

Feedback from European Marine Board to the [EU Action Plan “Towards a Zero Pollution Ambition for air, water and soil”](#) (12 October 2020)

We urge the European Commission not to forget about the ocean! We welcome the EU’s ambition to end environmental pollution, but this ambition should include the achievement of zero pollution of our coasts and seas. The inclusion of seas and ocean under the category of “water” may not been seen as obvious to everyone. This is especially important if you consider that most of the problems of the ocean originate from land, including nutrient and chemical pollution from agriculture such as herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers and antibiotics.

We recommend the strengthening of implementation and enforcement, seeking improvements to the governance of pollution policies, and increasing the connectivity with current EU ocean-based regulations, such as the 2008 Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the marine environmental pillar of the EU, the 2006 Waste Shipment Regulation and the 2000 Port Reception Facilities Directive, among others.