JPI Oceans - Joint Programming Initiative for Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans

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The Joint Programming Initiative Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI Oceans) (www.ipi-oceans.eu) is a high-level strategic process to provide a long-term integrated approach to marine and maritime research and technology development in Europe.

Members of JPI Oceans invest approximately EUR 1.8 billion in marine and maritime R&D per year. In its role as a coordination platform, JPI Oceans will focus on making better and more efficient use of these national research budgets, which represent 85% of the marine-maritime funding within Europe. This is in order to reduce the fragmentation, create critical mass and avoid unnecessary duplication of the efforts.

JPI Oceans will seek to utilise the broadest range of funding sources and instruments available at national, regional and European level. The instruments to be used and the type of actions to be undertaken will depend entirely on the challenge, in order to be fit-for-purpose. Tools and solutions could include but are not limited to: devising common research, innovation, infrastructure and monitoring strategies and programmes; developing science-to-policy mechanisms; sharing of human capacity, data and infrastructures; thematic workshops (e.g. on modelling), strategic workshops (e.g. on policy issues) and conferences; joint calls; common programmes; networks of organisations; institutional agreements; etc.

JPI Oceans covers all European sea basins with 19 participating countries: Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom. The European Commission is participating as a non-voting member of the Management Board.