

LETTER OF SUPPORT (MS/REGION S3 ENDORSEMENT)

COMPETENT NATIONAL/REGIONAL AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE S3 MANAGEMENT	
Competent authority:	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
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CONFIRMATION OF SUPPORT	
Name of the project we support:	Advancing Maritime Security through the Development of Dual-Use Maritime Drone Capacity across European regions — EuroDualBlue
Coordinator:	Ruben Eiras, Fórum Oceano
We hereby confirm that:	
1) we support the application	Yes
2) it is consistent and addresses the national/regional S3 policies, strategies and priorities as identified by this authority	Yes
Additional information <i>(optional)</i> <i>Add additional information on the project's contribution to the S3 priorities.</i>	
<p>The EuroDualBlue project aims to build capacity for dual use (security and environmental) sea, underwater, and aerial drone facilities in regions situated in key European sea basins. The capacitation will focus on less developed regions, by their increased participation in inter-regional innovation processes and integration in value chains and interconnected investments across multiple regions, as well as their enhanced cooperation with more developed European regions. The EuroDualBlue network will diffuse maritime security innovations currently concentrated in specific areas, ensuring that technological advancements benefit all European coastal regions and support environmentally sustainable transitions across the maritime domain. The proposed project directly contributes to Estonia's Smart Specialisation (S3) priorities by strengthening ecosystem capacity in Digital Solutions across All Sectors as a horizontal enabler.</p>	
SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORISED PERSON	
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Date of signature:	16.03.2026
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