

Open Conference 2023 Summary Facts

17th EMODnet Steering Committee
7-8 November 2022

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Key Information for Consideration

When: Ensuring no overlap with other major events in the marine ecosystem, we propose:

- 23-27 October 2023
- 21-25 November 2023
- 28 November – 2 December 2023

Location/Venue: Physical meeting in Belgium

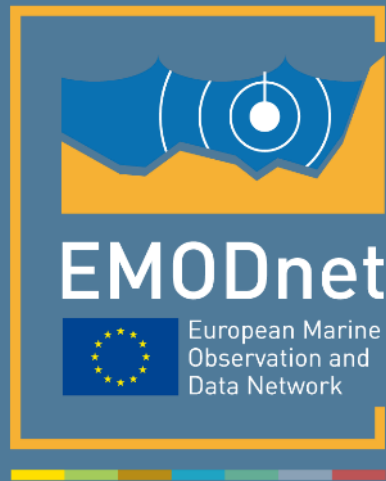
- Brussels or Oostende with location that allows for maximum EC and stakeholder attendance, Logistics service (tbc), VLIZ (tbc), with support from all EMODnet Coordinators and partners.
- *Selected plenary sessions may be livestreamed (tbc), but without the opportunity for interaction (i.e. no Q&A), to encourage people to travel.*

Proposed Structure:

The main structure of the Open Conference 2023 will be two and a half days starting the afternoon after the end of the Jamboree, then one full day and finish at 13:00 on the final day. Proposal to have more **cross-thematic sessions**.

The 2023 EMODnet Open Conference will have the following key aims:

- **Celebrate and recognize** the vital role of all the EMODnet partners and stakeholders have in making these ongoing achievements possible and making EMODnet truly one pan-European connected marine family, providing multidisciplinary free and open access to marine data, data-products and services fostering a diverse and expanding user base;
- **Take stock** of EMODnet's landmark centralisation, current offer and user-experience;
- **Showcase testimonials from all user** sectors to underpin EMODnet's direct relevance and contributions to EU and global policy and to its increasingly global and diverse user base;
- **Further strengthen and optimise partnerships** that deliver EMODnet, and wider collaborations to increase EMODnet's uptake and impact;
- **Receive feedback and co-design** the vision for EMODnet to 2030.



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