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# EurOcean in European Projects

Bridging European Marine Information

This brochure is part of EurOcean dissemination activities. EurOcean considers three types of dissemination: Dissemination for awareness, for understanding and for action. This brochure is intended for Dissemination for Understanding for groups/audiences that can benefit from the work developed and knowledge obtained by EurOcean in European projects and need to have a deeper understanding on its work in projects at European level.

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Through the appropriateness and quality of its activities, EurOcean has been able to establish itself as a pan-European network, with relevance and influence at European level in the area of information on European marine sciences and technologies.

EurOcean has been invited to participate in an increasing number of EU funded projects in its field of expertise, but the selection of the ones to participate follows clear strategic criteria in line with the EurOcean triennial work programme. Through the participation in the selected projects, EurOcean has actively involved several Members and promoted their skills and expertise towards the rest of Europe's Marine/ Maritime sectors, and through these efforts increased the funding opportunities of its Members. The participation in European projects allows EurOcean to strengthen its position as a focal point for information

on marine science and technology in Europe, and has enabled increased cooperation among European organisations, and to be regularly requested to provide its expertise and knowledge in the design of marine communication/dissemination strategies.

Although participating in EU Projects since 2004, the formal participation of EurOcean (as a legal entity) started in the second half of 2009 with the beginning of the EUROFLEETS project. The fact that EurOcean is presently involved in 9 European funded projects with different levels of participation (partner, third party, subcontracted, advisor and stakeholder) it's an indicator of the quality of the work developed.

**Telmo Carvalho**  
EurOcean's Executive - Director





**Project name:** Towards an Alliance of European Research Fleets

**Project acronym:** EUROFLEETS

**Programme:** FP7

**Theme:** INFRASTRUCTURES - Research Infrastructures

**EC financial contribution:** €7.2 million

**EC Project Officer:** Agnès Robin

**Duration:** 48 months

**Start date:** 1 September 2009

**Completion date:** 31 August 2013

**Coordinator:** Ifremer, France

**Number of countries:** 15

**Number of partners:** 24

**Number of associated partners:** 5

**Website:** [www.eurofleets.eu](http://www.eurofleets.eu)

#### Aims of the project

EUROFLEETS is a project aiming at bringing together the existing European research fleet owners, to enhance their coordination and promote the cost-effective use of their facilities, in order to support the efficient provision of essential research services for monitoring and sustainable management of the Regional Seas and the Oceans and allow access to all European scientists.

#### EurOcean's involvement

EurOcean is the leader of the NA7/WP7 – Dissemination and Exploitation, aiming to develop and to support dissemination and communication and information on the activities of the EUROFLEETS project. EurOcean is



**Project name:** European Marine Research Knowledge Transfer and Uptake of Results

**Project acronym:** MarineTT

**Programme:** FP7

**Theme:** ENVIRONMENT – Environment (including Climate change)

**EU financial contribution:** €782.000

**EU Project Officer:** Ana Teresa Caetano

**Duration:** 24 months

**Start date:** 1 February 2010

**Completion date:** 31 January 2012

**Coordinator:** AquaTT, Ireland

**Number of countries:** 2

**Number of partners:** 2

**Website:** [www.marinett.eu](http://www.marinett.eu)

#### Aims of the project

The challenge is to unlock the vast amounts of potentially valuable information generated under marine funded projects in FP6 and FP7.

#### The project objectives are:

- Gain a more comprehensive overview of the knowledge generated by reviewing research outcomes and identifying which could be potentially exploited;
- To devise and trial an innovative evaluation mechanism to identify the research outcomes with the most potential for exploitation and to,
- To connect and transfer knowledge to key stakeholders.





