Boosting innovation for the future and sustainability of our ocean

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Innovation for a sustainable ocean economy?

- The urgency of the threats faced by oceans:
 - Climate
 - Pollution
 - Biodiversity

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Need for solutions now!

- Effort on development and dissemination of solutions that can go at scale rapidly
- EIB can support the entire spectrum of technological innovation
 - from early-stage innovation development
 - all through to senior debt for mature technologies.



Overview of EIB(G) blue economy activities



EIB Co-founder of the Sustainable Blue Economy Financing Principles RESOURCES Clean Ocean Initiative (EIB, AFD, KfW, CDP, ICO, EBRD) Offshore wind strong support by EIB Green Coastal Shipping management Blue SOS by EIB <u>Sustainable</u> Blue Bio fishery/ Technology quaculture **EIF BlueInvest and Portugal Blue Close collaboration with EC** MOU between EIB and ADB

Launched in 2018

Launched in 2018 Target: €4 billion

>12 GW since 2002

Launched in 2019 Target: €2.5 billion Launched in 2020 Target: €150 million EIB part of EC BE strategy

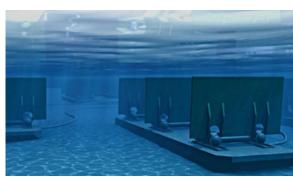
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Marine renewable energy

- Floating offshore wind energy
 - Two demonstration projects
 - Windfloat project (25 MW) First-of-a-kind demonstration (2018, Portugal)
 - EOLMED (30 MW) Novel floating foundation (2022, France)
 - Standardization & manufacturing of multi-MW modular floating platforms
 - De-risking the technology, replicable throughout Europe
- WaveRoller project in Portugal
 - near-shore 350 kW underwater device converting waves into electrical power
 - EUR 10m EIB loan under InnovFin Energy Demonstration Project (EDP)





Ocean monitoring and protection technologies

- Crucial for a sustainable blue economy.
- Uptake of ocean innovation and digital solutions slower than other sectors
- Strong competition from US and ASIA => need to build strategic autonomy and competitiveness
- Need to work all together to build an integrated financial eco-systems:
 - Grant financing

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- National and regional supportive regulatory frameworks
- Matching projects to the right investors
- EIB ready:
 - to help overcome the financing challenges of these technologies development
 - To help accelerate downstream commercial applications.

Innovations in the blue bio-economy

- Recirculating Aquaculture Systems to produce fish (e.g. trout and salmon)
- Controlled environment:
 - Minimum use of water,
 - Treatment of waste-water sludge in biogas,
 - By-products processed in pet-food
 - Reduce sickness, mortality, improve animal welfare
- Treating algae pollution and putting it to good use
 - Algae blooming collection

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 Production of recyclable bioplastics from green macro algae

