Assemble + (A+) – Kick Off meeting
Introduction

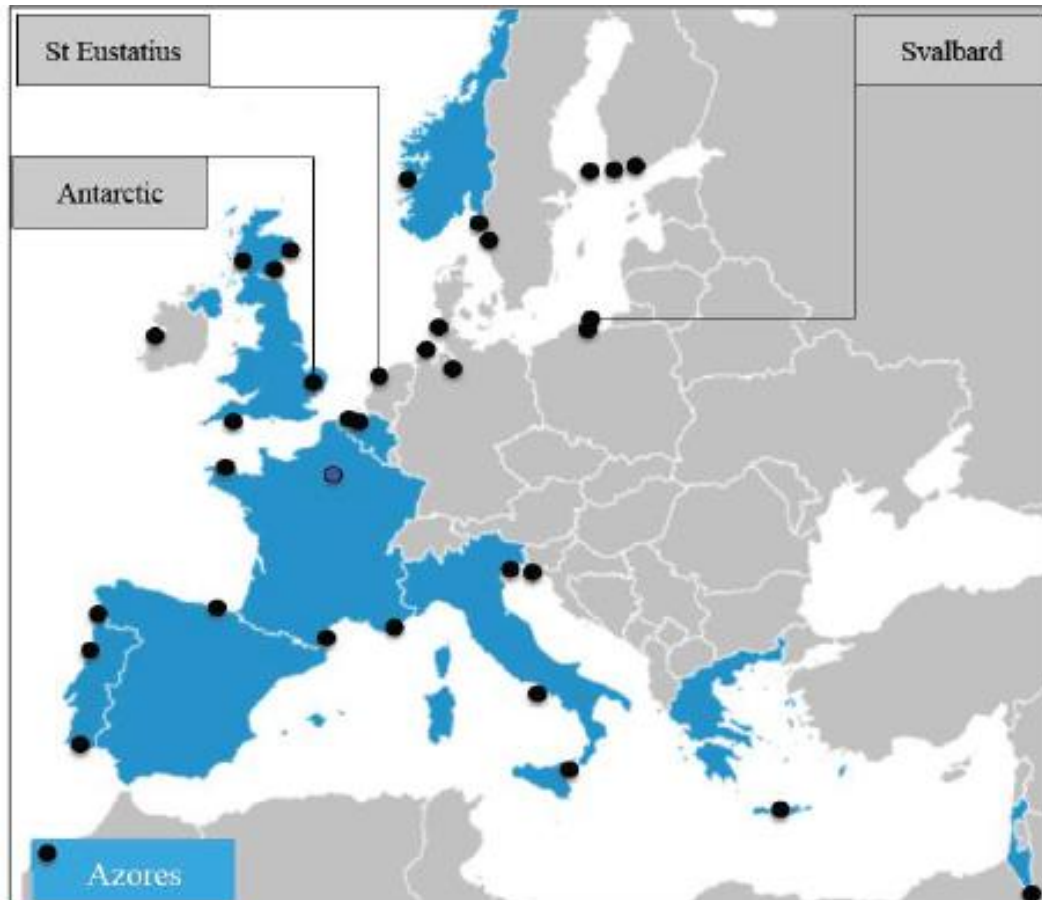**Ilaria Nardello**

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Assemble + : Association of European Marine Biological Research Laboratories Expanded

- Call Identifier: H2020-INFRAIA-1-2016-2017 -Integrating Activities for Advanced Communities

- Type of Action: RIA Research and Innovation action

- Coordination: UPMC

- Scientific Coordinator (Ilaria Nardello, EMBRC Executive Director)

