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The KM3NeT experiment is a next-generation neutrino telescope, consisting of two separate detection structures, organised as arrays of light sensors, and immersed in the depths of the Mediterranean Sea. The two detectors are the Oscillation Research with Cosmics in the Abyss (ORCA detector), located off the coast of France and the Astrophysics Research with Cosmics in the Abyss (ARCA detector), off the coast of Sicily. Identical in the design but differing by scale, these two detectors observe neutrino interactions in the sea water through Cherenkov light produced by the interaction products at different energy ranges. Specifically, ORCA aims at detecting atmospheric neutrinos to study their oscillation parameters, while ARCA will focus at higher energies on astrophysical neutrinos and the characterisation of their sources. Among the latter topic, Fast Radio Bursts (FRB) are good candidates for multi-messenger emissions due to the huge energy involved in their burst. I will present the method and criteria of a multi-messenger analysis intended to search for spatial and temporal coincidences of astrophysical neutrino signals from KM3NeT with a FRB catalogue of around 800 sources among which 14 have been observed in this period, ranging from January 2020 to March 2021, and were visible from the KM3NeT site.

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