



Synergies and Clustering between Maritime Projects (EASME/EMFF/2020/3.1.12) – SI2.850620

“Workshop on Ocean Health & Observation”

Location: Online (Zoom).

Link to join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84698558136?pwd=cngxalRVNXF3aFVsdmhJOHdhZFhSQ09>

Format: The workshop will take place in two parts, with the second being exclusively for group discussion

Timing: 10:00 – 13:00 CET, 17 April 2023

Moderator: Alessandro Pititto, Cogea

Registration link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/onceanhealthandobservation>

This workshop wants to explore exchange of information, synergies and clustering between ocean health & observation projects, funded by both the EMFF/EMFAF and other funding programmes. Its main goal is to establish a framework to foster information exchange, networking and cooperation across projects and beneficiaries.

The workshop will present success stories, information and funding options for project coordinators to consider with the objective of establishing synergies and stimulate potential cooperation in the field of ocean health & observation.

The EMFF has funded [15 projects dealing with ocean health & observation](#).

In addition, examples of other relevant non-EMFF/EMFAF projects are: [EU4OceanObs](#) (SFPI), [COLUMBUS](#) (H2020), [EuroSea](#) (H2020), [SeaDataNet](#) (H2020), [Blue Cloud](#) (H2020), [JERICO-S3](#) (H2020)

These projects span a wide range of topics that don't necessarily have a clear link with each other. However, it is still believed that project beneficiaries might benefit from stronger cooperation with other projects.

The workshop will take place online on 17 April 2023 from 10:00 to 13:00 CET.

Agenda

Chair: Alessandro PITITTO, Cogea

Part 1: Policy context, funding options, synergies & cooperation success stories

- 10:00-10:05** **Welcome and introduction**
Alessandro PITITTO, COGEA
- 10:05-10:15** **Policy context and landscape**
DG MARE
- 10:15-10:25** **ExPloTect and BASTA**
Aaron BECK, GEOMAR
- 10:25-10:35** **MarGnet, MAELSTROM, Life DREAM**
Fantina MADRICARDO, ISMAR-CNR
- 10:35-10:45** **SeaDataNet**
Dick SCHAAP, Maris
- 10:45-11:00** **Comfort Break**

Part 2: Knowledge sharing and networking

- 11:00-11:10** **Introduction to Part 2**
Alessandro PITITTO, Cogea
- 11:10-12:30** **Breakout discussion**
How to secure funding? What is the best “business model” for a research/policy project?
How to facilitate cooperation & synergies between project beneficiaries?
What ocean health & observation research/policy priorities should the EC address over the coming years?
- 12:30-12:45** **In plenary – Summary of discussions**
- 12:45-13:00** **Formal meeting close**