

Advancing Seas & Oceans Science

The European Marine Board provides a pan-European platform for its member organizations to develop common priorities, to advance marine research and to bridge the gap between science and policy, in order to meet future marine science challenges and opportunities.

Enhancing cooperation between European organizations



The European Marine Board (established in 1995) facilitates enhanced cooperation between European organizations involved in marine science (research institutes, research funding bodies and nationally-based consortia of third-level institutes) towards development of a common vision on the research priorities and strategies for marine science in Europe.

“The European Marine Board plays a very crucial role developing and communicating common positions on research priorities and strategies for European marine science, as well as facilitating cooperation between stakeholders involved in supporting, developing and using marine research and technology.”

Máire Geoghegan-Quinn,
EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science

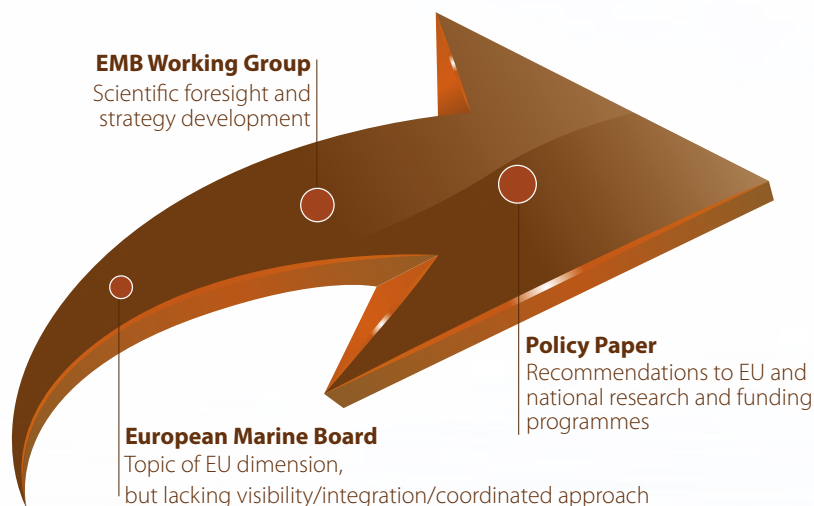


The European Marine Board acts at the interface between science on the one hand and science and maritime policy on the other. As such, the Board is a long-established European science policy interface focused on the seas and oceans.

By providing a platform for a large number of marine and maritime research stakeholders, EMB fosters collaborations and joint identification of priorities. Through facilitation of expert working groups, preparation of joint statements and organizing high-level stakeholder events (e.g. EMB Open Forum and the EurOCEAN conference series), EMB contributes to forging a collective vision on the future direction of European marine science and technology for sustainable ocean management and governance.

Transferring knowledge and promoting leadership in marine research and technology

The EMB provides the essential components for transferring knowledge from the scientific community to decision makers, promoting Europe's leadership in marine research and technology. The EMB initiates analysis and studies and translates them into clear policy recommendations to national agencies and governments as well as to European institutions.



In 2014, the European Marine Board represents 36 member organizations from 19 countries.



Since 2001 the Navigating the Future series has been widely recognized, both by researchers and science policymakers, as providing critical periodic foresight and recommendations on emerging marine science topics and needs and associated societal challenges and opportunities. Navigating the Future IV (June 2013) has been recognized as a blueprint for the next phase of seas and oceans research in Europe.



