HOW TO APPLY FOR THE CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (CO-PI) PROGRAMME

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EUROFLEETS+ ACCESS PROGRAMMES

**SEA**
Ship time and marine Equipment Application
- Access to the vessels and/or marine equipment through a classic call for proposals.
- Two calls in 2019 - 2020, with “ocean” and “regional” vessels

**Co-PI**
Co-Principal Investigator programme
- Aimed at early career researchers to implement their own research together with the SEA calls. Access of 2-3 days, attached to an Eurofleets+ cruise.
- Running call.

**RTA**
Remote Transnational Access
- Remote access to samples or data from an Eurofleets+ vessel.
- Running call.
Applications:
Total #: **50 PIs**
Early Career #: **5 PIs**
17 nations

**PI’s Gender**

- **24 cruises granted**, 3 by EC
- **Funding rate 48%**
- **206 fully funded ship days**

**Male PIs**

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**Opportunity for early stage researcher to PI**
“I am an early career scientist, therefore I am (also) grateful to EUROFLEETS2 for this opportunity which has allowed me to further my experience as a principal investigator, a most valuable experience for my career.”
“Participating in EUROFLEETS was an amazing experience, this cruise gave me the opportunity to carry out my PhD research, meet some brilliant researchers and form future collaborations”.

Amy Lusher (MRFC, IE)
EF+ SEA PROGRAMME

OCEANS Call
Closed 27th of September 2019

• 34 submitted proposals, 253 scientists, 30 countries
• 10 proposals recommended for scheduling, 10 scheduled by Operational Liaison Panel

REGIONAL Call
Closed 28th of February 2020

• 22 submitted proposals, 185 scientists, 34 countries
• 11 recommended for scheduling, 10 cruises (provisionally) scheduled by Operational Liaison Panel

Provisional Transnational Access schedule: www.eurofleets.eu/access/co-pi

RV Tangaroa
RV Pelagia
RV Laura Bassi
RV Aegeo
CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (PI)
PROGRAMME - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- Call opened: 21st of November 2019
- Call closes the latest at: 31st of January 2022

Note: Availability of slots and funds for this call are limited, thus it might close as soon as enough excellent proposals are granted to exhaust the budget or to fill all available slots.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE CO-PI PROGRAMME

1. Check call definition and eligibility criteria
2. Read guidelines for applicants, containing information about funding conditions and application procedure
3. Check which infrastructure fits your research needs, and roughly operational areas and cruise timing
4. Prepare the proposal and Data Management Plan using the templates provided.
5. Submit proposal electronically via the online submission portal
WHAT IS THE CO-PI PROGRAMME?

• A new initiative for early career researchers, or researchers with no experience in leading a research cruise

• Co-PI projects are implemented together with experienced scientists in EF+ scheduled cruises

• Applicants can apply for all RVs offered within EF+

• Free-of-charge access of one to three days maximum
AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Affiliation (1): The applicant (PI) for a Co-PI project must work in a country other than the country that owns and operates the infrastructure.

Work experience: early career researchers or experienced researchers of any nationality, without previous participation as PI in a research cruise.

Cruise length: The days of access should not exceed three working days.

Preliminary data management plan: [Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ck-WmB2miCk&t=344s)

Dissemination: entitled to and willing to disseminate the knowledge you will generate.
CALL DOCUMENTS

www.eurofleets.eu/access/co-pi

- Guidelines for Applicants
- Part B – Proposal Template
- Online Submission Guidelines
- CV template
- Link to Data Management Plan online tool

Read guidelines for applicants, containing information about funding conditions and application procedure.
EF+ offers access to **27 RVs** and **13 pieces of ME**

**On the following geographic areas:**
- Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean
- North Atlantic Ocean
- Baltic Sea, North Sea
- Mediterranean Sea
- Black Sea
- North-west Atlantic Ocean
- Pacific Ocean

Check which infrastructure fits your research needs, and roughly operational areas and cruise timing.

www.eurofleets.eu/infrastructures/
www.eurofleets.eu/access/
## Eurofleets+ Provisional Transnational Access Schedule

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<th>Vessel Name</th>
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Prepare the proposal and Data Management Plan using the templates provided.

