



13th EMODnet Steering Committee Meeting  
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9-10 November

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## Welcome to the 13th EMODnet Steering Committee: 9-10 November 2020

### Practical guidelines and House Keeping Rules

- Close background applications and browser sessions even if you're not using them.
- If your internet connection/bandwidth is limited, do not use your video – switch it off, if not essential.
- Unless you are speaking, please keep yourself muted and video off. If you are not muting yourself, we will do it for you. Don't forget to unmute each time before talking.
- We will take an online group photo on Day 1 just before the first coffee break. If you do not wish to be included, please keep your video off.
- We will have regular breaks 2x short and try to keep the agenda items/discussions as focused as possible and ask all to try and keep attention with the meeting.
- Make use of the Chatbox as much as possible to share ideas and suggestions/information. If you wish to intervene please raise your hand / indicate this via chat.

## Impact of COVID19 on EMODnet operations, developments & continuity of service

Thematic lot	C3 2020 (July-Aug-Sep)	Interim (if it falls in the relevant time period)
Bathymetry	/	
Biology	Possible impact: decreases in downloads	Interim July 2020 - Delays due to COVID restrictions: some WP leaders reported that job cannot be performed as is they were in the office (IT infrastructure not able to sustain increased traffic + care responsibilities at home) - We might also see some delays with the data grant holders if they are not able to meet the deadlines established in the contracts due to poor internet connection, poor IT systems or care responsibilities.
Chemistry	/	
Geology	- COVID might affect progress of the project, especially staying on schedule/meeting deadlines. - Some partners encountered challenges, in using necessary tools caused by enforced remote working. - Subcontracts with organisations (for the Caspian Sea task) are in different stages, some delayed, mainly due to the COVID pandemic.	Interim September 2020 - Hindering of all face-to-face meetings - Delays in the Caspian Sea task area - Some partners or subcontractor organisations have been virtually closed for some time, or it has been difficult getting in contact with them. - Cancellation of many meetings and conferences. - Dip in usage (product downloads), possibly caused by seasonal fluctuations and COVID
Human Activities	/	
Physics	A couple of workshops (to be attended and/or organised) have been postponed to 2021	Interim September 2020 /
Seabed Habitats	/	Interim October 2020 - Despite the COVID crisis that made everything more difficult, we managed to maintain activities and services and achieve our objectives - The planned meetings with the RSC secretariats could not take place in person, however remote meetings were held and/or exchanged emails with all European RSC - For some partners: tasks taking longer (slow network speeds, or having to take additional time off to take care of children) – more days allocated to these tasks (but then fewer days available for other tasks later in the project) - Some partners: inability to perform some tasks due to inability to access their enterprise network – data processing postponed in some cases; unprocessed data will be dealt with and made available in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year - Cancellation of conferences
DIP	- Serious hampering by the COVID crisis of promotion activities and contacts with potential data providers (submitters) - COVID crisis has a major effect on the number of visitors and visits	

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### Main outputs of the webinar:

- 10 years- video
- Presentations are available
- Webinar recordings

### EMODnet 10 years

Webinar - EMODnet  
A decade of achievements  
connecting marine data to knowledge



EMODnet Secretariat

## Interactions between EMODnet and other European initiatives/actors

- CMEMS, MSFD, MSP, RSCs, JRC, EEA, EMSA

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## Interactions between EMODnet and Copernicus Marine Service (CMEMS) April – November 2020

- 12<sup>th</sup> EMODnet SC Document 4 gave a detailed overview of the interactions at coordination and operational levels
- 4<sup>th</sup> Coordination meeting on 20 April 2020 with all EMODnet thematic Coordinators invited to an open session on “operational technical aspects” <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/node/4719>
- Coastal Issues technical meeting, 16 June 2020 <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/node/4716>

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Related issues

- Maritime policy
- Marine knowledge
- Copernicus
- European Marine Observation and Data Network

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The EMODnet-CMEMS coordination meetings aim to foster current collaboration and leverage future mutual areas of benefit between EMODnet and CMEMS

