

Towards integrated European marine research strategy and programmes

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Key outputs of the project

- Previous joint experience via Marin-era, Ampera, Marifish.
- Willingness to constitute a platform for developing a European integrated policy oriented structure to promote knowledge and expertise in any marine related area, combining a strong regional component with the pan-European dimension.
- Participation of 21 countries from the main regional seas.
- Good partnership, co-operation and trust being built between European Marine RFOs.
- Collaboration with BONUS.
- Collaboration with other ERA-nets and transfer of results.

Key outputs of the project

- Best practice – applications, evaluations.
- Influential SRAs for Atlantic, Mediterranean and Black Seas.
- Human capacity building.
- Infrastructures identification, building up cooperation.
- Knowledge transfer strategies.
- Joint programming first steps.

Weaknesses

- Changes in the economic scenario making it difficult to achieve the expected goals in several countries (i.e.common calls).
- Partners delays and problems due to financial cutbacks and staff reductions caused by recession. Political changes.
- Uneven experience between Research Funding Organizations of different countries on implementing Era-nets.

Conclusions

- A positive effort that has settled the scenario for further developments.
- Planned future actions: JPI Oceans, Mediterranean Era-Net, Mediterranean Blue growth, EU Atlantic Action Plan....

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