

European Marine Board (EMB): The leading European think-tank in marine science policy

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The European Marine Board (EMB) provides a platform to develop common priorities, advice on marine research and to bridge the gap between marine science and policy. Our members are major national marine and oceanographic research performing institutes, funding agencies and national university consortia with a strong marine focus. Through our extensive pan-European scientific network, we identify emerging scientific and societal challenges and opportunities and articulate the research and capacity needs to address them. We act at the interface between science and policy, advancing marine science and providing considered advice to decision makers and research programme managers. Acting in a leadership role, we work to foster European research collaboration towards a sustainable use of the seas and ocean.

EMB has an outstanding reputation as a provider of high-quality science-policy advice. Our publications are designed for a non-technical audience, providing recommendations for future research and capacity building which can be addressed by European and national funding mechanisms. In addition, we organize open events and workshops that bring together scientists, decision makers and stakeholders to collectively address a topic of identified scientific and societal importance. Through open dialogue, our events deliver joint visions and recommendations to advance the issue at hand.

Looking ahead, the European Marine Board will continue to operate as the foremost platform for seas and ocean strategy and foresight in Europe. We have built a strong reputation through development of rigorous processes for delivering science policy advice and will adapt to the changing landscape of marine science policy. We will work with key partner networks to advance marine science and identify emerging challenges and opportunities of societal importance.

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