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1. Objectives

The second TA Call is the second of three 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 call was announced on 29th March 2021 until 31st May 2021. The call was published to the JERICO-RI website as per the means of verification requirement. The press release for the second call is included in Annex A. During this call, a month-long "Facility of the Week" was featured on the website to highlight facilities that were not as popular in the first call and to increase the social media awareness of the second call. 4 host facilities and infrastructures that are offered in the TA call were highlighted in a blog post and shared on JERICO-RI twitter feed.

At the close of the call, 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 steering committee approved the projects for funding with the guidance of the external panel's comments. The successful applicants were informed and sent granting letters to start the contract process.

3. Main report

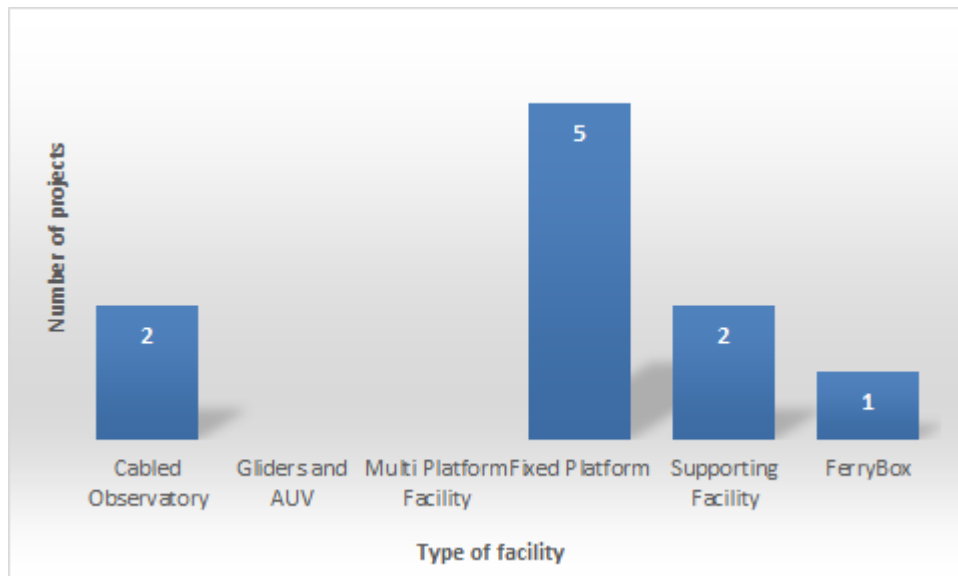
The internal review panel met on June 10th to review the 12 submitted applications. The outcome from the meeting included comments to applicants for budget re-assessments or more clarity in certain fields of the application. The TA coordinator sent the comments to the applicants should they wish to resubmit a revised application to be reviewed by the external panel.

The external panel evaluated the 12 final submissions. They recommended to approve 10 applications and advised on 2 of the applications to be approved but contingent upon further clarifications from the applicant. These 2 applicants were notified and asked to submit further details on issues raised by the panel.

For the 10 approved projects, there is an estimated 1513 days of access used (2069 days of access for all 12 if the 2 pending projects are approved). The main type of facility requested for the approved 10 projects is a Fixed Platform. As part of the TA program, applicants requested Travel and Subsistence for aide in travelling to the host facility location to complete their experiment. This estimated cost (before contracts are signed) for the 10 accepted projects was an average of 4550EUR per project.



Name	Date	Location	Description and Purpose	Partners attending
Second TA Internal Evaluation panel Review	June 10th 2021	Virtual	Internal review of second call submissions	Paul Gaughan (Marine Institute, JERICO-S3 WP8/TA Coordinator), Christine Loughlin (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)
Second TA Call External Panel Review	July 6th 2021	Virtual	Consensus meeting where reviewers discussed their reviews of the TA projects and agreed a consensus score	Janet Newton (University of Washington) Henry Ruhl (CENCOOS) Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System Steve Hall Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum (PCF) Clarissa Anderson, Ph.D. (SCCOOS) Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System



4. Conclusion

The second TA call successfully approved 10 (potentially 12) projects with contracts in the process of signing. Once contracts are finalised, the accepted project summaries will be published to the second call page on the JERICO-RI website. This second call was successful in connecting researchers to host countries amidst an ever changing problematic environment of COVID-19. The proposals recognised COVID-19 as a risk to their project work plan with many projects able to be completed either remotely or with limited access to the infrastructure.

4.1. Annexes and references

Annex A

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

The Jerico S3 Research Infrastructure (www.jerico-ri.eu/) wishes to announce the 2nd call 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 call is open for project proposals from 29th March 2021 to 31st May 2021.

Successful applicants will be able to carry out first-class experiments on one or more of the multi-disciplinary, multi-platform coastal observing systems thus maximising impact for science, environmental managers, industries and other relevant stakeholders. Users will have access to the best available equipment and



knowledgeable personnel at each of the facilities to enable improved research outputs and scientific excellence.

In this 2nd call, Jerico S3 would like to highlight and support the collaboration between Jerico RI TA facilities and AQUACOSM-plus (<https://www.aquacosm.eu/>) infrastructures. As a specific action, JERICO-S3 and AQUACOSM-plus study jointly how extreme events affect plankton ecosystems, by applying both observations on natural communities and by experimentation at selected sites (Cretan Sea, North-West Mediterranean and Baltic Sea). Jerico S3 TA projects supporting these actions are especially welcomed and strongly encourage the involvement between the RI-RI facilities.

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/second-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

*****Ends*****

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.

The successful Jerico RI S3 TransNational Access fist call in 2020 resulted in 19 accepted projects with 10 marine observation hosting facilities. This TA call connected marine researches of a total 14 nationalities to facilities in 7 Jerico RI partner countries. The accepted projects utilise the array of multi-disciplinary facilities offered by Jerico RI with use of the cabled observatories, gliders and AUV, multi-platform facilities, fixed platforms, and calibration labs. Due to COVID related delays, projects are in the last steps of finalising and are anticipated to begin research in the coming months. Stay tuned for more information on the successful projects.