

Open call results announcement

Project details

Project acronym: FutureLakes

Project full name: Integrating Innovations for the Protection and Restoration of European Lakes

Grant agreement number: 101156425

Open call overview

Call: FutureLakes Open Call for Associated Regions

Opening date: 31 January 2025

Closing date: 7 April 2025

Total budget: 162 000 EUR

Expected project duration: 24 months

Submission summary

Category	Number of proposals
Proposals received	17
Non-eligible proposals	0
Proposals invited to interview	7
Finalists selected	3

Selected proposals

Organisation	Country	Funding awarded (EUR)	Associated Region
Municipality of Larnaka	Cyprus	54 000	Region 1
Basin Department of Water Resources of Zakhidnyi Buh and Sian Rivers	Ukraine	54 000	Region 2
Limerick City & County Council	Ireland	54 000	Region 3

Evaluation process

The evaluation process was conducted by a team of 3 reviewers per proposals, consisting of both consortium experts and external experts from our sister projects. The proposals were evaluated based on the following selection criteria:

- **Suitability.** Are the challenges described well and their restoration needs clear?
- **Language.** Do applicants have a good command of English?
- **Relevance to FutureLakes.** Is the lake affected by similar pressures to FutureLakes demos?
- **Impact.** What is the potential for impact regionally, nationally and for FutureLakes?
- **Implementation.** Do the activities for co-creation with stakeholders seem feasible?

The evaluation was conducted according to Horizon Europe rules, with a clear focus on transparency, equal treatment and avoidance of conflict-of-interest. The 7 applicants invited to interview were assessed by the FutureLakes Project Management Board, with all 10 partners evaluating the rank of the proposals, according to the same criteria above based on the presentation and response to questions. Ranks from all 10 partners were summed and the top three were selected.

Notification and next steps

All applicants have been informed about their results.

- **Finalists:** Invited for contract proceedings and preparation with formal project implementation from 1st September 2025
- **Top 7:** Informed via email with detailed evaluation results
- **Others:** Informed via email about the outcome of their proposal

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