# Seas-ERA

EUFP7ERA-NET

**Project name:** Towards Integrated Marine Research Strategy and Programmes

**Project acronym:** SEAS-ERA

**Programme:** FP7

**Theme:** ENVIRONMENT – Environment (including Climate change)

**EU financial contribution:** €2 million

**EU Project Officer:** Ana Teresa Caetano

**Duration:** 48 months

**Start date:** 1 May 2010

**Completion date:** 30 April 2014

**Coordinator:** MICINN, Spain

**Number of countries:** 18

**Number of partners:** 21

**Number of third parties:** 2

**Website:** [www.seas-era.eu](http://www.seas-era.eu)

## Aims of the project

SEAS-ERA aims at embracing marine and maritime research in its entirety, overarching the previous initiatives which only targeted a given area or basin and, therefore, constituting a stable and durable structure for empowering and strengthening marine research all across Europe. SEAS-ERA will constitute a platform for developing a European integrated policy oriented structure to promote knowledge and expertise in any sea related area; the overarching element of SEAS-ERA, its ambition to embrace the whole spectrum of marine and maritime research, makes it an open forum for knowledge sharing, a real arena where all the

sea related knowledge can meet.

## EurOcean's involvement

Following the work developed in the MarinERA project, EurOcean was invited to continue the role of information manager/developer of the new project (SEAS-ERA), which aggregates previous initiatives like AMPERA, MariFish, and MarinERA. EurOcean is responsible for the development of Technical Applications (Project's information system – website, administration area and extranet; Marine Projects InfoBase Integration tool) and, of Dissemination Materials to targeted audiences, (Corporate image/Graphic line; Dissemination/Promotion Materials and Templates), fostering the impact of the project findings.

**Partners:** BELSPO, Belgium; MEYS, Bulgaria; ANR, France; Ifremer, France; MB-ESF, France; SRNSF, Georgia; JOLICH, Germany; GSRT, Greece; RANNIS, Iceland; MI, Ireland; MIUR, Italy; MCST, Malta; RCN, Norway; FCT, Portugal; UEFISCDI, Romania; MICINN, Spain; NWO, The Netherlands; TÜBITAK, Turkey; DEFRA, United Kingdom; NERC, United Kingdom; KyivCSTEI, Ukraine

**Third Parties:** CNR, Italy; EurOcean, Portugal

# CIRCLE2

**Project name:** Climate Impact Research & Response Coordination for a Larger Europe

**Programme:** FP7

**Project acronym:** CIRCLE-2

**Theme:** ENVIRONMENT – Environment (including Climate change)

**EU financial contribution:** €2 million

**EU Project Officer:** José Jiménez Mingo

**Duration:** 48 months

**Start date:** 1 May 2010

**Completion date:** 30 April 2014

**Coordinator:** FFCUL, Portugal

**Number of countries:** 23

**Number of partners:** 20

**Number of contributing partners:** 14

**Website:** [www.circle-era.eu](http://www.circle-era.eu)

## Aims of the project

CIRCLE-2 is an ERA-NET focused on the interface between Climate Change science and policy. Through the promotion of networking activities it aims to maximise the degree to which research outcomes address both national and European climate policy needs. A structuring impact on the European Climate Change research landscape can only be achieved if joint research funding is put into practice and its results transferred in effective ways. CIRCLE-2 aims to further reinforce the coordination and cooperation between national and regional climate research programmes. CIRCLE-2 is then committed to fund research and share knowledge

on climate adaptation and the promotion of long-term cooperation among national and regional climate change programmes.

## EurOcean's involvement

Under the supervision of the Project Coordinator EurOcean (as subcontracted) is responsible for the development of Technical Applications and Dissemination Materials including:

- **Technical Applications:** Project's information system – website, administration area and extranet; CIRCLE-2 Climate Adaptation InfoBase;
- **Dissemination Materials:** Corporate image/Graphic line; Dissemination/Promotion Tool-Kit.

EurOcean provides also support on the Project's communication management and IT issues.

