

IMPACT REPORT

Marine Geohazards: Safeguarding society and the Blue Economy from a hidden threat, *EMB Position Paper 26, December 2021*

& Uncovering the hidden threat of Marine Geohazards in Europe, *EMB Policy Brief 10, April 2022*

The EMB Position Paper and Policy Brief on Marine Geohazards were produced by a Working Group of 12 members between February 2020 to December 2021. The Working Group was Chaired by Heidrun Kopp (GEOMAR, Germany) and co-Chaired by Francesco Chiocci (University of Rome "Sapienza", Italy).



The Position Paper was launched during the 8th EMB Forum on “*Supporting the Ocean Decade in Europe*” on 1 December 2021 in Brussels, Belgium. The document and its recommendations were also presented during a dedicated EMB Third Thursday Webinar in December 2021. The Policy Brief was launched at a workshop entitled “*Exploring the future of MSP in the light of the European Green Deal*” at the European Maritime Day in Ravenna, Italy on 19 May 2022.

The launch of the Position Paper was communicated in several international media outlets (online newspapers & radio). Cases such as the volcanic eruption in La Palma island in 2021 and submarine volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga in 2022, helped to raise awareness about dormant geological risks and increased the visibility of the document and its recommendations for future research and policy.

The documents have been widely cited in both academic and grey literature, and informed the development of the implementation plan of the Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme, led by IOC-UNESCO. The documents have been featured on PreventionWeb, the knowledge sharing platform from the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction. The documents were also fundamental for the 3rd German Marine Research Alliance (DAM) research mission on marine extreme events and natural hazards.

As we were drafting the Position Paper, I never imagined how helpful it would turn out to be, not only for funding agencies, but also for scientists developing proposals.

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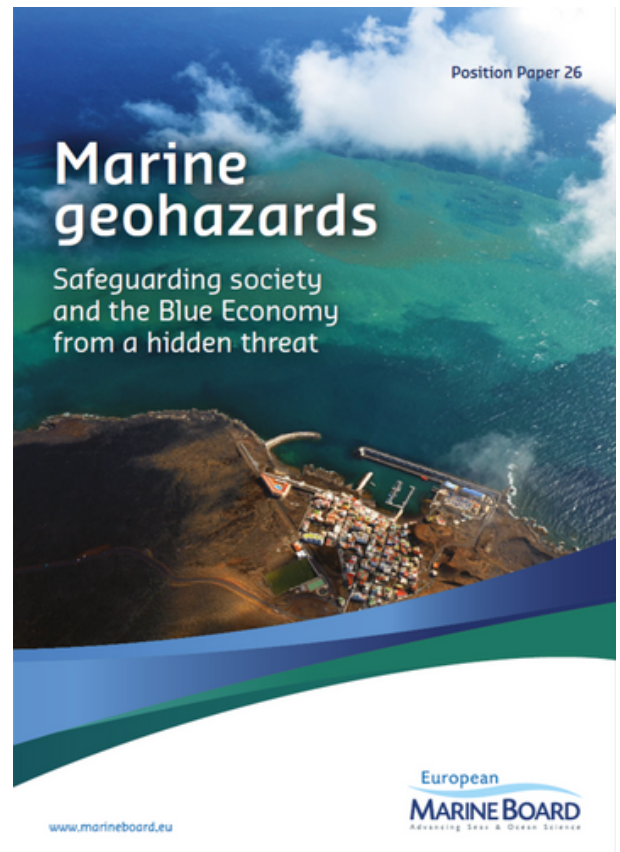
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