

# SUMMARY OF MARINE RESEARCH INVESTMENTS FROM 2017-2022



This overview provides a summary of Irish participation in marine research projects from 2017-2022 using data collected from national research funding bodies participating in the Marine Research Funders Forum. The data also includes Irish participation in EU research funding programmes obtained by the EC. The data covers competitive calls only and does not include, for example, state research carried out in-house.

From 2017 to 2022, researchers in Irish research performing organisations were awarded a total of **€280m in grant-aid** across **864 marine-focused projects**

## WHO IS FUNDING IRISH MARINE RESEARCH?

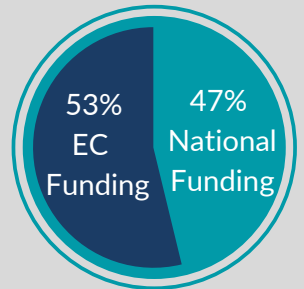
604 projects (70% of projects) were funded from **national sources** valued at over €131m (47% of total grant-aid).

In addition, 260 projects (30% of projects) were funded by the **European Commission** valued at approximately €149m (53% of total grant-aid)

The average grant-aid awarded per project from national sources (€217k) was approximately half the average value for internationally funded projects (€573k).

864 PROJECTS

**€280m**  
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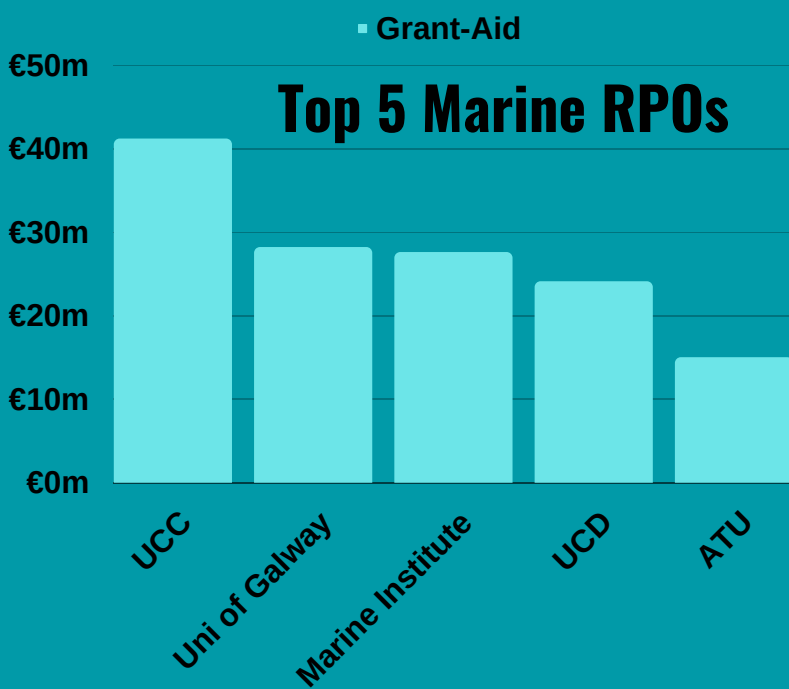
## NATIONAL FUNDING

Marine research is funded nationally across 15 state bodies, a mix of research funding agencies (such as SFI, IRC, \*EI), sectoral state bodies such as the Marine Institute, EPA, SEAI, BIM, Met Éireann and GSI and a number of Government Departments such as DAFM, DECC, DETE, DHLGH, DFA, DT.

The main (public) national funders of marine research in Ireland are the Marine Institute (306 projects, €48.7m), SEAI (64 projects, €16.1m), \*SFI (34 projects, €16.2m), DETE (5 projects, €12.1m), BIM (57 projects, €10.3m), EPA (38 projects, €8.7m), DAFM (15 projects, €6.5m)

NATIONAL FUNDING AWARDS (604 PROJECTS)

**+€130m**



## MARINE RESEARCH PERFORMERS

Higher education institutions (HEIs) received the majority of grant-aid (€155m across 584 projects), followed by SMEs with over 25% of the grant-aid awarded to 233 projects. Public bodies received 17% of the grant-aid (participating in 237 projects).

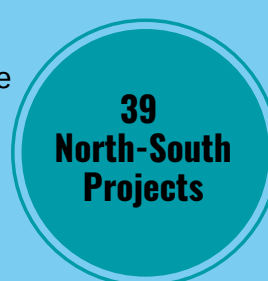
**+220 Irish-based organisations**  
ACTIVE IN MARINE RESEARCH

## COLLABORATIONS

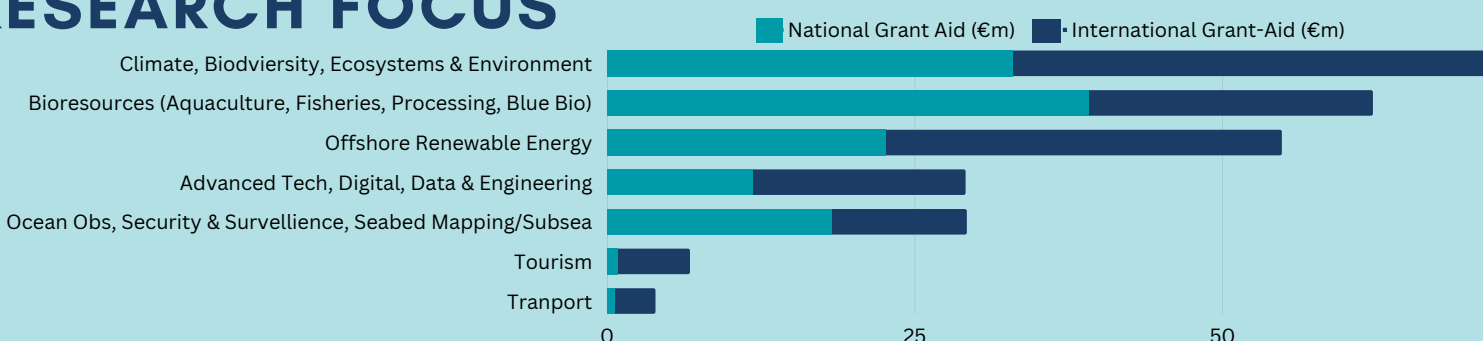
53% of projects are collaborative with one or more research partners.

Irish based researchers are collaborating with more than 1,500 international RPOs across 70 countries.

The top 5 countries: UK, Spain, France, Portugal, Germany



## RESEARCH FOCUS



The data presented in this overview is a sub-set of the data available in the National Marine Research Database. The Marine Institute have compiled this report with data provided by members of the Marine Research Funders Forum and the European Commission. Disclaimer: While every care has been taken to ensure accuracy in the compilation of this report, the Marine Institute cannot accept responsibility for errors, omissions or changes in projects. Note: \*The data does not include funding by EI or SFI Centres (Phase 2) nor does it include in-house research carried out by Government Departments and State Agencies.

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