

27-28 September 2012
Ifremer - Toulon (France)

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The EU FP7 Seasera Mediterranean partnership would like to invite you to discuss the opportunities and advantages to build a common program in the Mediterranean region on "**Climate change impact on physical circulation and biogeochemical consequences**". This topic is considered as a priority by the Mediterranean countries of Seasera consortium.

One core aim of the ERA- Net Seasera project is to foster synergies mobilizing non-competitive funds for research in a more coordinated way through Common Programs at regional level. This would allow us to develop excellent high level research collaboration.

<http://www.seas-era.eu/np4/homepage.html>

The Task 7.2 in Seasera is in charge of designing Common Programs in the Mediterranean region. The global objective is to push national programs toward European collaboration to increase coordination and collaboration between the major Research Performing Organizations (RPOs).

Objectives – The impact of climate change on the whole circulation in the Med is of major interest and the studies on consequences for the biochemistry cycle are important. This has been definitely addressed by number of workshops. The Seasera group will be focusing on the coordination of joined national efforts in the EU countries of the area. Following the CIESM work on *Designing Med-Ship: a program for repeated oceanographic surveys*, the Seasera group will produce recommendations to the relevant ministries and the funding agencies for maintaining, or increasing long time observations in the area. How to share common facilities and data to build a long term network of scientists for best use of resources is the main output of the Toulon meeting. So mapping the current activities and identifying duplications and gaps are the purposes of the workshop with a special attention to observations which are in danger in relation with the decrease of national research funding.

CIESM Workshop Monographs, n°43:

Designing Med-SHIP: a Program for repeated oceanographic surveys 11 – 14 May 2011,
162 p.

<http://www.ciesm.org/online/monographs/Supetar.html>

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9.45 BEGINNING OF THE WORKSHOP (DAY 1)

1. **Opening**, 10'
2. **SEAS-ERA and concept of common program** – Maurice Heral (SEAS-ERA WP2; ANR,France), 20'
3. **Presentation on Med-SHIP programme** – Miroslav Gacic (Coordinator, OGS, Italy) 60'
Discussion, 15'

11.30 COFFEE BREAK

12.00

4. **Research activities in the respective countries which can be shared at regional level** , each 20' presentation
 - a. current research / national programs/projects in progress
 - b. main results , reasons to be shared by different countries
 - c. planned projects (next 4 years)
 - d. projects reduced or stopped which have international consequences in the Med
 - e. opinions on needs, gaps, what needs to be done
 - f. comment on the indicative research priorities/enabling actions relevant to the sector
 - g. identification of selective programs (between 2 and 3) upon which you propose joint collaboration

13.00 LUNCH

14.00

4. **Research activities in the respective countries (to continue)**

16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.15 VISIT OF IFREMER 'FACILITIES

17.00

5. **Discussion – Analysis of the existing research: convergence, gaps and alignment of the different projects**

18.30 END OF DAY1

20.30 DINNER

9.45 BEGINNING OF THE WORKSHOP (DAY 2)

- 5. Follow up discussion – Analysis of the existing research: convergence, gaps and alignment of the different projects**
- 6. Basin-scale & international cooperation analysis: selection of international project (s)**
- 7. Identification of potentiel projects/tasks to be shared between voluntary countries - Explore possibilities - (campaigns, vessels, instruments, data base, modeling and HCB initiatives...)**

11.30 – 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

13.00 – 14:00 LUNCH

- 8. Recommandations / Conclusions (Maurice Heral)**
Future plan for action
Next steps

16.00 END OF THE WORKSHOP