- Duration : 48 months from October 1st 2017

Budget Allocation

- Budget : 10 M€

  – Management 10 % : 1 M€

  – Networking activities 15% : 1.5 M€

  – Joint Research Activities 25% : 2.5 M€
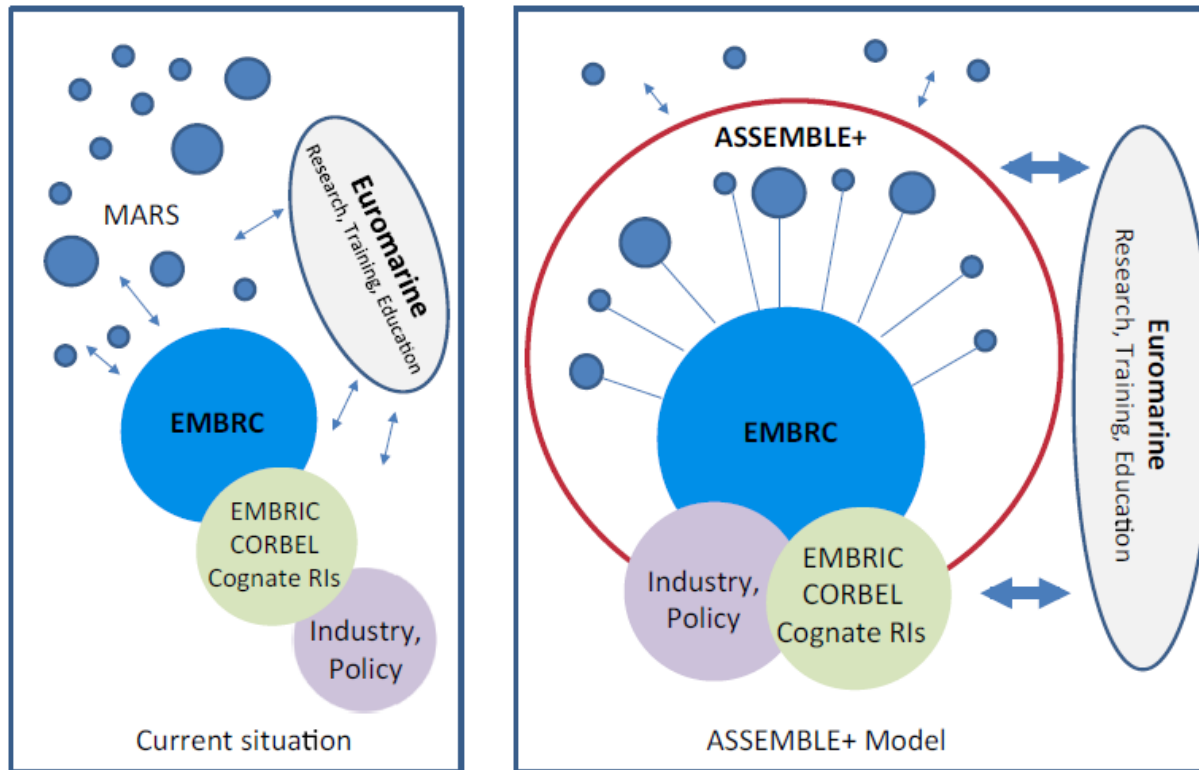
  – Trans-national Access system 50% : 5 M€

Partners

- 32 marine stations in 16 countries
- 14 EU member states and 2 associated countries

Impact of A+ on the marine biological RI landscape

➤ **A+ consolidates and expands EMBRC**

- ULTIMATE GOAL:

  IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILTY of marine stations
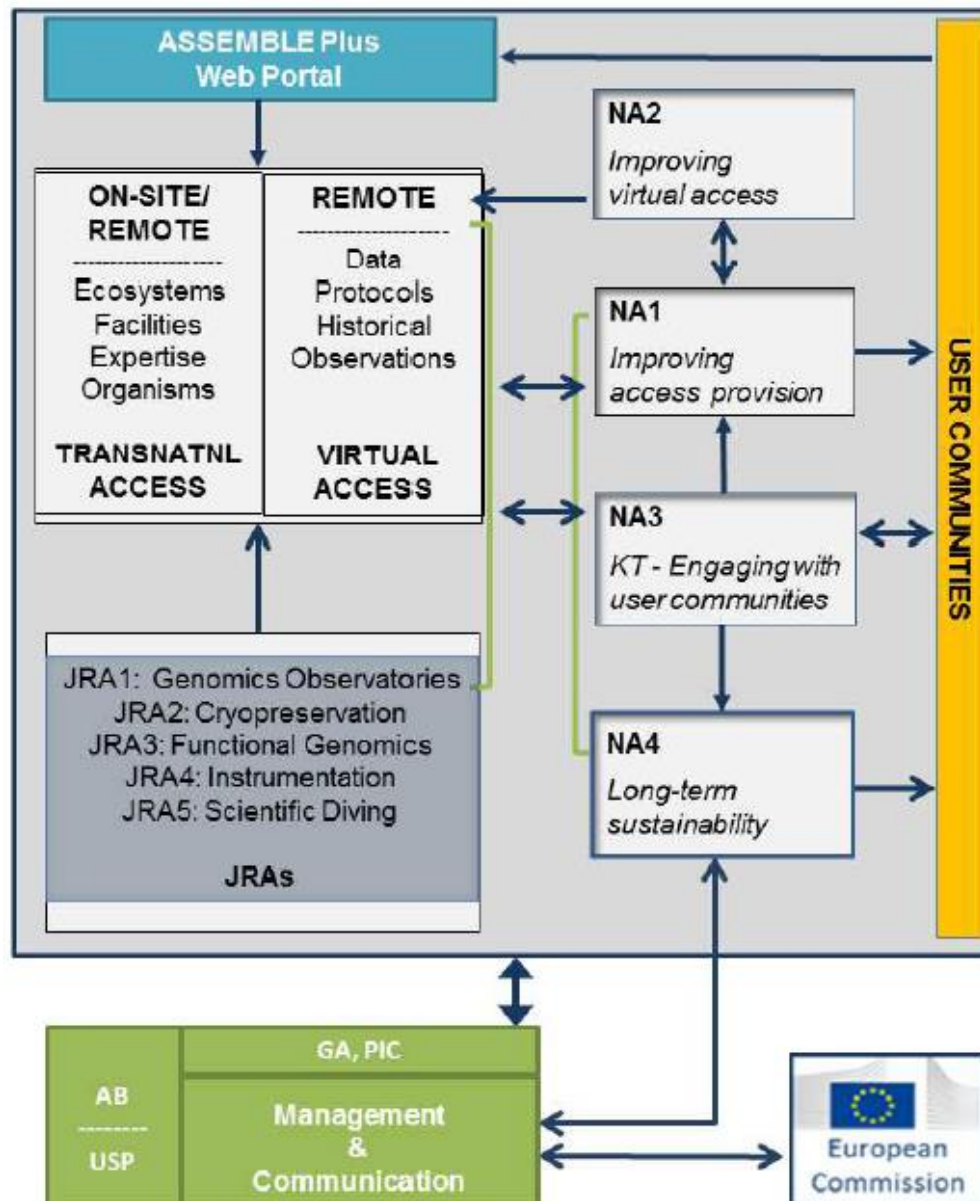
EXPECTED IMPACTS

