanced naval robotics and telemetry.

3. HOST SPOTLIGHT: MARITIME CLUSTER OF POLAND (BSSC)

The summit is co-organized and hosted by the Baltic Sea & Space Cluster (Bałtycki Klaster Morski i Kosmiczny - BSSC), internationally celebrated as one of the most innovative maritime clusters in Europe and an undisputed global benchmark in naval architecture, autonomous vessels, and dual-use space technologies.

Uniting Poland's premier naval shipyards (Crist, Remontowa, Nauta), leading research centres (Centrum Techniki Okrętowej), and elite maritime academies, BSSC spearheads pioneering European programmes in Zero-Emission Vessels (ZEV Innovation HUB), Autonomous Surface & Underwater Robotics, and satellite Earth observation integration for smart ports and marine environmental protection.

4. BEHIND-CLOSED-DOORS INDUSTRIAL VISITS & VIP GALA RECEPTION

Delegates unlock unprecedented, private behind-the-scenes access to world-renowned maritime research and simulation facilities:

• Centrum Techniki Okrętowej (CTO S.A., Gdańsk): Exclusive on-site demonstration of deep towing tank scale-model hydrodynamic testing, propulsion cavitation tunnels, and naval hull simulation.

• Gdynia Maritime School (Szkoła Morska, Gdynia): Full immersion in Europe’s premier nautical simulation centre, featuring Dynamic Positioning (DP) simulators for offshore wind operations and certified master training.

• Official Baltic Gala Dinner: An executive evening reception hosted in historic Gdańsk dedicated to bilateral dealmaking, trust-building, and international consortium pacts.

Executive Programme: Two Days of Innovation & VIP Access

Classified research facilities, live towing tank demos, and structured European B2B matchmaking.

TIME	DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2027 • GDAŃSK Theme: Naval Architecture, Towing Tank Hydrodynamics & Commercial B2B
09:00 – 10:00	VIP Welcome & Institutional Opening: Welcome address by the Maritime Cluster of Poland and European project leadership. Strategic briefing on Baltic maritime roadmaps.
10:00 – 12:30	EXCLUSIVE STUDY VISIT: Centrum Techniki Okrętowej (CTO S.A.) Private behind-the-scenes access to Poland's renowned Maritime Advanced Research Centre. Live demonstration of hydrodynamic scale-model testing in deep towing tanks, green propulsion cavitation tunnels, and wave-energy simulation.
12:30 – 13:30	Executive Networking Lunch: Curated bilateral matchmaking tables connecting clean-tech and propulsion providers with naval shipyard buyers.
13:30 – 15:30	B2B Dealmaking Workshops & Fast-Track European Pitching: • Practical digital transition: Deploying telemetry, AI, and IoT sensors on commercial vessels. • Space-maritime tech transfer: Applying satellite Earth observation to port logistics. • Cross-border pitching session for high-impact sustainable blue solutions.
19:00 – Late	Official Gala Dinner & Baltic Networking Night (Gdańsk Historic Centre): High-level evening reception dedicated to informal dealmaking, trust-building, and international consortium pacts.

TIME	DAY 2: THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2027 • GDYNIA Theme: Nautical Simulation, Offshore Wind Capabilities & Consortia Closings
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote Briefing: Bridging the maritime skills gap, certified crew competencies, and operational demands for Baltic offshore wind parks.
10:00 – 12:30	EXCLUSIVE STUDY VISIT: Gdynia Maritime School (Szkoła Morska) Full immersion in Europe's premier nautical simulation facility: Full-mission bridge navigation simulators, Dynamic Positioning (DP) systems for offshore wind installation vessels, and certified sustainable maritime training.
12:30 – 13:30	Consortia Finalization Lunch: Structured bilateral meetings to finalize letters of intent and solidify consortia for upcoming 2027–2028 Horizon Europe and Interreg calls.
13:30 – 14:30	Closing Plenary & BLUEDOTS Future Facilities Roadmap: Event conclusions, next open calls, and European scaling pathways.

ATTENDING PROFILES:	Shipyards & Naval Architecture • Clean Propulsion & ZEV Hub • Marine Robotics & Sensors • Offshore Wind Support • Blue Bioeconomy & Aquaculture • Coastal Social Economy Enterprises

FAST-TRACK APPLICATION: HOW TO CLAIM YOUR € 800 TRAVEL GRANT

- Eligibility: Blue Economy SMEs, social economy enterprises, maritime clusters, R&D; institutes, and universities across Europe.
- Grant Value: Up to € 800 lump-sum grant per entity (covering travel, accommodation, and subsistence for up to 2 delegates).
- Streamlined Application: Quick 10-minute online form. Proposals evaluated on rolling basis; early submissions prioritized.
- STRICT APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, 14 December 2026 (Strictly capped at 90 funded spots across Europe).
- Apply Online: https://prosperity.diesis-network.coop/bluedots/financial-support/

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