



HAVE AN IDEA? TURN IT INTO A STARTUP!

Are you a university student with an innovative idea for the **blue economy, maritime sector or sustainability**?

Your idea could be the starting point for something bigger.

AquaSphere IDEAs Programme is back and it is now OPEN for applications!

IDEAs is a **6-week online startup support programme** designed for students who want to explore their entrepreneurial potential and transform an early-stage idea into a viable startup.

Missed IDEAs last year? Don't miss it again!

Take your idea from concept to action and become part of a **European community of young innovators shaping the future of the blue economy**.

👉 **Apply now and bring your idea to life!**

🔗 **Applications:** [Apply here.](#)

Who can apply?

- Bachelor's, Master's and PhD students
- Students from Higher Education Institutions and associate partner universities/organisations
- Apply **individually or as a team**
- Bring an early-stage business idea, ideally related to **blue economy, maritime, water or sustainability**

What will you get?

- ✓ Mentoring from experienced entrepreneurs and business experts
- ✓ Practical tools to develop your venture

- ✓ Support to refine your **business model and value proposition**
- ✓ Guidance on your **go-to-market strategy**
- ✓ Prototyping and digital collaboration resources
- ✓ Connections with industry leaders and a **pan-European innovation network**
- ✓ Peer learning and visibility
- ✓ **EIT Certificate of Participation**
- ✓ Follow-up support after the programme

KEY DATES

-  **10 September 2026** — Applications open
-  **22 October 2026** — Application deadline
-  **By 30 October 2026** — Selected participants notified
-  **Early November 2026** — Programme starts
-  **6 weeks** — Fully virtual programme

Find more information at <https://aquasphereproject.eu/ideas-programme-round-2/>

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#MaritimeInnovation #Sustainability #Startup #Entrepreneurship #EIT #UniversityStudents

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