

Access to Coastal Observatories and Calibration Facilities

JERICO (Towards a Joint European Research Infrastructure network for Coastal Observatories) is a FP7 Project aiming at integrating European marine research infrastructures dedicated to automatic and sustained coastal observation (http://www.jerico-fp7.eu). As part of its **Trans National Access** (TNA) activity, JERICO offers opportunities to researchers or research teams (user groups) to access a selection of the facilities managed by the project's consortium by organizing calls for research and technology development proposals.

The JERICO Consortium has just launched a **third call offering TNA** to different **ferrybox lines** in North Sea, various **fixed platforms** and **glider fleets** based in the North Sea and Mediterranean Sea. **Calibration laboratories** are also being put up for access.

This is a unique opportunity for scientists and engineers to avail of high-quality, interlinked instrumented infrastructures operating in coastal and shelf-sea areas for carrying out research and/or testing activities. Interested users can request access to one or more facilities. JERICO will provide them with technical assistance, travel support and often many core measurements that may be necessary to their work. Visitors and projects will be selected on the basis of the quality and novelty of the proposed activities.

The P.I. and the majority of members of applying user groups, must be affiliated with institutions from EU Member States or States associated with the 7th Framework Programme. Members from outside the EU can also participate as long as they are not the majority in a group. The project duration has to be compatible with the available access quantity assigned to each facility (see http://www.ierico-fp7.eu/tna/calls-and-selection/third-call/available-facilities).

Please refer to the JERICO call page at http://www.jerico-fp7.eu/tna/calls-and-selection/third-call for details and also note that this is the last opportunity to access the JERICO network.

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