**Partners:** EAA, Austria; EVFH, Belgium; ETF, Estonia; AKA, Finland; MEDDTL, France; PT-DLR, Germany; MKF, Greece; MRD, Hungary; EPA-I, Ireland; IME, Israel; CMCC, Italy; FCT, Portugal; FFCUL, Portugal; MICINN, Spain; FORMAS, Sweden; SEPA, Sweden; SMHI, Sweden; KvK, The Netherlands; TÜBITAK, Turkey; DEFRA, United Kingdom

**Contributing Partners:** BMWF, Austria; BELSPO, Belgium; NIMH\_BAS, Bulgaria; AU-KFT, Denmark; BMBF, Germany; UBA-D, Germany; IMELS, Italy; LAS, Latvia; RCN, Norway; METEO-Ro, Romania; IHObE, Spain (Basque Country); XUNTA, Spain (Galicia); FOEN, Switzerland; EA, United Kingdom





**Project name:** Integration of European marine research networks of excellence

**Project acronym:** EuroMarine

**Programme:** FP7

**Theme:** ENVIRONMENT – Environment (including Climate change)

**EU financial contribution:** €1 million

**EU project officer:** Ariana Nastaseanu

**Duration:** 24 months

**Start date:** 1 February 2011

**Completion date:** 31 January 2013

**Coordinator:** UGOT, Sweden

**Number of countries:** 9

**Number of partners:** 17

**Website:** [www.euromarineconsortium.eu](http://www.euromarineconsortium.eu)

#### Aims of the project

EuroMarine aims to integrate three major European marine FP6 Networks of Excellence (EUR-OCEANS, MarBEF and Marine Genomics Europe) into one organisation, with a roadmap for joint programming, creating synergies between different scientific fields, towards a common research strategy and a shared vision for the oceans of tomorrow. EuroMarine also aims to engage the European Marine data management and scientific communities in shaping the long-term integration of data. Moreover, EuroMarine aims to train marine scientists of the 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledgeable in the fields of genomics, biodiversity and ecosystem modelling.

#### EurOcean's involvement

EurOcean is involved in the EuroMarine project as an Advisory Board Member, providing its inputs on the strategy of the projects for the integration of existing information and on the branding of the initiative.

**Partners:** UGent, Belgium; VLIZ, Belgium; DTU-Aqua, Denmark; EMPA, Denmark; CNRS/SBR, France; Ifremer, France; IRD/CRH, France; MPG/MPIMM, Germany; UniHB/MARUM, Germany; MIUR/SZN, Italy; CCMAR, Portugal; CIIMAR, Portugal; UGOT, Sweden; NIOO-CEME, The Netherlands; NIOZ, The Netherlands; RUG/MARBEE, The Netherlands; MBA/PMSP, United Kingdom

## Sea for Society

#### Project name:

**Project acronym:** SFS

**Programme:** FP7

**Theme:** SiS – Science in Society

**EU financial contribution:** €4.2 million

**Duration:** 42 months

**Start date:** 2012

**Completion date:** 2015

**Coordinator:** NAUSICAÄ, France

**Number of countries:** 11

**Number of partners:** 20

#### Aims of the project

SFS will mobilise researchers, marine and terrestrial actors, CSO's and individual citizens and youth in a mutual learning, open dialogue and joint action to consider key questions, extract cross-cutting issues and propose challenge-driven solutions and ensure sustainable management of marine eco-system services by European citizens. The project will engage stakeholders with conflicting perspectives in a face-to-face and web-based participatory dialogue with science and research. The "Geographical Forums" across Europe will convene economic stakeholders, environmental organisations, local authorities, the public-at-large, and youth to identify challenges and barriers of coastal and marine ecosystem services vis-à-vis societal needs. Given the partners potential in mobilising stakeholders and the general public, the dialogue phases and the public consultation will have great impact on the citizens'

capacity to take action. Via aquaria and museums SFS will reach millions of European citizens. SFS will shape a new concept of "Blue Society" and improve the governance of research related to the oceans and seas.

#### EurOcean's involvement

EurOcean is a partner of the SFS project involved in several activities, namely in the planning, mobilization, and analysis of results of the dialogue process, in the planning of activities from the outcomes of the open dialogue phases, in the management of knowledge towards a "Blue Society" and in the communication and dissemination of the project. EurOcean is also leader of the WP6 - Management and Integration of the different types of Communication.

