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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

European Marine Board

The European Marine Board was established in 1995 to facilitate enhanced cooperation between European organizations involved in marine science. Today, EMB represents 36 member organizations (research funding bodies, research institutes and nationally-based consortia of third-level institutes) working together towards a common European vision on the research priorities and strategies for marine science.

The European Marine Board provides the essential components for transferring knowledge from the scientific community to decision makers, promoting Europe's leadership in marine research and technology. Adopting a strategic role, the EMB provides a unique forum within which marine research policy advice to national agencies and to the European institutions is developed, with the objective of promoting the establishment of the European *Marine* Research Area.



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A Selection of Key Events and



EU FP7 SEAS-ERA 2nd Strategic Forum, *Research Challenges and Priorities in European Sea Basins*

06 February 2013, Brussels (page 23)



EU FP7 CSA MarineBiotech final conference, Challenges and Opportunities for Marine Biotechnology in Europe

11-12 March 2013, Brussels (pages 22 and 36)



EU FP7 STAGES Steering Committee meeting

13-14 March 2013, Brussels (page 25)



EMB Spring 2013 Plenary Meeting

24-25 April 2013, Bergen (page 14)



European Maritime Day Stakeholder Conference 2013 features three workshops with EMB involvement

22 May 2013, Malta (pages 37)

Milestones from the 2013 Calendar



High-level launch of EMB Navigating the Future IV (Position Paper 20)

> 20 June 2013, Brussels (page 30)



Ocean Literacy Workshop, Defining an Ocean Literacy agenda for Horizon 2020 and transatlantic cooperation

> 25-26 June 2013, Ostend (page 21)



Kick-off meeting of the EMB Working Group on Submerged Landscapes (WG SUBLAND)

26 September 2013, Szczecin (page 34)



2nd meeting of the EMB Working Group on Valuing Marine Ecosystems (WG VALMARE)

01 October 2013, Dublin (page 34)



EMB Autumn 2013 Plenary Meeting

23-24 October 2013, Lisbon (page 16)

Message from the Chair



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2013 European Marine Board Annual Report. The many activities and achievements of the Board during the year are documented in this report. Key events in any year for the Board are its plenary meetings, when delegates come together to exchange information and decide upon future strategic directions and activities for the

Board. I would firstly like to thank the delegates of our Norwegian member organizations, University of Bergen, Institute of Marine Research and the Research Council of Norway, who jointly hosted our spring plenary in April 2013. Particular thanks goes to Marine Board vice-Chair, Peter Haugan, for his practical support in ensuring that the meeting was a great success. Likewise, my sincere thanks to another EMB vice-Chair, Ricardo Santos, representing FCT, and the team from the Portuguese Intersectoral Oceanographic Commission, for their excellent hosting the autumn plenary at the spectacular Ministry of Education and Science facilities in Lisbon.

My main message this year will focus on just one of the many achievements for the EMB in 2013: the publication of Navigating the Future IV. The Board's evolution since its establishment in 1999 can be marked out by the periodic publication of its Navigating the Future papers. This series has become a highly influential in identifying the key European seas and oceans research challenges and priorities at approximately five-year intervals. With an almost seven year gap since publication of Navigating the Future III in 2006, the fourth version was well overdue. Its publication was also timely, given that the preparation of the first calls for the new Horizon 2020 programme was just getting underway.

Navigating the Future IV scans the horizon to anticipate emerging societal challenges and corresponding future research priorities concerning the seas and oceans. The paper demonstrates the key role of marine science in addressing societal challenges and supporting blue growth. It outlines the tools and technologies that will be needed to realize these opportunities including the next generation of ocean observation infrastructure. It also examines the training and skills that will be required by tomorrow's marine experts, and the importance of creating better interactions between marine scientists, policymakers and the general public.

As described in detail on pages 30 and 31 of this report, Navigating the Future IV was launched at a dedicated event held in Brussels on 20 June 2013. The event was attended by the EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, and the European Parliament Rapporteur for the Horizon 2020 programme, Maria da Graça Carvalho. In each of their addresses they emphasized the important role that Navigating the Future IV will play in supporting the EU efforts to promote blue growth and to achieve a sustainable management of Europe's seas and oceans, underpinned by excellent science and driven by innovation. I extend my thanks to both for their support and encouragement for the European Marine Board's work.

I also take the opportunity to thank the very large number of experts who contributed to the production of Navigating the Future IV. These are too many to mention here but are listed in full inside the document itself. The participation of such a large number of scientists, science networks and stakeholders means that Navigating the Future IV represents the collective voice of a large marine community in Europe.

As always, I take the opportunity to pay tribute to the staff of the Marine Board Secretariat, who not only coordinated the entire Navigating the Future IV process, but oversaw the many other activities and outputs of the Boards work in 2013 with professionalism and enthusiasm. I thank each of them for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Board's members.

2014 will be my final year as Chair of the European Marine Board as I will step down at the plenary meeting in May. I have thoroughly enjoyed by time as EMB Chair and hope that I have been able to help steer the Board through some interesting times and important discussions for its future and for the future of marine science in Europe. It has been a privilege to work with my ExCom colleagues, the EMB delegates and Secretariat during my three year term and I look forward to continuing to contribute to the Board's work as a delegate and also in creating closer links with the EuroGOOS network for which I am now Secretary General. The EMB has a bright future as a leading community for marine science in Europe and I anticipate many more interesting and important challenges in 2014 and beyond.

Dr Kostas Nittis (Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Greece)

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Chair, Marine Board

Executive Scientific Secretary's Report



On behalf of the Secretariat, I am pleased to present this report as a record of the Board's achievements and outputs during 2013. In 2013, the EMB published three position papers and one science commentary. Two position papers were launched at the European Maritime Days in Malta in May. An advanced draft of *Linking Oceans and Human Health: A Strategic Research Priority*

for Europe was presented at a dedicated workshop organized in partnership with JPI Oceans. The workshop was highly successful in raising the profile of this research area to EU stakeholders and policymakers. Position Paper 18, Achieving Ecologically Coherent Networks of MPAs in Europe: Science Needs and Priorities, was launched at another EMD workshop, presented by Dr. Kate Larkin of the Secretariat and the working group Chair, Dr. Esben Molen Olsen of IMR, Norway. In each case, these papers represent more than two years of work by the working group members and the Secretariat. It is very rewarding to see them come to fruition.

In April 2013, EMB published its first Science Commentary, *Getting ready for an ice-free Arctic.* Science commentaries are a new instrument for the Board, designed to present a high-level message or agreed position of the members in the form of a short article. For this reason, they can be produced and disseminated more rapidly than larger papers. Following publication, the Arctic paper was disseminated actively at several major international events (see page 34). Science commentaries may also be published as perspectives in major science journals and for future editions this should be a priority. They are an important new addition to the Board's range of instruments.

The major output of 2013 was Navigating the Future IV, described in detail in this report and addressed in the Chair's message. I would like to pay tribute to my colleagues in the Secretariat, past and present, who have worked over several years to make Navigating the Future IV a reality. Of course, the document depended upon the contributions, generously provided, by many experts across many different fields. However, stitching all of the often disparate and fragmented texts together to form a coherent narrative was highly challenging and I thank my Secretariat colleagues and EMB delegates for their invaluable editorial contributions. The feedback from the Board members and from external stakeholders has been very positive (pages 30-31).

In 2013, the Secretariat continued to coordinate the EMB's contribution to several FP7 projects. In February, the 2nd SEAS-ERA Forum, organized by EMB Science Officer, Dr. Nan-Chin Chu, presented strategic research agendas for the Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea basins which had been produced as part of the SEAS-ERA project (pages 23-24). This was one of the most important events of the four-year SEAS-ERA project.

The end of the CSA MarineBiotech project was marked in March with a highly successful final conference, coorganized by EMB through Science Officer, Jan-Bart Calewaert. This project has laid a strong foundation for a follow-up ERA-NET on marine biotechnology which was already in preparation at the time of the conference. In September 2013, Jan-Bart took the decision to leave the Secretariat to move on to a new challenge as head of the newly established EMODNet Secretariat, also located in the InnovOcean site in Ostend. During his six years as a Marine Board Science Officer, Jan-Bart contributed enormously to the work of the Secretariat and to the mission of the Board. I wish him the very best of luck in his new role.

The Secretariat was also fortunate with the arrival in September, on a six-month secondment, of Dr. Doris Abele from AWI in Germany. Doris played an important role in supporting the EMB work on the FP7 STAGES project and in putting together the programme for the 4th EMB Forum, planned for March 2014. I am very grateful to Doris, not just for her valuable work, but for her enthusiasm and lateral thinking during her time with us. By the end of 2013, a recruitment process was almost complete to add two new Science Officers to the Secretariat, following a decision to increase the team to six persons.

I would like to thank my Secretariat colleagues, Kate Larkin, Nan-Chin Chu, Jan-Bart Calewaert and Dina Eparkhina for their diligent work and dedication during 2013. I also thank our Chair, Kostas Nittis, and the members of the EMB ExCom for their sound advice and support on all aspects of the EMB work programme. I very much look forward to working with all of these colleagues to drive the EMB agenda in what will, no doubt, be another busy year in 2014.

Dr Niall McDonough

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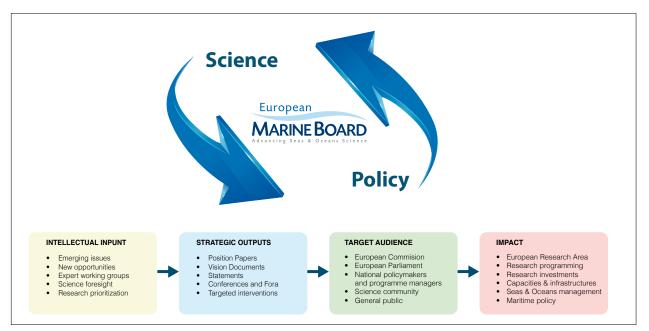
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ABOUT THE MARINE BOARD

Objectives

The European Marine Board (EMB or Marine Board) provides an independent platform for organizations involved in supporting, delivering and using marine research and technology to develop common positions on research priorities and strategies in Europe. EMB acts as a science-policy interface, transferring and translating scientific knowledge to policymakers. EMB stakeholders include the Board's members, partner European and international networks, policymakers, strategy developers and programme managers at national and European level as well as the marine and maritime science community.

EMB is a unique marine science forum which develops scientific foresight by initiating state-of-the-art analysis and studies and translating them into clear policy recommendations to national agencies and governments as well as to European institutions.



Since its establishment in 1995, the European Marine Board has become an important science-policy interface for marine science and technology, translating and transferring scientific expert advice to policymakers, and policy needs to the scientific community

Instruments

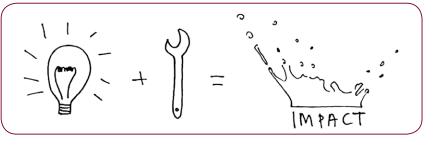
Where the EMB identifies a topic of strategic interest as the basis for a new activity, it applies one of a range of instruments to deliver a tailored impact. Targeted at European and national research programme managers, strategy developers, policymakers and the marine research community, EMB outputs drive future European and national marine research agendas, programmes and supporting strategies and policies.

