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GALATEA supports SMEs innovative projects in the Blue Growth Economy

GALATEA (Grow and Accelerate your smArT projecTs in nEw value chAins of the European Blue Economy), a project funded by the European Union under its INNOSUP-1 programme, was launched in June 2020 giving continuity to the successful project NEPTUNE which ended in December 2018.

GALATEA brings together the cooperation and experiences of 7 ICT, aerospace and maritime cluster and 1 research and technology organisation from 5 European countries: France, Greece, Romania, Poland and Spain. The project will run for 30 months until November 2022 under the coordination of Pôle Mer Méditerranée.

The overall objective is to develop new cross-sectoral and cross-borders value chains supporting innovative SMEs to foster the development of Blue Growth key industries in Europe. This development will be driven **by the integration of technologies and know-how from aerospace and ICT sectors, to the following domains: ports, ships, shipyards and maritime surveillance.**

To reach this objective, GALATEA will follow a three phases approach:

GALATEA will receive €3,67 million from the Horizon 2020 programme of the European Commission of which 79% will be dedicated to the support of SMEs through direct financial support (€2,18 million), services provided by GALATEA partners and other activities organized by the project. GALATEA expects to support at least 100 European SMEs for the innovation of products or processes, development of large-scale demonstrators or markets extension.

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