Call documents and templates

The following documents are available for download in PDF format:

- Guidelines for Applicants
- Eligibility criteria
- PART B – Proposal Template
- Online Submission Guidelines
- CV template
- Proposal evaluation and evaluation criteria
- Data Management Plan online tool
PART B – 1. SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED WORK

A) GENERAL SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND

• **Current state of scientific knowledge** directly linked to the proposed work, including relevant citations. Describe your own preliminary work in the field.

B) SPECIFIC AIMS OF THE PROJECT

• Clear description of the scientific objectives to be achieved with the proposed project highlighting its innovative aspects. What is the expected **added value** to the present state of knowledge? **Expected outputs** from the proposed work and specific **benefits and impacts** of the research cruise.
Comprehensive description of the work to be carried out on-board:

- **List of stations** (including desired position and water depths) and transects.

- **Realistic timetable** and description of activities in relation to the ship-time requested (with distances to be covered and a calculation of time needed to accomplish them) as well as station time.
### PART B – 2. WORK PROGRAMME – EXAMPLE

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Expertise of the cruise leader (and embarked team).

**On-board participants:** Number of people and assigned tasks. Match the expertise of your team in relation to the objectives and work to be carried out.

**Note:** Apart from the PI, no further on board participants are required in the Co-PI Programme.

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<td>Chief scientist, Sedimentologist</td>
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PART B – 4. TECHNICAL CAPABILITY AND DATA EXPLOITATION

• Technical equipment necessary to carry out the proposed work and its availability.
• Give a detailed outline and timeline of how and when gathered data and samples will be analysed, taking into account additional funding sources.
• Describe, if applicable, if there is “own equipment” or complementary funding available to support the research cruise.
• Describe how the knowledge gained through the cruise will be disseminated and where gained data will be stored.
5. **(Inter)national collaboration** - if applicable (not mandatory):
Provide information on how your proposed project is embedded into other larger research projects or programs on a national or international level, and collaboration with industry.

6. **Public outreach**
Which activities will be undertaken to inform the general public about your research cruise?
PART B – 7. TRAVELLING AND SHIPMENT COSTS

**Detailed and realistic budget** of expenses incurred in relation to travelling of cruise participants and possible shipment of (own) equipment to the preferred port of mobilisation and back from the port of demobilisation.
• Webinar Data Management Plan: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ck-WmB2miCk&t=344s

• Only preliminary DMP necessary: http://dmp.ef-ears.eu

• If the application is successful, the PI of the research cruise hosting the Co-PI project will invite the Co-PI grantee to contribute to his/her full Data Management Plan.

Prepare the proposal and Data Management Plan using the templates provided.
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS
   • Maximum number of pages, font size, spacing, ..

2. CHECK THE AREAS OF OPERATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SUITABLE VESSELS

3. KEEP IN MIND THE SPECIFIC EVALUATION CRITERIA WHILE DRAFTING YOUR PROPOSAL
   • Check that all points are addressed

4. MAKE SURE YOUR WORK PLAN IS FEASIBLE

5. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS: ASK! -> EUROFLEETSPLUS@AWI.DE
Submit proposal electronically via the online submission portal

- https://www.eurofleets.eu/access/co-pi/
- https://ptoutline.eu/app/eurofleetsplus_rc

Online APPLICATION
STEP 1
Registration on the proposal submission website
ONLINE APPLICATION – STEP 2

PART A: General project information and applicant details

To be filled-in online:
- General and logistical project information
- Principal investigator (PI)
- Project partners (not mandatory)
## Logistics Information