Publications

EMB publishes a wide range of science-policy documents written by leading European experts working as part of a dedicated working group. The activities of working groups are led by a chair and facilitated by the EMB Secretariat. Prior to publication, EMB

reports are subjected to international peer review and final approval by the EMB member organizations.

Position Papers are the principle foresight and priority-setting instrument of the European Marine Board. Position papers deliver a thorough analysis of the state-ofthe-art relevant to the topic at hand, and a roadmap with concrete recommendations for improving the European research effort in this area (see page 29).



Future Science Briefs have a scope similar to position papers but are specifically targeted at a non-specialist audience and are much shorter in length. As with position papers, FSBs set high-level future research priorities for an area of identified strategic importance at European level.

Vision Documents give impetus to an important topic in a rapidly changing policy landscape. They are short and highly visual, written and designed with the primary aim of raising the profile and awareness of a topic.

Biennial Open Forum

The Open Forum brings together a wide range of marine research and development stakeholders to discuss and develop a common position on a topic selected by the Marine Board members. The forum bridges the gap between the scientific community and policymakers and prepares a joint vision and recommendations to advance the issue at hand (see pages 15 and 34).

EMB Panels

EMB panels are networks of national experts focusing on a particular research support tool. They provide a platform for the panel members to exchange best practices, network, and have a common voice at European level. EMB panels organize thematic workshops, produce reports and issue joint statements. The panels are periodically reviewed by the European Marine Board (see page 18).

Conferences

EMB is guardian of the EurOCEAN conference series. EurOCEAN conferences are jointly organized with the European Commission and normally take place as official events of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. EurOCEAN conferences (held since 1993) are now established as "a major forum for the European Commission's partnership with the marine scientific community" (Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, EurOCEAN 2010, Ostend).

In addition to the above-mentioned instruments, the European Marine Board employs a number of other flexible mechanisms, implemented on an *ad hoc* basis to bridge the gap between science and policy, e.g. policy statements, workshops, briefings, etc. EMB also provides common responses to EU consultations on issues of relevance for seas and oceans science in Europe.

Structure and Governance

The European Marine Board is a pan-European partnership of national organizations which are either research funding organizations, RFOs (e.g. research councils or ministries), research performing organizations, RPOs (e.g. national marine research institutes) or nationally-based consortia of third-level institutes (normally universities). EMB activities and the operation of its secretariat are funded through annual member contributions and external contracts.

In 2013, EMB represented 36 organizations from 20 European countries (a list of EMB member organizations and delegates is provided in Annex 1).

Member Organizations and Delegates

The EMB's mixed membership of RPOs, RFOs and national university consortia, ensures its unique capacity to deliver science policy advice on issues of identified strategic importance and to influence European marine research agendas. Representing the major organizations involved in marine research in Europe, the Board's member organization delegates (i) provide a high-level overview of national science policy priorities, (ii) guarantee a multidisciplinary and high-quality scientific expertise for the Board's activities, and (iii) ensure a high-level uptake of the Board's strategic recommendations at national and European levels.

EMB delegates meet twice a year at plenary meetings to share knowledge, to define common priorities, and to agree on activities and outputs. The European Commission and the UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission are permanent observers to EMB plenary meetings.



A full list of EMB member organizations and delegates is available on the website: www.marineboard.eu/about/members, and in Annex 1 of this report.

European Marine Board delegates and invited speakers and guests at the Autumn 2013 Plenary Meeting (23-24 October 2013, Lisbon)

Executive Committee

EMB operations are overseen by the Executive Committee (ExCom), composed of a Chair, six vice-Chairs and the Executive Scientific Secretary who, as the head of the Secretariat, is an *ex-officio* ExCom member. ExCom members are elected by the EMB members for a three-year period, renewable once for two years upon re-election. The ExCom meets three times per year to follow up on the implementation of the actions agreed by the Board at plenary meetings, make operational and financial decisions and give strategic guidance to the Board and Secretariat.

ExCom members and their mandates as of December 2013:



Kostas Nittis – Chair Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Greece May 2011 - May 2014



Alessandro Crise National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (OGS), Italy May 2012 - May 2015



Peter Haugan University of Bergen / Marine Strategic Board, Norway May 2011- May 2014



Gilles Lericolais French Research Institute for the Exploration of the Sea (Ifremer); France October 2013-October 2016



Ricardo Santos

Science and Technology Foundation (FCT), Portugal May 2012 - May 2015



Tarmo Soomere Estonian Academy of Sciences, Estonia May 2012 - May 2015



Jacky Wood National Environment Research Council (NERC), United Kingdom May 2012 - May 2015



Niall McDonough Marine Board Executive Scientific Secretary and Head of Marine Board Secretariat, *ex-officio* member

Secretariat

The strategic and operational decisions and activities proposed by the Board and ExCom are implemented by the Secretariat. Based at the EMB offices in Ostend, Belgium, the Secretariat is headed by the Marine Board Executive Scientific Secretary, who is also a member of the ExCom.

Some changes in the composition of the Secretariat took place in 2013. In September, Jan-Bart Calewaert left his position as an EMB Science Officer to take up a new role as Head of the new EU-funded EMODnet Secretariat. Early in 2013, a call was issued to the EMB members for expressions of interest for suitable candidates to join the Secretariat on a six-month secondment. As a result of this, Dr. Doris Abele, a biologist based at the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI) in Germany, temporarily relocated to Ostend and joined the Secretariat for the period from September 2013 to February 2014.





EMB Secretariat 2013, from left: Niall McDonough (Executive Scientific Secretary), Dina Eparkhina (Administration and Coordination Officer), Nan-Chin Chu, Jan-Bart Calewaert and Kate Larkin (Science Officers)

Doris Abele (AWI, Germany), joined the EMB Secretariat in September 2013 on a six-month secondment

A full list of the current EMB Secretariat officers is available on the website: www.marineboard.eu/about/secretariat.

2013 IN A NUTSHELL

EMB Impact in 2013

- Two new member organizations join EMB: Croatian Ruder Bošković Institute (IRB) and German Marine Research Consortium (KDM)
- EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, welcomes Navigating the Future IV (Position Paper 20) as an important blueprint to guide marine science and technology in Europe (p. 30)
- Positon Paper 18 on Marine Protected Areas launched at the European Maritime Day in Malta informs several national, regional and pan-European networks (p.33)
- A dedicated workshop on Oceans and Human Health is organized at European Maritime Day in Malta where an advanced draft of EMB Position Paper 19 on this topic is released (p.32)
- Three new expert working groups are launched: WG SUBLAND (Submerged Landscapes), WG VALMARE (Valuing Marine Ecosystems) and WG Deep-Sea (p.34)

EMB 2013 in Figures

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Working groups and panels running (pp. 18, 32)	7
Experts involved in working groups and panels (p. 48)	84
New working groups in preparation (p. 16)	1
Meetings organized, including jointly (p. 52)	22
Presentations at meetings (p. 53)	19
Represented at meetings (total incl. all participation)	64
EU Framework Programme (FP) projects running (p. 22)	3
Total partner organizations in Marine Board EU FP projects, excluding EMB	39
Represented at stakeholder projects and panels (p. 28)	9
Publications prepared and published (excluding FP7 deliverables)	4
Publications disseminated (approximately)	5,200
Conferences where Marine Board publications were disseminated (p. 54)	16

FORUM

The European Marine Board brings together marine research stakeholders, representatives of the marine science community, funding agencies and national and pan-European science institutions and platforms, to promote and advance seas and oceans research in Europe and globally.

Plenary Meetings

European Marine Board plenary meetings, held twice a year in spring and autumn, gather EMB member organizations to reflect and agree on topical marine science and technology issues, and propose future strategic actions. During these meetings, EMB delegates also benefit from interactions with invited speakers and guests and with plenary observers from the European Commission and the UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission.

Spring Plenary Meeting (24-25 April, Bergen, Norway)

The Spring Plenary Meeting was hosted by the Norwegian EMB members, University of Bergen, Institute of Marine Research and the Research Council of Norway, with the University of Bergen providing the venue.



European Marine Board Spring 2013 Plenary Meeting (24-25 April 2013, Bergen)

The meeting was attended by 26 EMB delegates, four invited speakers and seven guests (see participants list in Annex 2). Key decisions and highlights of the Spring Plenary included:

Governance

- The application from the Croatian Ruder Bošković Institute (IRB) was approved.
- The concept of the new EMB logo was approved.

Activities

- The topic of the 4th EMB Forum on the Arctic was approved.
- Two new working groups were approved: WG SUBLAND (Submerged Landscapes) and WG Deep-Sea.

Open Session

The open session of the meeting welcomed representatives of EMB stakeholders, observers and partners. The following presentations were given:

- Science Europe activities and perspectives, by Amanda Crowfoot, Director;
- Updates on the Horizon 2020, by Arnoldas Milukas, Head of Unit, Directorate for Environment, EC DG R&I;
- Activities of the EMB European Scientific Diving Panel, Martin Sayer, Panel Chair, NERC/SAMS, UK.

The open session also included a moderated open floor brainstorming on topics of interest for future EMB activities. During this session, the meeting agreed on the importance of a better cooperation between natural and social sciences. In all EMB running working groups (WG) this aspect is taken into account, the WG members expertise spanning not only marine but also social sciences, archaeology, law and socio-economics.



Open session of the EMB Spring 2013 Plenary meeting chaired by Kostas Nittis, EMB chair (24 April 2013, Bergen)

Autumn Plenary Meeting (23-24 October 2013, Lisbon, Portugal)

The Autumn Plenary Meeting was hosted by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT).



European Marine Board Autumn 2013 Plenary Meeting (23-24 October 2013, Lisbon)

The meeting was attended by 26 EMB delegates, nine invited speakers and six invited guests (see participants list in Annex 2). Key decisions and highlights of the Autumn Plenary included:

Governance

- The Board approved membership application from the German Marine Research Consortium (KDM).
- Gilles Lericolais (Ifremer, France) was elected as EMB vice-chair for a three-year term.

Strategic activities

- The Board approved the terms of reference for a new working group on marine graduate training to be launched in 2014.
- EurOCEAN 2014, co-organized by the EMB, European Commission and the Italian EMB members, CNR, CoNISMa and OGS, was discussed. EurOCEAN will take place from 7 to 9 October 2014 in Rome as an official event of the Italian EU Presidency.
- Luis Valdes of UNESCO IOC updated the meeting on the organization of the 2nd International Ocean Research Conference in Barcelona (17-21 November 2014).



EMB Autumn 2013 Plenary Open Session, from left: Miguel Seabra (FCT President), Niall McDonough (EMB Executive Secretary), Jacky Wood (EMB vice-Chair, NERC, UK), Paula Elyseu Mesquita (Director of the FCT Dept. of Foreign Affairs), Nicholas Flemming (chair of EMB working group on Submerged Landscapes, NOC, UK) and Gonçalo Vieira (European Polar Board / FCT, Portugal)

Open Session

The open session of the meeting welcomed European Marine Board partners and plenary observers. The following presentations were given:

- *Welcome address,* by Prof. Miguel Seabra, President of Science and Technology Foundation (FCT), Portugal;
- *Marine Sciences and the Portuguese Universities: A position paper,* by Prof. João Guerreiro, Rector of the University of Algarve, Portugal;
- The Azores current: recent contributions to understand its dynamics, by Dr Álvaro Peliz, Instituto Dom Luiz & Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal;
- New Marine Board working group, Climate Change, Submerged Landscapes of the Continental Shelf, and the Underwater Cultural Heritage, WG SUBLAND, by Dr Nicholas Flemming, WG Chair, NOC, UK;
- Updates on the Horizon 2020, by Ana-Teresa Caetano, EC DG R&I;
- The European Marine Board at the interface of science and policy, by Niall McDonough, EMB Executive Secretary;
- JPI Oceans updates on activities, by Wendy Bonne and Teodoro Ramirez, JPI Oceans Secretariat;
- EFARO updates on activities, by Josien Steenbergen, EFARO Secretariat.

