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The Horizon 2020 [BlueBRIDGE project](#) has just launched a **Competitive Call for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) operating in the fisheries, marine, environmental, ecological and aquaculture**. The scope of the call is to support 5 SMEs in solving data management issues by using, completely free of charge, the BlueBRIDGE services and resources (i.e. [datasets](#), [services and technologies](#), and [data analytics](#)). By exploiting the BlueBRIDGE resources, SMEs will be also able to improve their existing data services/products and offer a better service to their customers and to set up new services and therefore enhance their portfolio.

To apply, applicants must download the [proposals applications template](#), complete all its parts and submit the proposal through the [online submission portal](#).

Each proposal is reviewed by three experts selected among the [BlueBRIDGE Consortium members](#), who will assign it a score according to [4 main criteria](#). The minimum threshold to be selected is a score of 70/100.

The successful SMEs will be able to set up a **tailored virtual collaborative environment (VRE)** which they can use to address their data management challenges **for free until February 2018**.

A technical team will support the applicants in the VRE set up, training, consultancy and monitoring phase.

Submission deadline: 15 May 2017 (17:00 CEST). To apply, visit: www.bluebridge-vres.eu/call4smes

For support to prepare the application, or for further information, please contact: call@bluebridge-vres.eu

About BlueBRIDGE

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The H2020 BlueBRIDGE project aims to support capacity building in interdisciplinary research communities actively involved in increasing scientific knowledge about resource overexploitation, degraded environment and ecosystem with the objective of providing a more solid ground for informed advice to competent authorities and to enlarge the spectrum of growth opportunities as addressed by the Blue Growth Societal Challenge. **Over 1,400 users from different sectors are already exploiting the BlueBRIDGE services.** [Here](#) are some examples of the virtual environments already delivered to different users and communities.