**Date:** 20 April 2020, 14:00 - 16:45 (Sessions 1 & 2)

**Location:** Remote meeting (due to Covid-19 restrictions)



### EMODnet-CMEMS Thematic Workshop on Coastal Issues

**Date:** 16 June 2020 14:00-17:00 CEST (including 2x10 minutes Comfort Break)

#### Invited Participants:

- EMODnet thematic Coordinators (& 1-2 additional technical experts / thematic area, tbc) & Secretariat (4-5 Management & Technical staff, tbc)
- MOI & CMEMS
- Copernicus Land Service
- EC: DG MARE; DG DEFIS; DG CLIMA; DG ENV; DG RTD; DG JRC
- European Environment Agency (EEA)

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## Aquaculture Workshop: October 21-22 2020

### What:

- Joint workshop meeting with EATiP, EMODnet, CMEMS, DG Mare, DG DEFIS & Representatives from different backgrounds (mix of experienced marine data users, data providers, coastal managers and aquaculture industry representatives and end users)
- EMODnet Secretariat, thematic areas biology, chemistry, human activities and physics were represented at the meeting

### Main aims:

- Raise visibility about EMODnet and CMEMS open access data and data products
- Feedback on industry gaps and requirements for access to data, data products

### Follow Up:

- Discussion with CMEMS to develop a joint Use Cases
- Potential interesting stakeholders will become identified and informed about Associated Partnership Scheme



EATiP Member Organisations include:

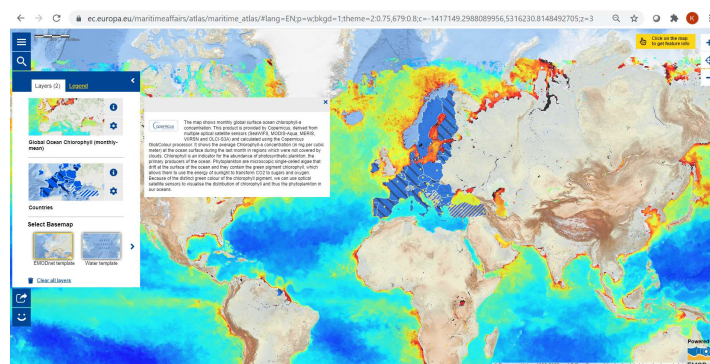
- Industry led national or regional aquaculture networks
- Commercial companies
- Research Institutions
- Universities

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## Interactions between EMODnet and Copernicus Marine Service (CMEMS)

- Thematic interactions e.g. CMEMS-EMODnet MSFD catalogue (EMODnet Chemistry) and MSP catalogue (EMODnet Human Activities); CMEMS and EMODnet seabed habitats meeting on 17 June 2020
- New map layers on the European Atlas of the Seas (e.g. surface ocean chlorophyll-a, ocean monitoring indicators e.g. Sea level trend and one on SST trend)



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## EMODnet Open Conference & Jamboree

Document 5: Draft Open Conference 2021 programme

- General reflections (sessions, speakers)
- How to build on the EMODnet 10 years webinar?
- EMODnet thematic areas involvement (Open Conference and Jamboree)
- Opportunities for cross-thematic activities contributing to the new vision
- Suggestions for the Hybrid event

<https://www.emodnet.eu/en/conference2021>

### EMODnet Second Open Conference and Jamboree

Mark your calendar! New dates for the EMODnet Second Open Conference and Jamboree

Oostende, Belgium



Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, our second EMODnet Open Conference and Jamboree is postponed to 14-18 June 2021.

During the event, EMODnet partners, data providers and users will take stock of EMODnet achievements over the past 10 years, connect across stakeholder communities and set goals for the future. To start the week, the Open Conference will focus on use cases and requirements for developing essential open marine data services for blue economy actors, the public sector, civil society and the research community.

- **Dates:** From Monday 14 June until Friday 18 June 2021
- **Location:** Oostende, Belgium
- **Venue:** Grote Post, Hendrik Serruyslaan 18a, 8400 Oostende
- **Co-organisers:** EMODnet Secretariat, VLIZ & DG MARE

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## EMODnet contribution to UN 2030 Agenda and UN Ocean Conference

- SDG 14.3.1 data portal on <http://oa.iode.org>
- SULITEST SDG14 MODULE - WORKING GROUP by UN DESA, sulitest and MOi (EMODnet Secretariat & EMODnet Chemistry)
- UN Ocean Conference 2021 (dates to be confirmed): Potential joint EMODnet-CMEMS side meeting on “Marine data for SDG14 and the UN2030 Agenda”



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