EMB Panels

European Marine Board Panels are established on an open-end basis to address operational issues in areas where the panel members, and by extension their institutions, benefit from interacting with each other and with the Marine Board. Panels are facilitated by the EMB Secretariat. In 2013, EMB panels included:

- European Scientific Diving Panel (ESDP) and
- EMB Communications Panel (EMBCP).

European Scientific Diving Panel (ESDP)



The European Scientific Diving Panel (ESDP) acts as a European platform to improve networking and exchange of knowledge and best practice in the field of scientific diving, promoting diving as an important marine research tool. In 2013, the panel included eight core members from eight countries (see membership list in Annex 4).

ESDP aims to:

- Promote best practice in scientific diving in Europe for improved observation and monitoring of the coastal environment;
- Initiate and develop synergies with other operational scientific networks, exchanging knowledge and facilitating a pan-European dialogue;
- Promote links with interdisciplinary research and industry;
- Promote international collaboration.

ESDP in 2013: Overview of meetings and key activities

- ESDP terms of reference revised further to the EMB 2012 review recommendation.
- Successful application for funding for an ESF Exploratory Workshop to take place at the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research on 18-20 March 2014.



ESDP network at the 10th ESDP meeting (20-21 March 2013, ICUA, Zadar, Croatia)

- 20-21 March 2013: 10th ESDP meeting in Zadar, Croatia, hosted at the International Centre for Underwater Archaeology. National delegates gave overviews of the situation in their countries regarding scientific diving: Croatia, Bulgaria, Estonia, Belgium, France, Greece, Finland, UK, Slovenia, Sweden, Italy, Germany, Turkey and Norway.
- 24 April 2013: Presentation of ESDP progress by chair Martin Sayer (NERC/SAMS, UK) at the EMB Spring 2013 Plenary Meeting in Bergen, Norway.
- 08 October 2013: at the 11th ESDP meeting in Brussels ESDP's contribution to a medical questionnaire for scientific diving was discussed. The panel also welcomed a new member from the Coordination of Scientific Divers of Croatia.
- 21-28 October 2013: International Scientific Diving Symposium, Curaçao, Dutch Antilles, co-organized by the ESDP and the American Academy of Underwater Science (AAUS).

Further information on the panel is available on the EMB website: www.marineboard.eu/ESDP; and on the dedicated ESDP website www.scientific-diving.eu

European Marine Board Communications Panel (EMBCP)

Initiated in 2002 and re-established in 2006, EMBCP brings together professional science communicators from a number of European marine institutes. In 2013, the panel is composed of 16 members from 13 countries. EMB Communications Panel has five E-M-B-C-P objectives:

- Exchange ideas on events, communication methods and best practices;
- Mutually assist its members in promoting and communicating marine science across Europe;
- Be (re)present(ed) at major European (marine) science events;
- Communicate Marine Board products at the national level through press-releases and twinning activities;
- Popularize marine science by advocating more ocean literacy.

EMBCP in 2013:

- 20 March 2013: Members from EMBCP, European Marine Science Educators Association (EMSEA) and World Ocean Network (WON) attended a workshop initiated by EC DG R&I on the transatlantic cooperation in the Horizon 2020 agenda. This discussion led to the Ocean Literacy Workshop (25-26 June, Ostend), jointly organized by the EMB Secretariat and VLIZ (also see Ocean Literacy Section, p.21).
- 22-23 April 2013: The EMBCP spring meeting back to back with the EMB plenary (Institute of Marine Research, Bergen, Norway), welcomed four new members from Belgium, Denmark, Portugal and France. Chair of the EMB working group on Marine Protected Areas, Esben Olsen (IMR, Norway), presented the newly-published position paper and exchanged ideas on the communications and dissemination aspects with the panel members.

- 23-24 May 2013: EMBCP chair, Jan Seys, gave a presentation on ocean literacy at the Irish EU Presidency meeting on transatlantic cooperation at the Marine Institute, Galway.
- 3-5 September 2013: EMBCP chair gave a presentation at the 2nd Conference on Ocean Literacy in Europe (Plymouth, UK).
- 4-5 November 2013: at the EMBCP autumn meeting (Hamburg, Germany), further to the EMB 2012 panel review recommendation, the panel approved its terms of reference. Jan Seys was re-elected as chair for a new term until spring 2015.



Members of EMB Communications Panel at their meeting in Bergen on 22-23 April 2013, from left Albert Gerdes (MARUM, Germany), Kim Marshall-Brown (NOC, UK), Joana Saiote (CIMAR, Portugal), Jan Seys (VLIZ, Belgium), Sigrid Maebe (RBINS, Belgium), Thomas Isaak (Ifremer, France), Nan-Chin Chu (EMB Secretariat), Line Reeh (DTU Aqua, Denmark) and Kjartan Maestad (IMR, Norway)

Further information on the EMBCP is available on the Marine Board website: www.marineboard.eu/EMBCP

EMB activities in ocean literacy

Following the success of the First Conference on Ocean Literacy in Europe (12 October 2012, Bruges, Belgium), an expert workshop was organized to deliver recommendations on mechanisms and initiatives to better support marine science outreach and education in the Horizon 2020 Programme. The proposal for the workshop was made by the chair of the EMBCP panel, Dr. Jan Seys (Flanders Marine Institute, Belgium) and the EMB Secretariat led the organization of the workshop. Twenty experts attended the two-day workshop at the EMB offices in Ostend, Belgium.



Participants of the expert workshop, *Defining an ocean literacy agenda for Horizon 2020 and transatlantic cooperation* (25-26 June 2013, EMB offices, Ostend, Belgium)

The workshop objectives included: (i) identify topics for ocean literacy calls in Horizon 2020; (ii) identify issues relevant to ocean literacy which will require EU-North American (US and Canada) collaboration; and (iii) provide recommendations to the Commission on evaluation criteria for communication, education and outreach elements of Horizon 2020 marine project proposals.

A full report of the workshop is available for download at:

http://www.marineboard.eu/ images/publications/Ocean_ Literacy_Report_Ostend2013_fnl. pdf.



SYNERGY

The European Marine Board works to enhance interactions and collaborations among European marine and maritime research stakeholders, exchange knowledge and expertise, promote joint identification of priorities and shared use of infrastructures, and avoid duplication of efforts.

Framework Programme Projects

MarineBiotech: ERA-NET Preparatory Action in Marine Biotechnology

Type: EC FP7 SA (Coordinating) Duration: 18 months (Oct. 2011–March 2013) Budget: €1M Consortium: 11 partners from 9 countries Coordinator: RCN, Norway Website: www.marinebiotech.eu EMB role: Work Package Leader



Marine ecosystems are a unique environment with an enormous potential to contribute to environmental and human health and to the sustainable supply of food, energy and biomaterials. Marine biotechnology is increasingly becoming central to delivering these benefits from the sea. In the European context, marine

biotechnology can and should make an important contribution towards meeting the grand societal challenges and the development of greener and smarter economies - central components of the Europe 2020 Strategy. A sound strategy and concerted coordination of relevant national and regional RTDI programmes are necessary to allow this potential to be realized.

The main goal of the EU MarineBiotech Coordination Support Action (CSA) was to reduce fragmentation and duplication within the European marine biotechnology research landscape and pave the way for common programmes and cooperation. This included the provision and utilization of common research infrastructures through a future ERA-NET in marine biotechnology.



One of the major successes of the project activities led by the EMB Secretariat was the organization of the final CSA MarineBiotech conference which took place in Brussels on 11 and 12 March 2013. The EMB Secretariat developed the conference programme and delivered presentations at the conference. Featured: Niall McDonough (panel discussion moderator - left) and Jan-Bart Calewaert (session chair - middle); MarineBiotech brochure prepared by the EMB Secretariat (second right). The conference is featured on page 35 of this report.

CSA MarineBiotech successfully was completed in March 2013. The main tasks and deliverables under the responsibilities of the EMB Secretariat were:

- Finalization of an Inventory Report on the European marine biotechnology science policy landscape (D3.5);
- Transfer of the above inventory report into country, sea-basin and pan-European profiles and uploading those on the www.marinebiotech.eu portal;
- Finalization of a report providing a strategic analysis of marine biotechnology RTDI in Europe (D3.6);
- Development of a discussion paper to guide the development of a Marine Biotechnology ERA-NET (D4.2);
- Organization of the final CSA MarineBiotech conference, *Marine Biotechnology in the European Research Area: Challenges and Opportunities for Europe* (11-12 March 2013) – see page 35; and
- Development and publication of the final CSA MarineBiotech public brochure.

All the project deliverables are available on www.marinebiotech.eu.

SEAS-ERA: Towards Integrated Marine Research Strategy and Programmes

Type: EC FP7 ERA-NET Duration: 48 months (May 2010-April 2014) Budget: €2M Consortium: 21 partners in 18 countries Coordinator: MINECO, Spain Website: www.seas-era.eu EMB role: Work Package Leader



The SEAS-ERA project fosters cooperation and integration between national marine research funding agencies to promote the European Research Area for marine science and technology. The main objectives of the project are to:

- Contribute to the common European Marine and Maritime Research Agenda;
- Reduce imbalances among regions through human capacity building;
- Foster synergies at both regional and pan-European levels;
- Propose a plan for a better and sustainable use of the existing marine research infrastructures; and
- Enhance public awareness of marine and maritime scientific and policy issues in Europe.

EMB is leading and supporting a range of strategic activities in SEAS-ERA, notably related to the development of regional and pan-European research strategies.

SEAS-ERA in 2013: main EMB inputs

- 06 February 2013: EMB organized the 2nd SEAS-ERA Strategic Forum, entitled *Challenges and Priorities in European Sea Basins*. Attended by 60 marine science and policy representatives, the forum included presentations and an open discussion on the three Strategic Research Agendas (SRAs) developed within the SEAS-ERA project for the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Black Sea. At the forum, SEAS-ERA partners and representatives of other stakeholders, including BONUS, European Commission (DG R&I, DG MARE and DG ENV) and JPI Oceans, discussed future applications of the proposed SRAs and improved networking and interaction between the national research funding organizations. The forum report is available for download on the EMB website: www.marineboard.eu/external-projects/seas-era
- 17-18 September 2013: SEAS-ERA workshop, *Towards a Marine Knowledge Transfer Strategy*, discussed how to improve the uptake of EU project results by target stakeholders. Niall McDonough presented the EMB's experience from involvement in successful activities in the topics of knowledge transfer and public outreach, including FP7 CLAMER project and the First Conference on Ocean Literacy in Europe (October 2012, Brugge).
- 04-05 November 2013: The SEAS-ERA Marine Research Plan for the European Atlantic Sea Basin was launched at the Lisbon Atlantic Conference organized by the Portuguese government to report progress on the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Atlantic (2011) and Atlantic Action Plan (2013). The report proposed a vision for priority research areas and critical support infrastructures to progress the Blue Growth Strategy in the European Atlantic Sea Basin. The EMB Secretariat supported the Irish Marine Institute in the development of the Atlantic SRA.



