



# EMODnet Biology update

9th EMODnet TWG Meeting & 14<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Joint Session

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# Status update (on thematic Portal)

- Completed Phase III and started Phase IV (April 20<sup>th</sup>)
- All data products published during the first four months of 2021
- COVID impacts:
  - Delays in data submission (from partners and data grant holders)
  - Delays in data product completion/publication
  - Some partners non-responsive or taking much longer to respond to emails
  - General fatigue (not helped by the countless deadlines and ad-hoc requests)
  - ~ 20% decrease in website visits since last meeting (when compared with traffic from April to October 2020)
  - ~ 30% decrease in data downloads
  - All meetings/events held online
  - For online events, even though the social interaction is decreased/absent, there was an increase in # participants

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# Cross-Thematic Interactions

- Data product published using the 2019 Seabed Habitats broadscale habitat map and the synthetic map of the North-West European Shelf sedimentary environment (<https://www.emodnet-biology.eu/data-catalog?module=dataset&dasid=6620>)
- Contribution for the EMOnet-CMEMS data product portfolio for the Baltic Sea
- Inclusion of datasets submitted via EMODnet Ingestion

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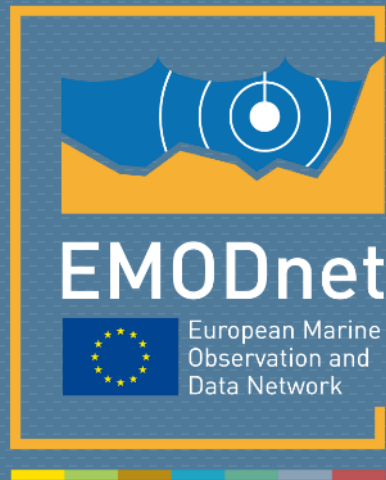
# External interactions

- Organised the Data Solutions for a Changing Ocean event with various European and International organisations
- Meeting with EEA to discuss the uptake of datasets used for the Nature Directive
- Participation in the Workshop on Marine Data to Support Aquaculture in the Mediterranean and Black Seas
- Participation in the EVOLMAR 2020 conference with the presentation “How can EMODnet Biology be used for marine biodiversity studies?”

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# Future Outlook

- Migration to the central Portal (due in October 2021)
- Continue data ingestion submitted by project partners
- Develop new products to cater for our various stakeholders requirements
- Work with OBIS community on a workflow/procedures to manage –omics data
- Develop procedures to allow the linkage of images to data
- Explore the implementation of ERDDAP and expand existing web services



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