

## Marine Station Oostende extends its size and capabilities with "Ocean Innovation Space"

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VLIZ is expanding its research facilities at the Marine Station Oostende (MSO) with a three storey building that was baptised "Ocean Innovation Space". The occupation and use of the current facilities and space at MSO had become to limiting and inadequate for the growing atmosphere of VLIZ. The new building will host new laboratories, an electronics lab for marine technicians and a vehicle hangar housing the vehicles of the Marine Robotics Centre. between the Ocan Innovation Space and the other buildings at MSO a WW2 bunker will be renovated to house a biobank that VLIZ is building and a Virtual Reality room that will function both as a research infrastructure as for outreach and educational purposes. The building will be taken in to operations end 2022.

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