Niall McDonough, EMB Executive Secretary, presenting the discussion panel at the 2nd SEAS-ERA Strategic Forum (06/02/2013, Brussels), from left: Beatriz Morales-Nin (MINECO, Spain), Jean-Francois Masset (Ifremer, France), Kostas Nittis (HCMR, Greece), Andris Andrusaitis (BONUS EEIG), Geoffrey O'Sullivan (Marine Institute, Ireland).



Launch of the SEAS-ERA Atlantic Strategic Research Agenda, from left: Dina M^a Pereira Carrilho (FCT, Portugal), Sieglinde Gruber (EC DG R&I) and Geoffrey O'Sullivan (Marine Institute, Ireland)

STAGES: Science and Technology Advancing Governance of Good Environmental Status

Type: EC FP7 CSA Duration: 24 months (Sept. 2012 – Aug. 2014) Budget: €1M Consortium: 8 national and pan-European partners Coordinator: CETMAR, Spain Website: www.stagesproject.eu EMB role: Work Package Leader

The STAGES project aims to connect science to policy and decision making in support of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). The European Marine Board is leading a work

package on building a science-policy Interface to support MSFD implementation with a primary objective of developing a proposal for a pan-European science-policy interface platform to channel knowledge from European science and technology to relevant stakeholders in support of the MSFD implementation. This work is being conducted through analysis of best practice and substantial stakeholder consultation.

STAGES in 2013: Major EMB outputs

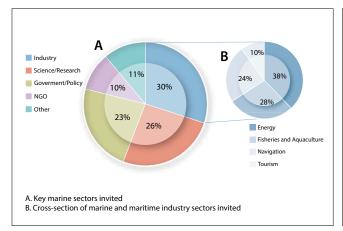
MSFD Science-Policy Interface

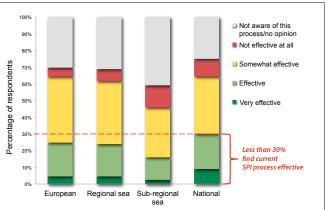
STAGES

In 2013, as part of its project tasks, the EMB led a stakeholder consultation to assess the views and expectations of marine stakeholders for enhancing the science-policy interface supporting MSFD implementation. This was conducted in three stages, namely stakeholder identification, online survey and a stakeholder workshop:

- Stakeholder identification (finalized in March 2013): Over 600 marine stakeholders were identified from across marine and maritime sectors spanning national, regional and European levels. These included organizations and networks from industry, research performing organizations, research funding agencies, government administration (e.g. competent authorities) and non-governmental organizations. A database was created building on an inventory of MSFD stakeholder organizations and communication outputs developed by the STAGES consortium (WP1 and WP2). Stakeholder contacts were also provided by the FP7 ODEMM project and sourced from MSFD European stakeholder lists and working groups (European Commission).
- 2. Online survey (May-July 2013): The questionnaire, designed by the EMB Secretariat, contained 14 questions aimed at gathering stakeholder opinions and perceptions on three key areas of the MSFD science-policy interface:
 - MSFD knowledge production, availability and access;
 - Stakeholder involvement in the current MSFD science-policy interface; and
 - Tools and mechanisms for enhancing the existing science-policy interface.

As a result of the six-week survey, 113 responses were received from 23 countries with a response rate of 26% of the approached stakeholders (see key facts below). In-depth interviews were also conducted with key MSFD actors (e.g. Regional Sea Commissions) which also supported the identification of potential case studies of SPI best practice (e.g. at the national level)w.





Cross-section of marine and maritime stakeholders invited to participate in the STAGES MSFD science-policy interface survey (n=436). Stakeholders were targeted from the public and private sectors, across national, regional, European and international scales. Stakeholder perception of the effectiveness of the current MSFD science-policy interface at different geographical levels. The figure shows that of the stakeholders who responded, less than 30% perceive the current MSFD science-policy interface to be effective at any geographical scale. It also highlights the sub-regional scale as a potentially under-utilized geographical scale with over 40% of stakeholders having no opinion or not being aware of an SPI at this scale.

3. Stakeholder workshop: In 2013, EMB started the preparations for a workshop to further assess stakeholder views to optimize a future MSFD science-policy interface. The workshop took place on 12 February 2014 (during the preparation of this report), organized in collaboration with the FP7 DEVOTES project.

The full results of the Stakeholder Consultation will be published as a STAGES Deliverable (D4.1) in April 2014.

Other STAGES activities

In autumn 2013 the EMB led the production of a state-of-the-art report on hydrographic conditions (WP 2), involving the analysis and classification of over 140 European projects for their relevance to MSFD and in particular to MSFD Descriptor 7 'Hydrographical Conditions'.

Related science-policy interface activities

In Chapter 13 'Towards effective European marine science-policy interfaces' of the foresight report Navigating the Future IV (June 2013, also see p. 30) EMB included a review of European science-policy interfaces and sets out recommendations for developing long-term and effective science-policy interfaces at multiple levels.

The EMB Secretariat also fostered interactions with related European initiatives, including the FP7 projects PERSEUS, ODEMM and SPIRAL. A dialogue is ongoing with European Commission's DG Environment as key clients of the SPI proposal, and with the JPI Oceans CSA project where STAGES have identified potential areas for collaboration regarding science-policy best practice, survey design and stakeholder identification.



STAGES partners at the steering committee meeting (13-14 March 2013, Vigo, Spain)

Other Initiatives and Networks

The European Marine Board is represented on scientific panels or acts as an observer in a number of related European initiatives and networks. Furthermore, in addition to being partner in the EU-funded projects mentioned above, the EMB participates in the activities of selected other FP7 projects as a non-partner, increasing the synergy among related pan-European initiatives.

In 2013, EMB contributed to the following initiatives and networks:

ECCORD European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling	European Consortium for Ocean Drilling Research (ECORD Council) – as observer www.ecord.org
JPI OCEPS	Joint Programming Initiative <i>Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans</i> (JPI Oceans) - Niall McDonough is an elected member of the Strategic Advisory Board www.jpi-oceans.eu
EFARO	European Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Organisation (EFARO) – as observer www.efaro.eu
WATTER BORNS	Waterborne Technology Platform – as observer www.waterborne-tp.org

In 2013, Marine Board contributed to the following European Commission projects in an advisory capacity:

Operational Ecology Manne Ecology	OPEC, Marine Ecosystem forecasting to enhance marine GMES applications, EU FP7 – as member of the Advisory Board http://marine-opec.eu/
FURCHARINE	EuroMarine, Integration of European Research Networks of Excellence, EU FP7 CSA (Feb. 2011-Jan. 2013) – Niall McDonough is a member of the Advisory Board www.euromarineconsortium.eu
EMBRC EUROPEAN MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE CENTRE	EMBRC, <i>European Marine Biological Resource Centre</i> (Preparatory Phase, Feb. 2011-Jan. 2014) – as member of the Reference User Group www.embrc.eu.
MERIL NAPPHO OF THE DURGEAR RESEARCH INFINATION	MERIL, Mapping of European Research Infrastructure Landscape, EU FP7 SA (Oct. 2010-Sept. 2012), providing input on marine research infrastructures via the project coordinator – European Science Foundation. www.meril.eu
PERSEUS	PERSEUS, Policy-orientated marine Environmental Research for the Southern European Seas, EU FP7 SICA (Jan. 2012-Dec. 2015) – Niall McDonough is a member of the Advisory Board www.perseus-net.eu
MARLISCO	MARLISCO, <i>MARine Litter in European Seas: Social AwarenesS and CO-Responsibility,</i> EU FP7 SIS (June 2012-May 2015) – as member of the Advisory Board www.marlisco.eu

STRATEGY

The European Marine Board delivers its strategic vision and science foresight through high-level publications and statements, targeted both at the research community and policymakers.

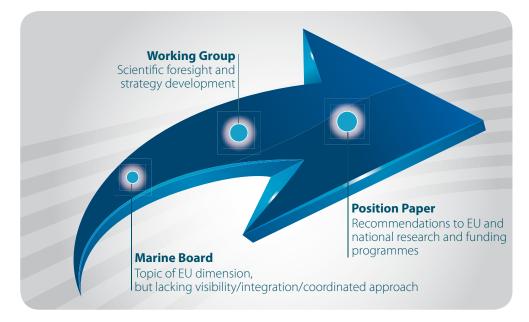
EMB publications bridge science and policy by:

- Highlighting important challenges and opportunities related to the seas and oceans and identifying the corresponding research priorities and policy needs necessary to address them;
- Providing high-level research recommendations ready to be taken up by programme developers and policymakers;
- Proposing a vision and strategy for the topic at hand to guide the scientific community and EU decision makers towards delivering the goals of the European Research Area through increased excellence, coordination and competiveness in European science.

A full list of EMB publications is provided in Annex 9. All publications are available for download at: www.marineboard.eu/publications

Position Papers

Position papers are the Marine Board's primary science foresight and priority-setting instrument. They are prepared by working groups of international experts convened by the Marine Board to address critical matters of strategic importance for marine science and technology as well as society at large.



Marine Board position papers directly impact European research agendas, bridging the gap between scientific priorities and policy requirements. Through its position papers, the Marine Board has a track record of direct impact on Framework Programme work programmes and calls as well as national marine research programmes and initiatives.



Navigating the Future IV, June 2013

European policymakers grapple with many grand challenges, including climate change, food and energy security, human health, and a loss of economic momentum resulting from the financial crisis. The seas and oceans, with their vast resources, can supply goods and services to address most of these societal challenges: sustainable supply of food, energy from wind, wave and tide, new drugs through marine biotechnology, valuable raw materials from the ocean floor, and much more. According to the EC Communication on Blue Growth, the EU blue economy delivers a gross added value of €500 billion per year and supports 5.4 million jobs. But it is clear that only sustainable maritime activities would allow further investing in and exploiting marine resources.

EMB's Navigating the Future IV (NFIV) scans the horizon to anticipate future marine research priorities. The paper demonstrates that marine science has a key role to play in addressing societal challenges and supporting blue growth. NFIV makes a link



between applied, market-driven research which can deliver early economic gains, and fundamental research, necessary to improve our understanding of the natural ocean system which provides us with so many benefits. It outlines the tools and technologies that will be needed to realize these opportunities including the next generation of ocean observation infrastructure. It also examines the training and skills that will be required by tomorrow's marine experts, and the importance of creating better interactions between marine scientists, policymakers and the general public.

