

Welcome and Introduction

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EuroMarine - a bottom-up approach to promote integrated and multidisciplinary methods to address global challenges in the marine environment

Three FP6 Networks of Excellence and their follow-up structures

New network designed by FP7 preparatory project

Launch of the EuroMarine network 66 Organisations, 19 Countries, 19 Activities

First General Assembly (GA) meeting 68 Organisations, 22 Countries, 18 Activities

2nd GA Meeting, New website launched 73 Organisations, 23 Countries, 15 Activities

3rd GA Meeting, Blue Science for Blue Growth event, Era of Blue Enlightenment 74 Organisations, 23 Countries, 11 Activities, 23 Fellowships

4th GA Meeting: Porto, Portugal 17 – 19 January









2018

2017

2011

2014

2015

2016



What is EuroMarine?

- Self-sustained by membership fees
- Ethos
 - Bottom-up inclusiveness
 - Broad coverage of disciplines
 - Open to emerging fields
 - Multi-disciplinary teams
 - Current and emerging issues
 - Long-term
- Coordinated by CNRS & IRD
- Hosted by IRD





The network covers a wide range of disciplines

Climate Physical Chemical Biological Biogeochemistry

Oceanography Biodiversity

Policy
Pollution
Systematics
Conservation
Biogeography
Invasive species
Economic valuation

Evolutionary Ecology
Community Ecology
Genetics/Genomics
Population Ecology
Acclimation/
Adaptation
Evolution
BEF

Marine Ecology/Biology

Fisheries and aquaculture

Ecosystem end-to-end Population dynamics Ecosystem approach Ecosystem Services Global change



What is EuroMarine for?

- Identification and initial development of:
 - emerging scientific topics
 - associated methodologies
- Foster new services
 - networking, news
 - mobility, education training, scholarly services
 - data, infrastructure
- Advocacy
 - improve science-governance interface
 - provide latest scientific expertise
 - knowledge exchange and mobilization





Greater visibility, opportunities and tools for marine scientists and their organisations

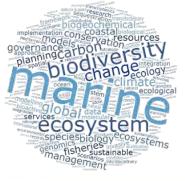
- Broad coverage of disciplines
- ✓ Bottom-up inclusiveness
- Openness to emerging fields
- Ability to assemble multidisciplinary teams
- Forum for debate and discussion













2017 REPORTING



EuroMarine Funding Calls

- ▶ **19** activities/50 proposals
- ▶ 193,000 €
- 53 Full MOs involved

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- ▶ **18** activities/34 proposals
- 110,200 €
- 56 Full MOs involved

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- ▶ 15 activities/28 proposals
- ▶ 99,880 €
- ▶ 46 Full MOs involved

- 11 activities/16 proposals +23 fellowships
- ▶ 89,873 €
- ▶ 41 Full MOs involved

35 Foresight workshops



12 Capacity building and training courses



10 Working group meetings



6 Workshops & other



Notable 2017 Events



We advocate for the inclusion of the ocean on all future political agendas through scientific and fact-based decision making



European Parliament Brussels 8 February 2017



Responsive and creative science to help tackle current and emerging issues and challenges in the marine environment









2017 Individual Fellowship Programme

- ▶ In 2017, instead of directly funding Capacity Building and Training activities, EuroMarine granted individual fellowships to let EuroMarine PhD students and scholars in their first post-doctoral position attend an advanced course of their choice
- ▶ Call for applications: 11 April 2 May 2017
- Up to €500 to cover direct costs related to participating in a training event
 - 23 early career marine scientists
 - ▶ 16 PhD students and seven post-docs
 - 13 Member Organisations from nine countries
 - Total funding awarded: €10,067





2017 Call for Proposals Outcomes

- Two eligible categories of activities:
 - Foresight Workshops (horizon scanning, FWS) max funding 7,500€
 - EuroMarine Working Groups (WG) or Workshops (WS) for building EuroMarine services or for otherwise consolidating the EuroMarine network – max funding: 5,000 €
- Submitted projects: 12 FWS, 4 WG
- Overall funding: 79,359 € (41% of EuroMarine 2017 membership contributions; 46% with fellowships)







FWS (9/12)

- FWS (9,475 €) Modelling Ocean Plastic Litter in a Changing Climate: Challenges and Mitigations (MODELPlastics)
- FWS (7,500 €) Marine Holobionts concepts and challenges (HoloMarine)
- FWS (7,500 €) Autonomous Systems for Integrated Marine and Maritime Observations in Coastal areas (ASIMO)
- FWS (7,445 €) Anticipating Potential Pathways and Routes for Innovation towards desirable SocioEconomic impacts (APPRISE)



