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The European Marine Biological Resource Centre (EMBRC) is a pan-European research infrastructure providing a strategic delivery mechanism for excellent and large-scale marine science in Europe. EMBRC interconnects European marine research communities by upgrading and harmonizing their current infrastructures and services. It supports both fundamental and applied research based on marine bio-resources and marine ecosystems and as such encourages the development of blue biotechnologies. EMBRC provides the suitable research environment for a variety of users from both academia and industry.

Presently, EMBRC has nine European and associated countries as full members. EMBRC strives to establish a legal structure as a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) by the end of 2016, which will also lead to a restructuring of the organization of the Belgian node of EMBRC (EMBRC.be) with potential new partners. EMBRC.be is at date represented by Ghent University, University of Hasselt, Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences and the Flanders Marine Institute.

EMBRC builds on existing marine biological facilities, equipment and human capital. It aims for long-term collaboration, development of common strategies and standards, and sharing of best practices related to the use of marine biological resources. Services, tailored to users from academia, industry and governments, include access provision to European marine ecosystems and biodiversity, marine model organisms, culture collections, technology platforms, e-infrastructure services and training facilities.

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