Niall McDonough, EMB Executive Secretary, Maria da Graça Carvalho, MEP & European Parliament Rapporteur for the Horizon 2020 Programme, Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, and Kostas Nittis, European Marine Board Chair



Representatives of 44 stakeholder organizations and networks attended the Navigating the Future IV launch in Brussels on 20 June 2013; featured: Kostas Nittis, EMB chair, opening the event

Navigating the Future IV (EMB Position Paper 20) was officially launched at a special launch event in Brussels on 20 June 2013, attended by representatives of 44 stakeholder organizations with keynotes by Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, and Maria da Graça Carvalho, Member of the European Parliament and Rapporteur for the EU Horizon 2020 Programme. Speaking at the launch event, Máire Geoghegan-Quinn said, *"The European Marine Board plays a major role in promoting marine science and technology in Europe which is vital for achieving sustainable ocean science and management. The launch of Navigating the Future IV is particularly timely as we prepare for the first Horizon 2020 Programme. Navigating the Future IV will be a valuable source of ideas and common priorities in the area of marine sciences, providing a vision for science and technology in Europe."*



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









Maria da Graça Carvalho, Member of the European Parliament and Rapporteur for the EU Horizon 2020 Programme



Position Paper 19: *Linking Oceans and Human Health: A Strategic Research Priority for Europe*, December 2013

There is growing recognition within the scientific community that a more holistic approach is required to understand how human health and well-being are connected to the seas and oceans. Extreme weather events such as coastal storms and flooding, and human exposure to marine-borne pathogens and chemical pollution, pose significant threats to human health. At the same time, seas and oceans provide numerous benefits, including the supply of food and raw materials as well as growing opportunities to exploit marine genetic resources for new drugs and nutraceuticals. Research is also beginning to identify the mental health benefits of interacting with the coastal environment. Understanding this complexity can only be achieved with an interdisciplinary approach, drawing from expertise across a diverse range of disciplines within natural, social and economic sciences, including public health and medicine.

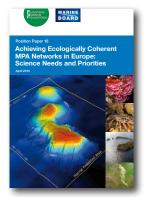


Recognizing that Europe does not have a coherent oceans and human health research framework, EMB published its Position Paper 19, *Linking Oceans and Human Health: A Strategic Research Priority for Europe.* The paper identifies the key research needs and priorities to support the development of a holistic and coherent transnational oceans and human health research effort in Europe.

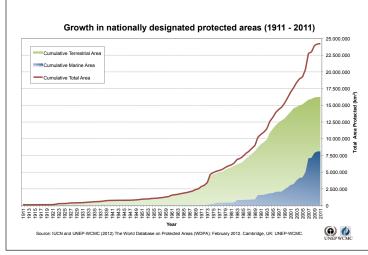
This position paper was prepared by the EMB Working Group on Oceans and Human Health chaired by Prof. Michael Moore of the Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML) and European Centre for Environment and Human Health at the University of Exeter, UK. The paper was pre-released at the dedicated workshop on Oceans and Human Health co-organized by the EMB and JPI Oceans during the European Maritime Day (EMD) Stakeholder Conference 2013 in Malta (see also p. 37). Since its presentation at the EMD, the report has generated several follow-up activities, including a dedicated multi-disciplinary expert workshop on Oceans and Human Health to take place in Cornwall, UK, in March 2014.

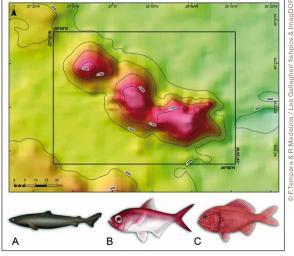
Position Paper 18: Achieving Ecologically Coherent MPA Network in Europe: Science Needs and Priorities, April 2013

Political drivers to halt the loss of marine biodiversity have led to an increase in Marine Protected Areas with global coverage estimated to be 8.3 million km² in 2012 and rising (The Nature Conservancy Policy Brief, Oct. 2011). However, the establishment of MPAs in Europe has lagged behind terrestrial equivalents and has taken place in an *ad hoc* and uncoordinated way. In its Position Paper 18, *Achieving Ecologically Coherent MPA Network in Europe: Science Needs and Priorities,* the European Marine Board presents 10 scientific priorities for MPA management, calling for urgent action to inform, engage and empower stakeholders in planning connected networks of MPAs.



The paper highlights connectivity between MPA reserves as an essential biodiversity management tool, promoting genetic diversity that improves the health and overall resilience of an ecosystem. MPA management in a changing world will also require adaptive approaches, moving away from 'static' nature conservation to a new era of MPA design and implementation that can respond to ecosystem shifts and protect emerging biodiversity assets (e.g. sea-grasses which sequester carbon). Furthermore, integrated ocean observation will be crucial as well as closer links with the maritime surveillance community to achieve successful enforcement of MPAs. This will become increasingly necessary as human activities such as fishing and transport continue to rise and exploitation of the oceans turn to remote high-seas areas where MPA legislation is often more complex and regulation much more difficult and costly.





Growth in nationally designated protected areas (1911-2011). Graph excludes 43,674 protected areas with unknown year of establishment. Source: IUCN and UNEP-WCMC (2012) The World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA): February 2012. Cambridge, UK: UNEP-WCMC. http://www.bipindicators.net/pacoverage. Extract from EMB Position Paper 18 on Marine Protected Areas

Map of the Sedlo Marine Protected Area (adapted from Ribeiro & Santos 2011), illustrating three species of fishes which occur in Sedlo and whose conservation is considered a priority: (A) Centroscymnus coelolepis/Portuguese dogfish; (B) Beryx splendens/alfonsino; and (C) Hoplostethus atlanticus/orange roughy. Extract from EMB Position Paper 18 on Marine Protected Areas

The position paper was developed by EMB Working Group on Marine Protected Areas (WG MPAs), chaired by Dr Esben Olsen of the Norwegian Institute of Marine Research. The publication was launched at the European Maritime Day Stakeholder Conference in Malta on 22 May 2013 as part of a stakeholder workshop on "MPAs and Tourism".

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Launch of EMB Position Paper 18 on Marine Protected Areas at the European Maritime Day 2013, Malta. From left: Kate Larkin, EMB Secretariat, Lowri Evans, EC DG MARE Director-General and Niall McDonough, EMB Executive Secretary

Further promotion of the position paper in 2013 included a presentation by WG MPAs member, Phil Weaver (Seascape Consultants, UK), at the 3rd International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC3) in Marseille and Corsica from in October 2013. The paper has also been recommended as an important reference document by the European CoCoNet project, a key ongoing European initiative tackling the need for interconnected MPAs in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea regions developed under the EU FP7 Oceans of Tomorrow scheme.

Running Working Groups

In 2013, three new expert working groups were established, focusing on the following topics:

- Valuing Marine Ecosystems;
- Submerged Landscapes, and
- Deep-Sea Research.

List of the working group members is provided in Annex 3.

Science Commentaries

EMB science commentaries are short science policy briefings addressing strategic issues of identified scientific and societal importance and which require a rapid and coordinated policy response.

Getting Ready for an Ice-free Arctic (April 2013)



In this science commentary the European Marine Board makes a case for the enormous societal and environmental implications of the rapid melting of Arctic sea ice. EMB highlights that changes in the Arctic Ocean ecosystem have fundamental effect on the global earth and climate systems as well as the global economy. While the retreating ice sheets open new economic opportunities for oil and gas exploitation, fisheries and trade, the climate and human impacts on the Arctic's fragile environments are yet to be fully understood. Therefore, a consolidated effort involving multiple national and sectoral stakeholders is urgently needed to establish a comprehensive and sustained marine observation and data-exchange system covering the full extent of the Arctic Ocean.

The EMB Arctic science commentary, coordinated by Peter Haugan (EMB vice-chair, University of Bergen, Norway) with support from the EMB Secretariat, was endorsed by the European Polar Board. The publication was launched at the Arctic Science Summit Week in Kraków, Poland, on 13-19 April, and further disseminated to a wide range of relevant stakeholders including through the Arctic Observing Summit in Vancouver, Canada on 29 April – 3 May 2013. The ideas highlighted in this publication were taken forward in the 4th EMB Open Forum, Arctic 2050, to take place in Brussels on 12 March 2014 (see www.marineboard.eu/4thforum).

VOICE

One of the Marine Board's core objectives is to forge a collective vision on the future direction of European marine science and technology. The Marine Board facilitates its members and external stakeholders to voice their common vision via science policy conferences, joint statements and high-impact communication strategies.

EMB activities in marine biotechnology

EMB has a long-established involvement in European science-policy efforts in the area of marine biotechnology research and technology development. These activities include publication of two position papers (2001 and 2010), and stakeholder engagement at national and European level. In 2013, EMB coordinated the final conference of the CSA MarineBiotech CSA project outlined below, as part of its role in this project.

Final CSA MarineBiotech Conference, *Challenges and Opportunities for Europe* (11-12 March 2013, Brussels)

The CSA MarineBiotech (also see p. 22) final conference was held in March 2013 and served as one of the final activities of this 18-month FP7 project. The event was co-organized by EMB and the Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ), with EMB leading the development of the conference programme. More than 150 delegates from industry, academic institutions, public authorities and funding agencies attended.



The conference brought together more than 150 representatives of science, industry and policy



EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, in a video message to the conference

The conference provided further insights into European marine biotechnology research, industrial developments, policy and coordination initiatives, while simultaneously illustrating recent progress in the European capacity to support the development of "blue biotechnology", one of the five priority areas identified in the EU Blue Growth Strategy. The event also offered an excellent opportunity to highlight the main outcomes of the CSA activities and to look forward to a future ERA-NET in marine biotechnology. It contributed valuable input to support the ERA-NET vision to capture new opportunities, bridge gaps and eliminate barriers to progress, enabling the transfer of experiences between countries and regions and pan-European coordination of RTDI and science policy.



Image on the left: speakers and chair of the opening and first sessions of the CSA MarineBiotech final conference (Brussels, 11-12 March 2013). From left: Peter N. Golyshin (Bangor University, UK), Joel Querellou (Ifremer, France/former Chair of Marine Board WG BIOTECH), Charlotte Salpin (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations, USA), Jan-Bart Calewaert (European Marine Board), Jesús M. Arrieta (IMEDEA, Spain) and Steinar Bergseth (RCN, Norway/CSA coordinator)

The four-year Marine Biotechnology ERA-NET officially started in December 2013. This EU FP7-funded consortium of 19 national research funding bodies from 14 countries will identify and develop synergies between national activities and pool resources to undertake joint funding of transnational projects in the area of marine biotechnology.

All conference materials (presentations, book of abstracts, report, etc.) are available on: www.marinebiotech.eu/conference.

Navigating the Future IV and EurOCEAN conference series

Since publication of the first Navigating the Future position paper in 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 challenges and needs.

Publication of Navigating the Future IV (EMB Position Paper 20), the latest in this series, was marked at a dedicated launch event held in Brussels on 20 June 2013. Representatives of 44 stakeholder organizations attended and keynote speakers included Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, and Maria da Graça Carvalho, Member of the European Parliament and Rapporteur for the EU Horizon 2020 Programme.

Navigating the Future IV truly represents a voice of the European marine scientific community. It was developed by the Marine Board with contributions from 56 individual experts, six pan-European networks, additional inputs from 18 other experts, and approved by the EMB's 36 member organizations.

Navigating the Future IV European Marine Board foresight report European Marine Board foresight report European Marine Board foresight report Marine science grand challenges conference, Rome Marine science grand challenges conference, Rome 20 June 2013 Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts, Brussels



EU Commissioner Maire Geoghegan-Quinn at the launch of Navigating the Future IV and EurOCEAN 2014



Enrico Brugnoli, Director of CNR Department of Earth and Environment, presents EurOCEAN 2014 on behalf of the Italian organizers: CNR, CoNISMa and OGS

Work on the publication was initiated at a European Marine Board Brainstorming Workshop in 2010. The outcomes of the workshop and the high-level societal challenge-oriented structure of NFIV served as a basis for the influential EurOCEAN 2010 conference (Ostend). NFIV will also inform the programme of the upcoming EurOCEAN 2014 conference (7-9 October, Rome).

