

Are you an early-career Blue Economy researcher?

Apply for the **FREE** EMPORIA4KT training and mentoring programme to improve your skills in **INNOVATION** and **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER!**

Organised by the EU-funded **EMPORIA4KT** project, the *"Blue Economy Technology Transfer Programme"* will be implemented in the Canary Islands. The mentoring programme will provide training to equip early-stage researchers working in the Canary Islands with vital Knowledge Transfer (KT) skills for their future careers in Blue Economy innovation. The programme will also provide valuable networking opportunities.

Call for Researchers

Participants will learn how to direct Research and Development towards market, industry, and private and public investment. They will also explore how to de-risk the Early Stage Technology (EST) development process and how to make EST more attractive to investment at an early stage of development.

The programme will be divided into two phases. The first phase (September and October 2022) will consist of an own-paced learning programme through the thinkific learning platform, including recorded contents and live sessions, through 4 modules (soft skills for scientists, blue economy research planning, research impact and research funding). The second phase consists of a **7-month mentoring programme** (November 2022 to May 2023), during which participants will meet at three face to face events, in addition to regular online meetings via virtual collaboration tools. Within teams of three people, participants will determine the best commercialisation routes for real case studies of Early Stage Technologies in the Blue Economy. Each team will receive support from experienced **EMPORIA4KT** project partners and mentors in relevant academic and industry fields of the Blue Economy.



At the EMPORIA4KT final event, the teams will pitch their commercialisation plan for their Early Stage Technology, to an audience of industry, public bodies, private investors and peers. The EST pitch will be followed by a brokerage event, providing the opportunity for networking and KT collaborations.

The **EMPORIA4KT** project plans to raise additional funding for proof-of-concept studies for the winning EST.

Call for Technologies

A **Call for Technologies** has been launched where researchers have been invited to submit Early Stage Technologies (TRL 1-4) related to the Blue Economy. Selected ESTs will be taken forward by the teams in the **Blue Economy Technology Transfer Programme**. Anyone can submit a technology for consideration regardless of whether they have applied or are selected for the Call for Researchers.

For more information on submitting your Technology please visit emporia4kt.com/copy-of-technology-transfer-programme **Deadline: 30 September 2022**

Requirements

Language requirements: Applicants will require a good level of written and spoken English. All materials (e.g. presentations, exercises) provided in Phase 1 will be written in English. In Phase 2, online meetings will be in Spanish and English.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Current PhD student or recent PhD graduate (3 years or less);
- Early-stage career researcher working at a Higher Education Institution or Research Centre in the Canary Islands;

- Research activities that are related, or can be applied, to the following fields:

- Maritime and Coastal Tourism
- Renewable Marine Energy and Offshore Wind Technology
- Environmental and Coastal Protection
- Extractive industry

Preferred skills, knowledge and abilities:

- Interested in innovation and knowledge transfer activities
- Involved in research activities and development of Early Stage Technologies

Costs: There are no fees for the mentoring programme or the Phase 1 online workshop. Travel costs for attending the three events that will take place during the 7-month mentoring programme in Phase 2 will be covered by **EMPORIA4KT**. Accommodation will also be covered if necessary. All other meetings and collaborations will be conducted online. Travel costs to attend the EMPORIA4KT final event will also be covered by **EMPORIA4KT**.

Time commitment: Attendance at the Phase 1 online workshops, the Phase 2 three events and the EMPORIA4KT final event is essential. Participants will also have approximately two meetings per month with their group and will have follow-up tasks to complete in relation to these meetings. It is expected the time commitment for meetings and follow-up work will be 10 to 15 hours per month for each researcher. Candidate interviews (if necessary) are expected to be conducted from July 18 to July 29 2022.

How to apply? To find out more, or to apply for a place on the **EMPORIA4KT** programme, please visit: emporia4kt.com/copy-of-technology-transfer-programme

Applications must be submitted in English.

Applications open: 24 June 2022

Deadline for applications: 15 July 2022

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