- Increasing number of excellent-science publications citing A+ & RIs

- Potentiating RI services with new enabling technologies for various applications

- Innovative public-private partnerships and products

- Stimulating new investments with new users

IMPLEMENTATION

- Management and communication
- Improving access provision - NA1
- Focus on enhanced access to data - NA2
- Interconnection of research and industry - NA3
- Foresight studies and Sustainability Plans NA3 and NA4
- Joint develoment of new services
  – A+ Genomic Observatories JRA1
  – Cryobanking of marine organisms JRA2
  – Functional genomics of marine organisms JRA3
  – Instrumentation for experimental marine biology and ecology JRA4
  – Emerging technologies to improve diving-based science delivery JRA5
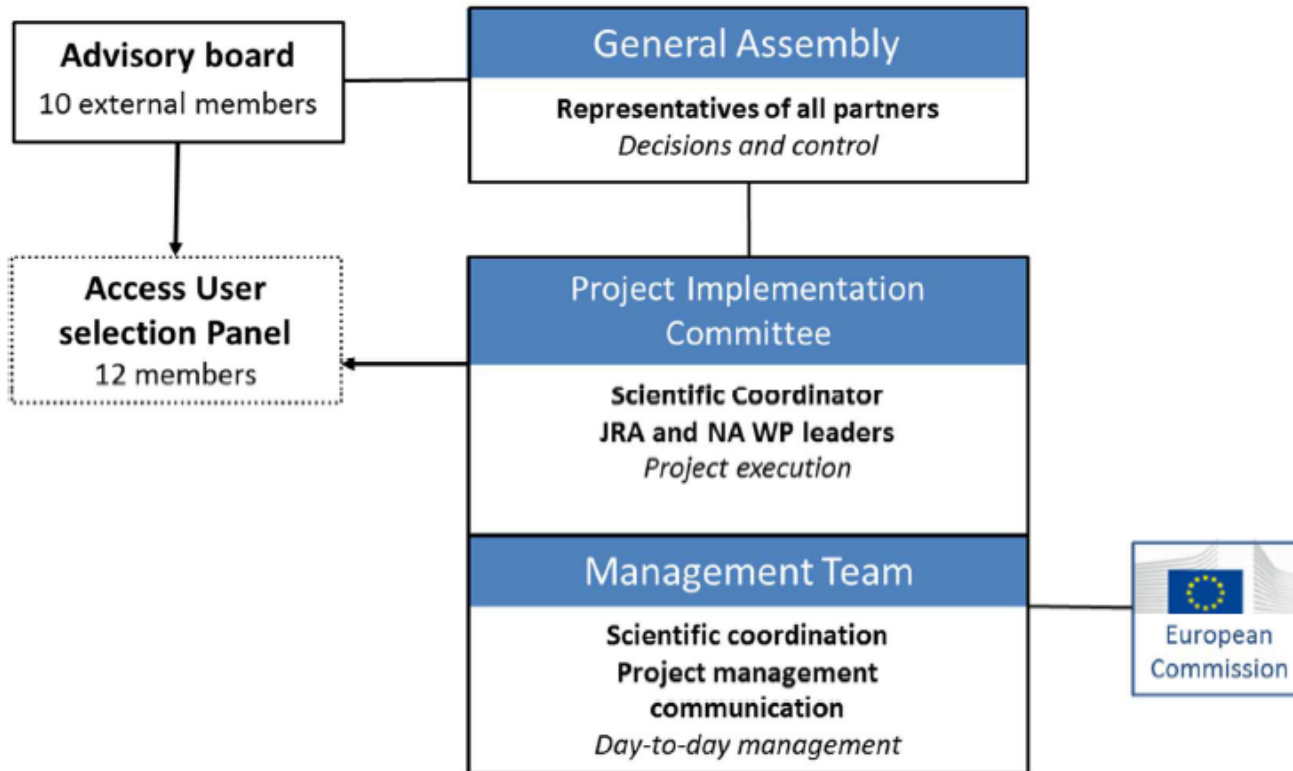- Trans-national Access TA1-20
- Virtual Access

A+ activities and interrelationship

Governance

Thank you for your attention !