**EUROFLEETS Plus Infrastructure**  
(Please specify for which type of EUROFLEETS Plus infrastructure you are applying for)  
*Please choose...*  

**EUROFLEETS Plus Research Vessel**  
(Please specify which is your preferred RV for this project)  
*Please choose...*  

**EUROFLEETS Plus Marine Equipment**  
(if it applies, please select the piece of ME)  
*Please choose...*  

**Working Area**  
(please provide a detailed map in Part B of the proposal)  
characters left: 100

Please specify in which year you aim to complete the cruise  
- [ ] 2020  
- [ ] 2021  
- [ ] 2022

Specify the preferred season of the year you are requesting and any restrictions on timing, if it applies  
(max. 500 characters)  
characters left: 500

**Working days**  
How many days of ship-time will you need to accomplish the project  
characters left: 50

## Financial Information

**Total travel budget:**  
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**Total shipment budget:**  
characters left: 30
Proposal information – PARTA

All fields marked with * are mandatory for completing this form.

Please fill in the contact details of the person who will be responsible in all correspondence with EUROFLEETS+ concerning this proposal.

Title *

Family name *
characters left: 255

First name *

Gender
- Male
- Female

Early Career Scientist
(Upto 7 years active in research since last degree)
- Yes
- No

Country *
Please choose...

E-Mail *
characters left: 255

Telephone number *
characters left: 100

For Co-PI ONLY: Please provide a brief statement how transnational access via the EUROFLEETS+ Co-PI Programme will influence your future career.
(max. 250 characters)
characters left: 250

Declaration *
I declare that I will observe and carry out any investigation in accordance with the general principles of the 'Code of Conduct for Responsible Marine Research in the Deep Seas and High Seas of the OSPAR Maritime Area', regardless of the area of operation.
ONLINE APPLICATION – STEP 2
Proposal information – PART B

**Project description, CVs & DMP**

All fields marked with * are mandatory for completing this form.

**Scientific Project Description**

Please prepare your scientific description according to the structure outlined in Part B of the EUROFLEETSplus Co-PI RITA Call application procedure, before you proceed to upload your document below.

You must upload 3 Co-Pi-Programme) or 2/3 (RTA-Programme) unprotected PDF files at the end of the application process:

1) Scientific and financial description of the project, to be uploaded under "Project description". Applicants should follow the proposal structure as indicated in the EUROFLEETSplus Co-PI RITA Proposal Template Guidelines. This document must:
   - be an unprotected PDF file. Other file formats than PDF will not be accepted by the system.
   - not exceed 5 MB in size. Please be patient, it may take some minutes to complete the upload.
   - not exceed 9 pages (Co-Pi) or 7 pages (RTA).
   - use a font size of Times New Roman 12pt with 1.4pt spacing.

2) A single PDF file with the collection of CVs of PI and proposed partners (if any), using the dedicated CV template (mandatory).

3) A Data Management Plan (DMP), using the dedicated DMP online tool (mandatory for Co-PI Programme, for RTA Programme only mandatory in case of data embargo).

Proposals exceeding the given limits will not be accepted.

The name of your file will automatically be changed during the upload process. If you have already uploaded a proposal before, it will be overwritten by any subsequent file upload.

**Project description**

(PDF, max. 5MB)

- *elb_ie-003_proposal.pdf*
  - Keine Datei ausgewählt.

**CVs**

(PDF, max. 5 MB)

- *elb_ie-003_cv.pdf*
  - Keine Datei ausgewählt.

**Data Management Plan**

(PDF, max. 5 MB)
Automatically generated Proposal Summary Sheet of the proposal submitted, as a confirmation of a successful submission.
Thank you very much and good luck with your proposals!

www.eurofleets.eu
eurofleetsplus@awi.de

Eurofleets+ Webinar - How to write a proposal for the SEA Programme
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fYucfvgDH8&feature=youtu.be

Proposal Writing - a general introduction: https://www.arice.eu/training/webinars