European Maritime Day

The European Marine Board participated in three parallel stakeholder workshops at the European Maritime Day on 22 May 2013, spanning themes from Oceans and Human Health to Marine Protected Areas and stakeholder engagement in implementing the ecosystem approach to management of marine resources. The workshops were used as a platform to launch two new European Marine Board position papers: Position Paper 18 on Marine Protected Areas and a preliminary version of Position Paper 19 on Oceans and Human Health.



At the joint EMB-JPI Oceans workshop on Oceans and Human Health, EMB Position Paper 19 on this topic was presented by the chair of the EMB WG OHH Professor Michael Moore of the Plymouth Marine Laboratory and European Centre for Environment and Human Health at the University of Exeter, UK (on the left)



EMB Position Paper 18 on Marine Protected Areas was presented by the chair of the EMB WG MPA Dr Esben Olsen of the Institute of Marine Research, Norway, at the workshop dedicated to MPAs and Tourism (featured from left: Kate Larkin, EMB Secretariat, Esben Olsen, IMR, Norway, Foteini-Nikoletta Vernardaki, EC DG MARE, and Kostas Nittis, EMB Chair)



European Marine Board poster

Communication and Impact

Achieving EMB objectives ultimately relies on successful communication. The Secretariat continuously works to enhance the impact of EMB strategic advice with the help of targeted communication activities. Different tools are employed to monitor and assess EMB impact and to ensure that the lessons learnt from completed activities are brought forward to inform new ones.

The uptake and impact of each EMB publication is closely monitored for a set period following its publication. At the end of this period, an impact assessment report is produced and presented to the EMB delegates at a plenary meeting.

It is of outmost importance that the EMB strategic outputs (position papers, policy briefings, vision documents, etc) reach their audience in a timely and efficient manner. The Secretariat actively disseminates the EMB publications both electronically, by post and via conference booths. In 2013, over 5,200 hard copies of reports were disseminated. EMB publications were presented

at 16 conferences and events (see Annex 7).

In 2013, the dissemination of Navigating the Future IV set a new EMB record with the entire 1,500-copy print-run distributed within four months following publication. A second print run was ordered at the end of 2013. Other EMB reports with the high dissemination figures resulting in more than one print run have included: Navigating the Future III (2006), Marine Microbial Diversity (2012), CLAMER Special Report on Impacts of Climate Change (2010), Marine Biotechnology: A New Vision and Strategy for Europe (2010), Marine Renewable Energy (2010), Ecosystem Approach to Management (2010), EMODnet Vision Document (2008), Climate Change Impacts (2007) and the Ocean Research Fleets (2007). All of these reports have a track record of directly influencing EU framework project work programmes and calls as well as national research strategies.



EMB publication stands at stakeholder events

The publications webpage features all EMB publications since 2000 available for download: www.marineboard.eu/publications. Hard copies can be requested by email to the Secretariat: info@marineboard.eu.

MARINE BOARD FINANCES 2013

The Marine Board annual budget is based on:

- Member Organization contributions;
- Special contributions (towards specific Marine Board activities); and
- External contracts, e.g. EU FP7 projects.

The Flemish Government of Belgium provides an in-kind contribution to the Board through the provision of office space and running costs and equipment at the InnovOcean site in Ostend, as well as the employment cost of the Marine Board Administration and Coordination Officer.

Member organizations also provide in-kind contribution through support for participation of national experts in Marine Board activities, i.e. travel and subsistence to attend meetings.

The figures used to prepare the financial report provided below were supplied by the ESF Department of Administration and Finance and at the time of publishing are subject to final audit and closure of 2013 accounts.

Available Funds 2013	All figures in Euro '000s
Member Contributions	421.2
FP drawdown on employment costs (estimate) Secretariat staff time allocated to external projects	211.4
Special contribution NOC contribution towards printing costs of NFIV	5
Interest on cash reserve	3.2
Total available funds 2013	640.8
Expenditure 2013	
Secretariat employment costs (estimate)	311.1
Meetings costs Staff travel and meeting logistics	30.3
Publications Design and printing of EMB publications	34.6
Dissemination Dissemination of EMB outputs (incl. postage)	12
Communication Rebranding and profiling materials	6.7
Office consumables and equipment	12.5
Overhead to the ESF	21
Other Bank transfer costs, other fees, depreciation of fixed assets	0.8
Total expenditure 2013	429

Marine Board Reserve Fund¹

Available funds 2013	640.8
Expenditure 2013	429
Total 2013 balance	211.8
2012 carry over	366.2
Total reserve fund as of 31/12/2013 (estimate)	578

¹ In 2010, the Marine Board approved a proposal to create a reserve fund by setting aside any annual balance of income over expenditure. This reserve fund is designed to provide a contingency against any future reduction of income.

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Annex 1. Marine Board member organizations, delegates and alternates, as of 31 December 2013

BELGIUM

- Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)
 David Cox
- Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS)

National Fund for Scientific Research Jean-Marie Beckers

Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk
 Onderzoek - Vlaanderen (FWO)
 Fund for Scientific Research - Flanders
 Jan Mees
 Tina Mertens

CROATIA

- Institut za oceanografiju i ribarstvo (IZOR) Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries *Ivica Vilibic*
- Institut Ruđer Bošković (IRB) Ruđer Bošković Institute Sandi Orlić

CYPRUS

Ωκεανογραφικού Κέντρου Κύπρου
 Cyprus Oceanography Centre
 Georgios Georgiou
 George Zodiatis

DENMARK

 Institute for Akvatiske Ressourcer (DTU Aqua) National Institute for Aquatic Resources *Fritz Köster*

ESTONIA

• Eesti Teaduste Akadeemia

Estonian Academy of Sciences *Tarmo Soomere* (Marine Board vice-Chair, May 2012-May 2015)

FRANCE

- Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) National Centre for Scientific Research Jean-Marie Flaud
- Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer (Ifremer) French Research Institute for Exploration of the Sea Gilles Lericolais (vice-Chair, October

2013-October 2016)

Marine Universities of France
 Yves-Marie Paulet
 Jean-Alain Pocard

GERMANY

- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) German Research Foundation *Michael Schulz*
- Helmholtz-Gemeinschaft (HGF)
 Helmholtz Association
 Peter Herzig
- Konsortium Deutsche Meersforschung (KDM) German Marine Research Consortium Jan-Stefan Fritz

GREECE

 Ελληνικό Κέντρο Θαλάσσιων Ερευνών Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) Kostas Nittis (Marine Board Chair, May 2011 – May 2014)

IRELAND

- Foras na Mara Marine Institute Geoffrey O'Sullivan
- Irish Marine Universities Consortium Anthony Grehan

ITALY

- Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) National Research Council Enrico Brugnoli
- Istituto Nazionale diOceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale (OGS) National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics Alessandro Crise (Marine Board vice-Chair, May 2012-May 2015)
- Consorzio Nazionale Interuniversitario per Ie Scienze del Mare (CoNISMa) National Inter-University Consortium for Scientific Research *Ferdinando Boero*

NETHERLANDS

- Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ) Henk Brinkhuis
- Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO) Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research Josef F. Stuefer

NORWAY

- Havforskningsinstituttet
 Institute of Marine Research
 Tore Nepstad
 Erlend Moksness
- Norges forskningsradet The Research Council of Norway Lars Horn
- Universitetet I Bergen (UiB)
 University of Bergen / Marine Strategic Board
 Peter Haugan (Marine Board vice-Chair,
 May 2011-May 2014)

POLAND

 Instytut Oceanologii Polskiej Akademii Nauk (IO-PAN)
 Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy

of Sciences Slawomir Sagan

PORTUGAL

 Centro de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental (CIMAR)

Centre of Marine and Environmental Research-Vitor Vasconcelos

• Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT)

Science and Technology Foundation *Ricardo Santos* (Marine Board vice-Chair, May 2012-May 2015) *Mario Ruivo*

ROMANIA

 Institutul National de Cercetare - Dezvoltare Marina "Grigore Antipa" National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa" Vasile Patrascu

SPAIN

- Consejo Superiorde Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC) Council for Scientific Research
- Instituto Espanolde Oceanografia (IEO) Spanish Institute of Oceanography Demetrio de Armas

SWEDEN

Havsmiljöinstitutet
 Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment
 Åke Hagström

TURKEY

 Türkiye Bilimsel ve Teknik Arastirma Kurumu (TÜBITAK)

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey *Leyla Tolun*

UNITED KINGDOM

- Marine Alliance for Science and Technology Scotland (MASTS) Mark James David Paterson
- Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) Jacky Wood (Marine Board vice-Chair, May 2012-May 2015) Mike Webb
- National Oceanography Centre (NOC) Edward Hill

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Annex 2: Marine Board plenary meetings 2013

Spring 2013 Plenary Meeting, 24-25 April, Bergen, Norway

List of Participants

Marine Board Delegates

Name	Organization
Kostas Nittis –Chair Chair of the open session	Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Greece
Ferdinando Boero	National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences (CoNISMa), Italy
Enrico Brugnoli	National Research Council (CNR), Italy
Henk Brinkhuis	Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ), Netherlands
Alessandro Crise	National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (OGS), Italy
Alexandra Drossou-Berendes Attended Day 1, 24/04/213	GEOMAR Helmholtz-Zentrum für Ozeanforschung Kiel, Germany / for Helmholtz Association (HGF)
Jean-Marie Flaud	National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France
Jan-Stefan Fritz	Helmholtz Association (HGF), Germany
Anthony Grehan	Irish Marine Universities Consortium, Ireland
Åke Hagström	Swedish Institute for The Marine Environment, Sweden
Peter Haugan	Marine Strategic Board - University of Bergen (UIB), Norway
Lars Horn	Research Council of Norway (RCN), Norway
Fritz Köster	National Institute of Aquatic Resources (DTU Aqua), Denmark
Gilles Lericolais	French Research Institute for Exploration of the Sea (Ifremer), France
Jan Mees Attended Day 1, 24/04/213	Fund for Scientific Research – Flanders (FWO), Belgium
Erlend Moksness	Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Norway
Sandi Orlić IRB accepted as EMB member on 24/04/2014	Center for Marine Research / Institute Ruđer Bošković, Croatia
Geoffrey O'Sullivan	Marine Institute, Ireland
Yves-Marie Paulet	Marine Universities of France
Slawomir Sagan	Institute of Oceanology, Polish Academy Of Sciences (IO-PAN), Poland
Ricardo Santos	Science and Technology Foundation (FCT), Portugal
Michael Schulz	German Research Foundation (DFG), Germany
Tarmo Soomere	Estonian Academy of Sciences, Estonia

Name	Organization
Leyla Tolun	Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), Turkey
Ivica Vilibic	Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (IZOR), Croatia
Jacky Wood	Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), Uk

Invited Speakers

Name	Organization
Amanda Crowfoot	Science Europe
Harald Loeng Speaker to the session on Day 2	European Polar Board / IMR, Norway
Martin Sayer	NERC National Facility for Scientific Diving & Dunstaffnage Hyperbaric Unit / Scottish Association For Marine Science

