

THE EUROPEAN JOINT PROGRAMMING INITIATIVE FOR HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE SEAS AND OCEANS (JPI OCEANS)

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The European Joint Programming Initiative Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI Oceans) is a coordinating and integrating platform, open to all EU Member States and Associated Countries who invest in marine and maritime research. In its role as a coordination platform JPI Oceans is the only high-level strategic body that exists, to provide a long-term integrated approach to marine and maritime research and technology development in Europe.

While bringing together the interested Member States and Associated Countries JPI Oceans aims to add value by avoiding fragmentation and unnecessary duplication; planning common and flexible initiatives; facilitating cooperation and foresighting; and establishing efficient mechanisms for interaction and knowledge transfer between the scientific community, industry & services, and policy makers at high level to more effectively solve the grand challenges.

As a coordination platform, JPI Oceans focuses on making better and more efficient use of national research budgets, which represent 85% of the marine-maritime funding within Europe. One of the JPI goals is to develop joint research programs in which countries can be involved on a voluntary basis (variable geometry). Participating countries will also decide what contribution to make: this may include institutional, project-related or new funds.

JPI Oceans is run by a high-level Management Board with representatives from each country with sufficient authority to agree on joint action plans and potential funding initiatives across all sea basins in Europe.

The Management Board has put in place a Strategic Advisory Board of high-ranked representatives from science, industry, public authorities and civil society to advise on future actions to be taken.

The daily follow up of the JPI is taken care of by the JPI Oceans secretariat which is based in Brussels

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