**Partners:** EBN, Belgium; Ecsite, Belgium; IUCN, Belgium; WON, Belgium; Ifremer, France; NAUSICAÄ, France; Studio K, France; HCMR-IO, Greece; AquaTT, Ireland; MI, Ireland; NUI Galway, Ireland; ADG, Italy; IMR, Norway; IOPAN, Poland; Ciência Viva, Portugal; EurOcean, Portugal; IST, Portugal; IEO, Spain; mc2, Spain; UGOT, Sweden





## STAGES

**Project name:** Science and Technology Advancing Governance of Good Environmental Status

**Project acronym:** STAGES

**Programme:** FP7

**Theme:** ENVIRONMENT – Environment (including Climate change)

**EU financial contribution:** €1 million

**EU Project Officer:** Ana Teresa Caetano

**Duration:** 24 months

**Start date:** 2014

**Completion date:** 2014

**Coordinator:** CETMAR, Spain

**Number of countries:** 7

**Number of partners:** 8

### Aims of the project

The overarching goal of STAGES is to develop a platform to ensure that the knowledge generated through European science and technology can be channelled effectively to policy and decision makers to inform and facilitate the implementation of the MSFD and the achievement of GES. The role and input of MSFD stakeholders will be central to the activities of the project and to the proposals for a science policy interface that will be delivered by the project. The specific objectives of STAGES are to:

- Make the knowledge generated through EU and national research funded activities with relevance to MSFD objectives widely accessible to policy and decision makers and to MSFD stakeholders;

- Identify the needs for further research to improve the scientific underpinning for the implementation of the MSFD and;

- Provide concrete, pragmatic and ready-to-use recommendations on the development of an effective European science-policy platform to support implementation of the MSFD.

### EurOcean's involvement

In the scope of this Project, EurOcean plays a leading role, as WP leader, on the identification, collection and analysis of the EU and National research activities relevant to the MSFD. EurOcean will also be involved in all the WP maximising its experience in science communication and networking.

**Partners:** JRC, EU; Ifremer, France; MB-ESF, France; AquaTT, Ireland; ICES, International; IMR, Norway; EurOcean, Portugal; CETMAR, Spain



**Project name:** Aqua-tnet - Promoting innovation and a European dimension through Lifelong learning in the field of Aquaculture, Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management – Thematic Network

**Project acronym:** Aqua-tnet3

**Programme:** Lifelong Learning

**EU financial contribution:** €600.000

**EU Project Officer:** Alba Prieto-González

**Duration:** 36 months

**Start date:** 1 October 2011

**Completion date:** 30 September 2014

**Coordinator:** University of Stirling, United Kingdom

**Number of countries:** 26

**Number of partners:** 82

**Website:** [www.aquatnet.com](http://www.aquatnet.com)

### Aims of the project

The principal aim of the network is to support the progress of the European aquaculture, fisheries and aquatic resources management sector towards the EC policy goal of greater and sustainable output (COM(2009) 169 final) by stimulating and supporting innovation through enhanced lifelong learning opportunities. The Network also aims to help embed EC Lifelong Learning policy objectives within partner institutions and across sector activities. Particularly, the network aims to contribute substantially to recent EC policies (EU2020, Bologna 2020) which emphasise the importance of reinforcing the link between education and society, bringing together public and private sector,

scientific and professional players, thereby contributing to Europe's knowledge triangle and innovation capacity urgently needed in the current economic climate.

### EurOcean's involvement

As a Core Partner EurOcean is involved in three work packages: WP 6 – Stakeholder Cooperation; WP 7 – Dissemination and Outreach; and WP 8 – Exploitation of Results. EurOcean will contribute to the overall objectives by attending WP core meetings and annual events.

