

BLUE INNOVATION AWARDS NOMINEES

The nominated initiatives in each category are listed below:

Blue Innovation Wave (SMEs)

| <i>Project/product/service</i> | <i>Organisation</i> | <i>Short description</i> |
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| Nearshore Mussel Project | Brevisco | First large-scale mussel cultivation project in the nearshore area of the Belgian North Sea |
| Real-time Undersea Cable Monitoring | Marlinks | Realtime monitoring of undersea cables by means of the latest glass fibre detection technology |

Corporate Blue Innovation Wave (corporates)

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| Dual-Fuel Hydrogen Engine | BeHydro | Hydrogen-powered engines for various marine and other applications |
| Marine Litter Hunter | DEME | Marine plastics catcher for collecting floating plastic on the River Scheldt |

Blue Innovation Swell (for collaboration initiatives)

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| A Hybrid Wave Energy Converter for ports - WEC4Ports | IMDC, UPorto, INEGI, ECT | Module that can be integrated in breakwaters to convert wave energy into electricity |
| Coastbusters | ILVO, DEME, Jan De Nul, SIOEN Industries and VLIZ | Protecting the coast by building a biogenic reef of seaweed, sea grass, shellfish and shell tube worms off the Belgian coast |

Blue Innovation Captain (for government institutions)

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| Blue Accelerator | POM West-Vlaanderen | Maritime innovation & development platform and testing site for innovative projects in the blue economy |
| Renovation of the Middelkerke seawall | Municipality of Middelkerke and MDK | Construction of a green promenade as a future-proof form of coastal protection, paying attention to needs of tourism and recreation. |

Inspirational Blue Wave (audience award)

All initiatives mentioned above are eligible for the audience award. Everyone who participates in the closing show online or physically can vote for their favourite initiative.