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## 1. Objectives

The first of three Transnational Access (TA) calls for JERICO-S3 to facilitate researchers and research teams to access coastal infrastructures. Between June 2020 to January 2024, JERICO-S3 will offer more than 4,466 days of Transnational Access across 40+ different marine coastal observation facilities. The TA funding call will give researchers free of charge access to a wide array of marine research infrastructures located at 21 JERICO-RI partners across Europe.

## 2. Implementation process

The first TA call was implemented in Task 8.8. The call was announced on 2 June 2020 until 16 November 2020. It was published to the JERICO-RI website as per the means of verification requirement and promoted across the various social media outlets. The press release for the first call is included in Annex A.

The submitted applications were reviewed by an internal JERICO-S3 panel with suggested revisions being sent to applicants for a re-submission. The final submitted applications were then reviewed by an external panel for scientific excellence and integrity. The selection panel scored the applications and passed on comments to the steering committee to base their decisions on funding the projects. The accepted projects for funding were contacted and started the contract process, which is still ongoing due to COVID related delays.

## 3. Main report

An Internal Review panel and an External Selection Panel were established in Autumn 2020 to facilitate the efficient processing and review of the First TA Call applications. The table below describes the three panel meetings associated with this TA call.

The External Panel Evaluated 20 submissions and 19 projects were approved for support in January 2021. Due to COVID related delays, final contracts have been taking longer to finalise and start dates being moved to accommodate the delays. The call resulted in 1682 days of access used of 4466 total days. A summary of the accepted projects was published to the first call page on the JERICO-RI website. The transnational access program has been successful in this first call connecting researchers from 12 countries (based on PI institution location) to 7 hosting countries. As part of the TA program, applicants requested Travel and Subsistence budget to facilitate access to the host infrastructure. The proposed estimate cost of T&S is 50% of the budgeted T&S, averaging 3,172EUR per project. However, this cost may change as projects are completed due to COVID restrictions for travel.

Name	Date	Location	Description and Purpose	Partners attending
First TA Internal Evaluation panel Review	November 27th 2020	Virtual	Internal Review of 1st TA Call Submissions	Paul Gaughan (Marine Institute, JERICO-S3 WP8/TA Coordinator), Lea Godiveau (Ifremer - Jerico S3)

				Co-Ordination) Melanie Juza (SOCIB) Jukka Seppälä (SYKE) Laurent Coppolla (CNRS) Luis Felipe Artigas (ULCO)
First TA Call External Panel Introductory meeting	December 7th 2021	Virtual	Introductory meeting for External Panel - familiarisation - with review process and procedures	Paul Gaughan (Marine Institute, JERICO-S3 WP8/TA Coordinator), Lea Godiveau (Ifremer - Jerico S3 Co-Ordination Janet Newton (University of Washington) Henry Ruhl (CENCOOS) Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System Rogerio Chumbinho (Bluewise Marine) Steve Hall Pembrokehire Coastal Forum (PCF) Clarissa Anderson, Ph.D. (SCCOOS) Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
First TA Call External Panel Review	December 21st 2020	Virtual	Consensus meeting where reviewers discussed their reviews of the TA projects and agreed a consensus score	Paul Gaughan (Marine Institute, JERICO-S3 WP8/TA Coordinator), Lea Godiveau (Ifremer - Jerico S3 Co-Ordination Janet Newton (University of Washington) Henry Ruhl (CENCOOS) Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System Rogerio Chumbinho (Bluewise Marine) Steve Hall Pembrokehire Coastal Forum (PCF) Clarissa Anderson, Ph.D. (SCCOOS) Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System

	JS3 (1st call)
Jerico Facilities offered	<b>43</b>
Submitted TA projects	<b>20</b>
Supported TA projects (%)	<b>19 (95%)</b>
# of users (Women, %)	<b>58 (14, 24%)</b>
Access provision (days) DoA %	<b>1682 (estimated) 4466 (38% to date)</b>

## 4. Conclusion

The first TA call was successful in accepting 19 projects with work beginning on 5 of them already (July 2021). The first call was announced on the JERICO-RI website and was open for 5 months. The accepted project summaries have been published on the website (<https://www.jerico-ri.eu/ta/call-program/first-call/>). Overall, the transnational access program has been successful in connecting researchers to hosting facilities for use of marine infrastructures.

### 4.1. Annexes and references

#### Annex A

## \*\*\*\*\* Jerico S3 Transnational Access call Press Release \*\*\*\*\*

The Jerico Research Infrastructure ([www.jerico-ri.eu/](http://www.jerico-ri.eu/)) is pleased to announce the first of 3 Transnational Access funding calls to support a wide range of marine researchers by giving free of charge access to high-quality infrastructures and support services at unique multi-disciplinary sites consisting of a mix of

gliders, fixed platforms, ferryboxes, cabled observatories, HF radar, benthic stations, and bio-sensors. The users will be able to carry out first-class experiments on the multi-disciplinary, multi-platform coastal observing systems thus maximising impact for science, environmental managers, industries and other relevant stakeholders.

Users accessing the Infrastructure will not only get access to the best available equipment and facilities for their needs, but also the personnel. Having access to this detailed knowledge at each of the Facilities adds value for external users of the Infrastructure, improving research outputs and scientific excellence.

Between June 2020 and January 2024 will offer more than 8800 days of Transnational Access (TA) to more than 40 different =integrated marine coastal observation facilities located at 21 Jerico RI partners throughout Europe. Detailed information about each = Jerico RI facility, technical design and available resources etc. can be found here - (<https://www.jerico-ri.eu/ta/jerico-facilities-in-ta/>)

To determine the capabilities and service offerings of each facility we strongly encourage all TA applicants to contact the respective facility providers – as early as possible in the proposal process about possible usage of facilities and cooperation at the infrastructures. Please ensure that the objectives and aims of the call are fully addressed before submitting a proposal for Transnational Access. The TA application form and Guidelines can be found online <https://www.jerico-ri.eu/ta/call-program/first-call/>.

**This is a unique opportunity for scientists and engineers to avail of high-quality, interlinked instrumented infrastructures operating in coastal and shelf-sea areas for carrying out research and/or testing activities.**

**Contact JERICO.TA (at) marine.ie /jerico.ta@marine.ie for more details**

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The Jerico RI invites you to respond to the call and request access to the JERICO RI facilities and to Please circulate this announcement with your networks and potentially interested parties. Links to previous TransNational Access call In the Jerico RI

Thirteen facilities hosted 19 JERICO user groups during the original JERICO project life-time 2010-2014, delivering 2670 calendar days of access.

[https://www.jerico-ri.eu/download/filebase/jerico\\_fp7/deliverables/D8.1\\_Transnational\\_access\\_p rovision.pdf](https://www.jerico-ri.eu/download/filebase/jerico_fp7/deliverables/D8.1_Transnational_access_p rovision.pdf)



In JERICO-NEXT 2015-2019 , 28 access projects were supported with EU funds.

[https://www.jerico-ri.eu/download/jerico-next-deliverables/JERICO-NEXT-Deliverable\\_8.10\\_V1.2.pdf](https://www.jerico-ri.eu/download/jerico-next-deliverables/JERICO-NEXT-Deliverable_8.10_V1.2.pdf)