**Partners:** 82 partners from 26 different countries (Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Croatia; Czech Republic; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Italy; Latvia; Lithuania; Malta; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Spain; Sweden; The Netherlands; Turkey; United Kingdom)





## MarineBiotech

**Project name:** Coordination and support action in Marine Biotechnology  
**Project acronym:** MarineBiotech  
**Programme:** FP7  
**Theme:** KBBE – Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology  
**EU financial contribution:** €1 million  
**Duration:** 18 months  
**Start date:** 1 October 2011  
**Completion date:** 31 March 2013  
**Coordinator:** RCN, Norway  
**Number of countries:** 9  
**Number of partners:** 11  
**Website:** [www.marinebiotech.eu](http://www.marinebiotech.eu)

### Aims of the project

The main goal of the CSA MarineBiotech is to prepare the foundation for a potential ERA-NET in marine biotechnology. The CSA MarineBiotech will concentrate its efforts on the mobilisation and engagement of funding agencies and stakeholders from the start of its lifetime, through the establishment of two key groups, a Strategic Forum and a Stakeholder Group, which will provide strategic advice to the project consortium and contribute to a high-quality proposal for a future ERA-NET in marine biotechnology.

### EurOcean's involvement

EurOcean is involved in the MarineBiotech project as a member of the Stakeholder Group.

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**Partners:** MB-ESF, Belgium; VLIZ, Belgium; DTU, Denmark; CNRS, France; Ifremer, France; Norgenta, Germany; CNR, Italy; RCN, Norway; FCT, Portugal; TÜBITAK, Turkey; BioBridge Ltd, United Kingdom

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**Project name:** Co-ordination of National and Regional Marine RTD Activities in Europe

**Project acronym:** MarinERA  
**Programme:** FP6  
**Activity area:** Coordination of Research Activities – ERA NET Scheme

**EC financial contribution:** €2.95 million

**EC Project Officer:** Ivan Conesa

**Duration:** 54 months

**Start date:** 1 November 2004

**Completion date:** 30 April 2009

**Coordinator:** Ifremer, France

**Number of countries:** 13

**Number of partners:** 16

**Website:** [marinera.seas-era.eu/index.jsp](http://marinera.seas-era.eu/index.jsp)

### Aims of the project

The MarinERA project main objectives were to:

- Map European marine RTD programmes and specialized infrastructures, facilitating the creation of an internal market and quantifying the existing European marine research capacity.
- Facilitate the networking of Marine RTD funding agencies in the European Union, leading to a more cost effective and efficient use of Member State resources including scientific personnel, specialist infrastructures and planned investments.

- Contribute to the development of a European marine research policy, by identifying future scientific challenges,

- Provide a basis for the sharing of available resources to address priority issues which are beyond the capacities of individual Member States,
- Progress the reciprocal opening of Member State Marine RTD Programmes.

### EurOcean's involvement

EurOcean was responsible for the development of all the Internet Communication Infrastructure of the project (public website, administrative area). EurOcean was also responsible for the development of two databases: database including national R&D projects funded by the partner's institutions of MarinERA and, the MarinERA On-line Database of Atlantic European Marine Research Centres.

**Partners:** AWI, Belgium; Belspo, Belgium; AKA, Finland; Ifremer, France; MB-ESF, France; PtJ, Germany; HCMR, Greece; MI, Ireland; MCST, Malta; RCN, Norway; IOPAN, Poland; MSHE, Poland; FCT, Portugal; MEC, Spain; NWO, The Netherlands; NERC, United Kingdom



The table below summarises the projects in which EurOcean is/was participating and the type of involvement of EurOcean in the Consortia.

Project	Information Management	Dissemination	Knowledge Transfer	Education and Training	Stakeholder Engagement	Advisory
EUROFLEETS	X	X		X		
MarineTT		X	X	X		X
SEAS-ERA	X	X				
CIRCLE-2		X	X			
EuroMarine						X
SFS	X	X				X
STAGES	X	X	X		X	
Aqua-tnet3		X	X			
MarineBiotech						X
MarinERA	X	X				