Observers and Guests

Name	Organization
Bernard Avril	Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research (IMBER), Norway
Ana-Teresa Caetano	European Commission DG R&I
Svenn-Åge Dahl	Universtiy of Bergen, Norway
Anders Goksøyr	Universtiy of Bergen, Norway
Nils Gunnar Kvamstø	Geophysical Institute, Universtiy of Bergen, Norway
Gunn Mangerud	Universtiy of Bergen, Norway
Arnoldas Milukas Speaker to the open session	European Commission DG R&I
Øyvind Paasche	Marine Research Cluster / UiB, Norway

Marine Board Secretariat

Name	Organization
Niall McDonough	Marine Board Executive Scientific Secretary
Jan-Bart Calewaert	Marine Board Secretariat
Maud Evrard	Marine Board Secretariat
Kate Larkin	Marine Board Secretariat

Marine Board Autumn 2013 Plenary Meeting, 23-24 October 2013, Lisbon, Portugal

List of Participants

Marine Board Delegates

Representative	Member Organization
Ulrich Bathmann KDM accepted as MO on 23/10/13	German Marine Research Consortium (KDM), Germany
Ferdinando Boero	National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences (CoNISMa), Italy
David Cox	Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO), Belgium
Alessandro Crise	National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (OGS), Italy
Jean-Marie Flaud	National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France
Jan-Stefan Fritz	German Marine Research Consortium (KDM), Germany
Åke Hagström	Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment, Sweden
Lars Horn	Research Council of Norway (RCN), Norway
Gilles Lericolais	French Research Institute for Exploration of The Sea (Ifremer), France
Jan Mees	Fund for Scientific Research – Flanders (FWO), Belgium
Erlend Moksness	Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Norway
Cathal O'Mahony	Irish Marine Universities Consortium / University College Cork, Ireland
Sandi Orlić Attended day 1, 23/10/13	Center For Marine Research / Institute Ruđer Bošković, Croatia
David Paterson	Marine Alliance for Science and Technology Scotland (MASTS), UK
Yves-Marie Paulet	Marine Universities of France
Teodoro Ramirez Speaker to the open session as JPI Oceans representative	Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO), Spain
Mario Ruivo	Science and Technology Foundation (FCT), Portugal
Slawomir Sagan	Institute of Oceanology, Polish Academy of Sciences (IO-PAN), Poland
Ricardo Santos Chair of Day 2	Science and Technology Foundation (FCT), Portugal
Tarmo Soomere	Estonian Academy of Sciences, Estonia
Kirsten Thomsen	National Institute of Aquatic Resources (DTU Aqua), Denmark
Leyla Tolun	Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), Turkey
Vitor Vasconcelos	Centre of Marine and Environmental Research (CIMAR), PortugaL

Representative	Member Organization
Ivica Vilibic	Institute Of Oceanography And Fisheries (IZOR), Croatia
Harald Walderhaug	University Of Bergen (UiB), Norway
Jacky Wood Chair of Day 1; attended 23/10/13	Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) / National Oceanography Centre (Noc), United Kingdom

EMB Observers

Name	Organisation
Ana-Teresa Caetano Speaker to the open session	European Commission DG R&I
Luis Valdes Speaker to the closed session on Day 2	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

Invited Speakers

Name	Organisation
Wendy Bonne	JPI Oceans Secretariat
Nicholas Flemming	National Oceanography Centre, UK / EMB WG SUBLAND Chair
Flavio Martins	Vice-Rector of the University of Algarve, Portugal
Álvaro Peliz	Instituto Dom Luiz & Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal
Miguel Seabra	President of Science and Technology Foundation (FCT), Portugal
Josien Steenbergen	EFARO Secretariat

Invited Guest

Name	Organisation
Mario Caetano	Adviser of FCT for Space Sciences and Technologies
Telmo Carvalho	The Executive Diretor of EurOcean Portal
João Carlos Marques	The Chair of the Scientific Council of Natural Sciences and Environment of FCT
Paula Elyseu Mesquita	Diretor of the Department of Foreing Affairs of FCT do Departamento de Rela- ções Internacionais da FCT
Tiago Pitta E Cunha	Advisor to the President of Portugal for Maritime Affaires
Gonçalo Vieira	FCT delegate to the European Polar Board

Marine Board Secretariat

Name	Organisation
Niall McDonough	Marine Board Executive Scientific Secretary
Doris Abele	Marine Board Secretariat (on secondment)
Nan-Chin Chu	Marine Board Secretariat
Dina Eparkhina	Marine Board Secretariat

Annex 3: Marine Board working group members 2013

Working Group Valuing Marine Ecosystems (WG VALMARE)

Working goup members:

- Melanie Austen, Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML), UK working group chair
- Peder Andersen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Claire Armstrong, University of Tromsø, Norway
- Ralf Döring, TI-Institute of Sea Fisheries, Germany
- Stephen Hynes, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland
- Harold Levrel, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (Ifremer), France
- Adriana Resurreição, University of the Azores, Portugal
- Soile Kulmala, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE), Finland
- Michel Kaiser, School of Ocean Sciences, Bangor University, UK

Marine Board support:

• Manager: Niall McDonough

Working Group Submerged Landscapes (WG SUBLAND)

Working goup members:

- Nicholas Flemming, affiliated with NOC, UK working group chair
- Namık Çağatay, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey
- Francesco Latino Chiocci, University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy
- Nena Galanidou, University of Crete, Greece
- Hauke Jöns, german Archaeological Institute, Germany
- Sunhild Kleingärtner, German Maritime Museum of Bremerhaven, Germany
- Gilles Lericolais, French Research Institute for Exploration of the Sea, France
- Tine Missiaen, Gent University, Belgium
- Fionnbarr Moore, National Monuments Service Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht, Ireland
- Alar Rosentau, University of Tartu, Estonia
- Dimitris Sakellariou, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Greece
- Birgitte Skar, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
- Alan Stevenson, British Geological Survey, UK
- Henk Weerts, Cultural Heritage Agency, Netherlands

- Science officer: Nan-Chin Chu
- Manager: Niall McDonough

Working Group Use of Marine Protected Areas for Ecosystem-Based Management (WG MPAs)

Working group members:

- Esben Olsen, Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Norway working group chair
- Luciano Fonseca, International Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
- Raquel Goñi, Spanish Oceanography Institute (IEO), Spain
- David Johnson, Seascape consultants, UK
- Stelios Katsanevakis, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission
- Enrique Macpherson, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC-MCINN), Spain
- Dominique Pelletier, French Sea Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (Ifremer), France
- Marijn Rabaut, Ghent University, Belgium
- Marta Chantal Ribeiro, University of Porto, Portugal
- Phil Weaver, National Oceanography Centre (NOC), UK
- Tania Zaharia, National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa", Romania

Marine Board support:

- Science officers: Kate Larkin
- Manager: Niall McDonough

Working Group Oceans and Human Health (WG OHH)

Working goup members and contributors:

- Michael Moore, Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML) and Peninsula Medical School, UK – working group chair
- Craig Baker-Austin, Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (Cefas), UK
- Michael H Depledge, European Centre for Environment & Human Health, University of Exeter Medical School, UK
- Lora Fleming, European Centre for Environment & Human Health, University of Exeter Medical School, UK
- Philipp Hess, French Research Institute for Exploration of the Sea (Ifremer), France
- David Lees, Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (Cefas), UK
- Paul Leonard, Faculty of Science & Technology, UK
- Lise Madsen, National Institute of Nutrition and Seafood Research, University of Bergen, Norway / University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Richard Owen, University of Exeter Business School, UK
- Hans Pirlet, Flanders Marine Institute, Belgium
- Vitor Vasconcelos, Centre of Marine and Environmental Research (CIMAR), Portugal
- Aldo Viarengo, DISIT Dipartimento di Scienze e Tecnologie Innovative, Università del Piemonte Orientale "Amedeo Avogadro", Italy

- Science officers: Jan-Bart Calewaert
- Manager: Niall McDonough

Working Group *Deep-Sea Research* (WG DEEP-SEA)

Working group members:

- Alex Rogers, University of Oxford, UK working group chair
- Antje Boetius, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI), Germany
- Andy Brierley, University of St. Andrews, UK
- Peter Croot, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland
- Marina Cunha, University of Aveiro, Portugal
- Roberto Danavaro, Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy
- Colin Devey, GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Germany
- Andre Freiwald, Senckenberg Institute, Germany
- Alf Haakon Hoel, Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Norway
- Henry Ruhl, National Oceanography Institute (NOC), UK
- Pierre-Marie Sarradin, French Research Institute for Exploration of the Sea (Ifremer), France
- Seline Trevisnaut, University of Utrecht, Netherlands
- Helena Vieira, Bioalvo (SME), Portugal
- Martin Visbeck, GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Germany

- Science officer: Kate Larkin
- Manager: Niall McDonough

Annex 4: Marine Board Panel Members 2013

European Marine Board Communications Panel (EMBCP)

Panel members:

- Jan Seys, Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ), Belgium - panel chair
- Nienke Bloksma, Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ), Netherlands
- Anne Ditlefsen, Research Council of Norway (RCN), Norway
- Géraldine Fauville, The Sven Lovén Center -Kristineberg, Gothenburg University, Sweden
- Lisa Fitzpatrick, Marine Institute (MI), Ireland
- Albert Gerdes, Centre for Marine
 Environmental Sciences (MARUM), Germany
- Thomas Isaak, French Research Institute for Exploration of the Sea (Ifremer), France
- Sigrid Maebe, Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS), Belgium
- Kjartan Mæstad, Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Norway
- Kim Marshall-Brown, National Oceanography Centre (NOC), United Kingdom
- Martha Papathanassiou, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Greece
- Joanna Piwowarczyk, Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IO-PAN), Poland
- Line Reeh, National Institute of Aquatic Resources (DTU Aqua), Denmark
- Yianna Samuel-Rhoads, Cyprus Oceanography Centre, Cyprus
- Joana Saiote, Interdisciplinary Centre for Marine and Environmental Research (CIIMAR), Portugal
- Andreas Villwock, Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel (GEOMAR), Germany

Marine Board support:

- Science officer: Nan-Chin Chu
- Manager: Niall McDonough

European Scientific Diving Panel (ESDP)

Panel members:

- Martin Sayer, Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS), United Kingdom – panel chair
- Philipp Fischer, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI), Germany
- Jean-Pierre Féral, Institut national des sciences de l'Univers (INSU) of the French National Centre for Scientific Research, France – panel chair (until October 2012)
- Giorgio Caramanna, Italian Association of Scientific Divers, Italy
- Pirkko Kekalainen, Finnish Scientific Diving Committee, Finland
- Roger Lindblom, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Alain Norro, Management Unit of the North Sea Mathematical Models and the Scheldt estuary (MUMM), Belgium
- Luka Bekić, Coordination of Scientific Divers of Croatia, Croatia

- Science officer: Kate Larkin
- Manager: Niall McDonough

Annex 5: Meetings and events organized by the EMB Secretariat in 2013 (including jointly)¹

