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Rethinking the Blue Economy: Socio-Ecological Impacts & Opportunities (RethinkBlue)

The RethinkBlue COST Action centres around the Blue Economy and related policies affecting European societies. In the EU, the Blue Economy paradigm involves regional and national political-economic priorities, new legislative and governance frameworks, as well as financial support for sectors of the marine economy. However, the impact of these policies on coastal populations are not yet well-understood. Accelerating globalisation, technological developments and the impact of climate change pose additional challenges.

The purpose of this Action is to rethink the Blue Economy. First, by assessing its impact on coastal societies, and second, by exploring opportunities deriving from innovations and potential synergies between established and emergent marine activities. The guiding research questions are:

1. What are the impacts, positive or negative, of Blue Economy developments on human well-being, social equity and the economic and environmental sustainability of coastal societies?
2. What are potential opportunities for innovations and synergies between sectors?

Knowledge exchange and capacity building will be facilitated through meetings, research workshops, an online seminar series, training schools, and conferences.

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