Date	Event
30/01/2013	Marine Board ExCom meeting, Brussels
6/02/2013	2 nd EU FP7 SEAS-ERA Forum, Brussels
7/02/2013	EU FP7 SEAS-ERA Steering Committee, Brussels
8/02/2013	Marine Board Secretariat 5 years at the InnovOcean site – Reception for InnovOcean colleagues
11-12/03/2013	EU FP7 MarineBiotech Final Conference <i>Challenges and Opportunities for Marine Biotechnology in Europe</i> , Brussels
20-21/03/2013	European Scientific Diving Panel 10th Meeting, Zadar
22-23/04/2013	Marine Board Communications Panel meeting, Bergen
23/04/2013	Marine Board ExCom meeting, Bergen
24-25/04/2013	Marine Board Spring 2013 Plenary meeting, Bergen
25/04/2013	EurOCEAN 2014 1st Organizing Committee meeting, Bergen
14/05/2013	EMB WG VALMARE kick-off meeting, Brussels
22/05/2013	European Maritime Day Stakeholder Day workshop on Oceans and Human Health and launch on Position Paper 19 on Oceans and Human Health
22/05/2013	European Maritime Day Stakeholder Day workshop on MPAs and Tourism and launch of Position Paper 18 on Marine Protected Areas
20/06/2013	Launch of Navigating the Future IV and EurOCEAN 2014, Brussels
25-26/06/2013	EMB-VLIZ workshop on Ocean Literacy, Ostend
06/09/2013	EurOCEAN 2014 2 nd Organizing Committee meeting, Rome
26/09/2013	EMB WG SUBLAND kick-off meeting, Szczecin
01/10/2013	EMB WG VALMARE 2 nd meeting, Dublin
22/10/2013	EMB ExCom meeting, Lisbon
23-24/10/2013	EMB Autumn Plenary Meeting, Lisbon
04-05/11/2013	Marine Board Communications Panel meeting, Hamburg
17/12/2013	EMB WG SUBLAND meeting, Brussels

¹ This list includes only formal meetings and events involving multiple stakeholders

Annex 6: Presentations to meetings by EMB/working group members and Secretariat in 2013

Date	Event	Speaker(s)	
6/02/2013	2 nd EU FP7 SEAS-ERA Forum, Brussels	Niall McDonough	
7/02/2013	EU FP7 SEAS-ERA Steering Committee, Brussels	Niall McDonough	
8/02/2013	Marine Board Secretariat 5 years at the InnovO- cean site –Reception for InnovOcean colleagues		
11-12/03/2013	EU FP7 MarineBiotech Final Conference Challenges and Opportunities for Marine Biotechnology in Europe, Brussels		
14/03/2013	EU FP7 STAGES Steering Committee Meeting, Vigo	Kate Larkin	
21-22/03/2013	Baltic-Mediterranean Workshop on Blue Biotech- nology, Marseille		
10/04/2013	Marine Universities of France Conference, Brest	Nan-Chin Chu	
22-23/04/2013	Marine Board Communications Panel meeting, Bergen	Niall McDonough	
22/05/2013	European Maritime Day Stakeholder Day EMB-JPI Oceans joint workshop on Oceans and Human Health – Launch of EMB Position Paper 19 on Oceans and Human Health	Niall McDonough	
24/05/2013	Lunch-time conference in DG MARE on Marine Biotech, Brussels	Jan-Bart Calewaert	
25-26/06/2013	EMB-VLIZ workshop on Ocean Literacy, Ostend	Niall McDonough Nan-Chin Chu	
19-23/08/2013	European Marine Biology Symposium, Galway	Niall McDonough	
17-18/09/2013	EU FP7 SEAS-ERA WP 6&9 meeting, Lisbon	Niall McDonough	
26/09/2013	EMB WG SUBLAND kick-off meeting, Szczecin	Niall McDonough Nan-Chin Chu	
21-25/10/2013	International Marine Protected Areas Symposium (IMPAC3), Marseille	Phil Weaver presents EMB Position Paper 18 on MPAs	
29-30/10/2013	EU FP7 SEAS-ERA – EU FP6 MarinERA project evaluation meeting and SEAS-ERA Steering Committee meeting	Niall McDonough	
05/11/2013	Science Europe LEGS committee meeting, Florence	Niall McDonough	
20-21/11/2013	EU FP7 STAGES Steering Committee meeting, Brussels	Niall McDonough Doris Abele	
02/12/2013	European Polar Board plenary meeting, Lisbon	Niall McDonough	

Annex 7: Participation in conference and event exhibitions in 2013

Date	Event
23-25/01/2013	EU FP7 PERSEUS General Assembly, Barcelona, Spain
14-15/02/2013	VLIZ mini-Symposium & Young Scientists' Day
11-12/03/2013	EU FP7 MarineBiotech final conference, Brussels, Belgium
22/03/2013	Baltic-Med Marine Biotech workshop, Marseille, France
10/04/2013	French Marine University Network Conference, Brest, France
15-19/04/2013	Arctic Science Summit Week, Krakow, Poland
24/04/2013	ECRA hearing on the Arctic, Brussels
30/05/2013	Arctic Observing Summit, Vancouver, Canada
22/05/2013	European Maritime Day 2013, Malta
23-24/05/2013	The Atlantic - A shared resource, Galway, Ireland
11-12/06/2013	EU FP7 SPIRAL workshop, Brussels, Belgium
20/06/2013	High-level launch of Navigating the Future IV and EurOCEAN2014, Brussels,
21/08/2013	48th Annual European Marine Biology Symposium, Galway, Ireland
3-5/09/13	Second Conference on Ocean Literacy in Europe, Plymouth, UK
21-25/10/13	International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC3), Marseille, France
28-31/10/2013	Protection and Sustainable Management of the Black Sea - 3rd Millennium Imperative, Romania

Annex 8: Marine Board member contributions 2013

Marine Board Member	Country	Contribution 2013/€
National Fund for Scientific Research, FNRS	Belgium	10,167
Fund for Scientific Research – Flanders, FWO	Belgium	10,167
Belgian Science Policy Office, BELSPO	Belgium	12,000
Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, IZOR	Croatia	3,000
Insitute Ruđer Bošković, IRB	Croatia	1,500
Cyprus Oceanography Centre	Cyprus	8,000
DTU Aqua	Denmark	12,000
Estonian Academy of Sciences	Estonia	8,000
Academy of Finland	Finland	12,333
National Centre for Scientific Research, CNRS	France	16,500
French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea, IFREMER	France	16,500
Universités Marines	France	17,000
German Research Foundation, DFG	Germany	16,500
Association of National Research Centres, HGF	Germany	16,500
Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, HCMR	Greece	8,333
Marine Institute, MI	Ireland	11,333
Irish Marine Universities Consortium	Ireland	12,000
National Research Council, CNR	Italy	16,500
National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics, OGS	Italy	16,500
National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences, CoNISMa	Italy	17,000
Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, NWO	Netherlands	11,333
Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research, NIOZ	Netherlands	12,000
University of Bergen, UiB	Norway	11,333
Research Council of Norway, RCN (+Institute of Marine Research, IMR)	Norway	22,666
Institute of Oceanology - Polish Academy of Sciences, IO-PAN	Poland	8,000
Science and Technology Foundation, FCT	Portugal	6,667
Centre of Marine and Environmental Research, CIMAR	Portugal	6,667
National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore An- tipa"	Romania	7,667
Spanish Institute of Oceanography, IEO	Spain	11,333
Council for Scientific Research, CSIC	Spain	11,333
Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment	Sweden	12,333
Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, TÜBİTAK	Turkey	8,000
Natural Environment Research Council, NERC (+ National Oceanography Centre, NOC)	UK	33,000
Marine Alliance of Science and Technology Scotland, MASTS	UK	17,000
Total Call for Contributions 2013		€ 421,165

Annex 9 : Full list of Marine Board publications

Marine Board Position Papers:

- European Marine Board (2013). Navigating the Future IV. Position Paper 20 of the European Marine Board, Ostend, Belgium. ISBN: 9789082093100, 203pp.
- Michael N. Moore et al. Linking Oceans and Human Health: A Strategic Research Priority for Europe. European Marine Board Position paper 19. McDonough N., Evrard M., Calewaert JB., French V. (Eds). European Marine Board, Ostend, Belgium. 2013.
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Annex 11: Glossary

BONUS EEIG	BONUS Secretariat established as an European Economic Interest Grouping
CETMAR	. Centro Tecnologico del Mar (Spain)
	Centre of Marine and Environmental Research (Portugal)
CLAMER	EU FP7 project Climate Change Impacts on Marine Ecosystems: Research Results
	& Public Perception
COST	European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research
CSA	Coordination Support Action (EU FP Scheme)
CSIC	Spanish National Research Council
DEVOTES	EU FP7 project, DEVelopment Of innovative Tools for understanding marine
	biodiversity and assessing good Environmental Status
DG	Directorate General (European Commission)
DG MARE	DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (European Commission)
DG R&I	DG Research and Innovation (European Commission)
DTU Aqua	National Institute for Aquatic Resources (Denmark)
EAS	Estonian Academy of Sciences
EC	European Commission
EFARO	European Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Organisation
EMB	European Marine Board
EMBCP	European Marine Board Communications Panel
EMD	European Maritime Day
EMODnet	European Marine Observation and Data Network
ERA-NET	European Research Area Network (EU FP Scheme)
ESDP	European Scientific Diving Panel (Marine Board panel)
ESF	European Science Foundation
EU	European Union
EurOCEAN	European conference series on marine science and technology
ExCom	Marine Board Executive Committee
FCT	Science and Technology Foundation (Portugal)
FP	EU Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development
FSB	Future Science Brief (Marine Board instrument)
HCMR	Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (Greece)
lfremer	French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea
IMR	Institute of Marine Research (Norway)
IODE	International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange
	International Union for Conservation of Nature
JPI Oceans	Joint Programme Initiative on Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans
MarineBiotech	EU FP7 CSA ERA-NET Preparatory Action in Marine Biotechnology
MARUM	Centre for Marine Environmental Sciences (Germany)
	Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (Spain)
	Marine Protected Areas
MSFD	Marine Strategy Framework Directive

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NFIV	. Navigating the Future IV (EMB Position Paper 20)
NERC	. Natural Environment Research Council (United Kingdom)
NOC	. National Oceanography Centre (United Kingdom)
OGS	. National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (Italy)
ODEMM	. EU FP7 project Options for Delivering Ecosystem-Based Marine Management
PERSEUS	. EU FP7 project Policy-orientated marine Environmental Research for the Southern
	European Seas
RBINS	. Royal Belian Institute of Natural Sciences
RCN	. Research Council of Norway
RFO	. Research Funding Organization
RPO	. Research Performing Organization
RTDI	. Research, Technology Development and Innovation
SA	. Support Action (EU FP Scheme)
SAMS	. Scottish Association for Marine Science (United Kingdom)
SEAS-ERA	. EU FP7 ERA-NET project Towards Integrated Marine Research Strategy and
	Programmes
SICA	. Specific International Cooperation Action (EU FP Scheme)
SIS	. Science in Society (EU FP Scheme)
SPIRAL	. EU FP7 project Interfacing Biodiversity and Policy
STAGES	. EU FP7 CSA project Science and Technology Advancing Governance of Good
	Environmental Status
ΤΡ	. Technology Platform
UK	. United Kingdom
UNEP WCMC	. United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre
UNESCO	. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNESCO IOC	. Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
US	. United States of America
VLIZ	. Flanders Marine Institute (Belgium)
WG	. Working Group (Marine Board Instrument)
WG	. MICROCEAN Marine Board Working Group Marine Microbial Biology
WG Deep-Sea	. European Marine Board working group on Deep-Sea Research
WG MPAs	. European Marine Board working group on Marine Protected Areas
WG SUBLAND	. European Marine Board working group on Submerged Landscapes
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