1st international foresight workshop on

Marine Holobionts - concepts and challenges

Roscoff Biological Station (France) - March 27th and 28th, 2018

Background and aim: The idea of considering organisms in connection with the complex microbial communities they are associated with, i.e. as holobionts, is a rapidly emerging concept in all fields of life science. Many marine labs have started to incorporate this notion into their research. However, there are few examples of research groups that bridge the gap between (1) the functional interdependencies of a host and its symbionts, (2) the impact these interdependencies have on the functioning of an ecosystem, and (3) the role of evolution and ecosystem in shaping these interdepencies. This workshop aims at bringing together a small group of experts and motivated early stage researchers working on different holobiont systems (micro, macro, plant, animal, viruses), at different scales (molecular to ecosystem), using different approaches (e.g. modeling, chemistry, microfluidics to genomics) to discuss key questions, opportunities and challenges in further integrating the holobiont concept into marine sciences.

Program: The workshop will consist of three sessions each with three invited talks followed by group discussions.

Session 1: The holobiont concept and implications on research

Invited speakers: <u>Derek Skillings</u>, <u>Marc-André Sélosse</u>, <u>Monica Medina</u> Session 2: Current approaches to study holobionts

Invited speakers: Shinichi Sunagawa, Tilmann Harder, Claire Gachon

Session 3: Challenges and opportunities for future research on marine holobionts Invited speakers: <u>Thomas Bosch</u>, <u>Damien Eveillard</u>, <u>Roman Stocker</u>

The afternoon of the second day will be dedicated to small group meetings to work specifically on the preparation of a position paper encompassing the results of the workshop.

Venue: Roscoff is a small town on the northern coast of Brittany about 60 km north-east of Brest and offer exceptional variety of biotopes: https://goo.gl/axg.JA3

Participation: The workshop accommodation and board will be free of charge for participants; a limited number travel grants will attributed on a need-base. The total number of participants in the workshop is limited to 30. If you wish to participate, please fill in the following application form before January 15th, 2018: https://doco.dl/NOwiJu.

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Station Biologique
Roscoff





FWS (9/12)

- FWS (7,500 €) Predicting the future of the ocean from signatures of the past: using marine sediment archives to understand adaptation of marine plankton to a changing environment
- FWS (7,500 €) Trait-based approach to seagrass ecosystems (TRAITGRASS)
- FWS (7,500 €) Improving the visibility of ocean data from new technologies: a case study of high frequency flow cytometry
- **FWS (7,484 €)** Ecosystem changes associated with offshore wind farms: bridging the gap between biogeochemical effects and its repercussions for ecosystem functioning and services
- ► FWS (7,500) Arctic Sea-Ice Change: Insights into nearfuture changes in Arctic sea-ice biogeochemistry and associated ecosystems



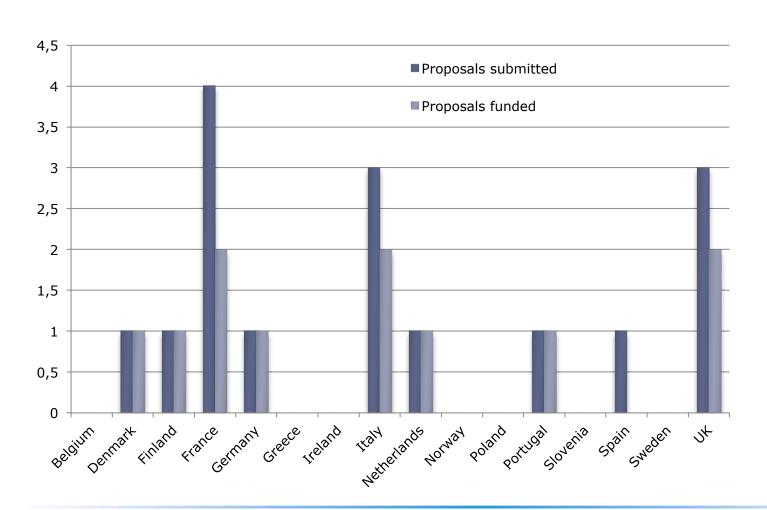
WG(2/4)

- **WG (5,000 €)** The marine animal forests of the world: challenges, frontiers and the role of science in its management and conservation (ANFORE)
- WG (4,955 €) EuroMarine Working Group on Marine Research Infrastructures (EMGRI)





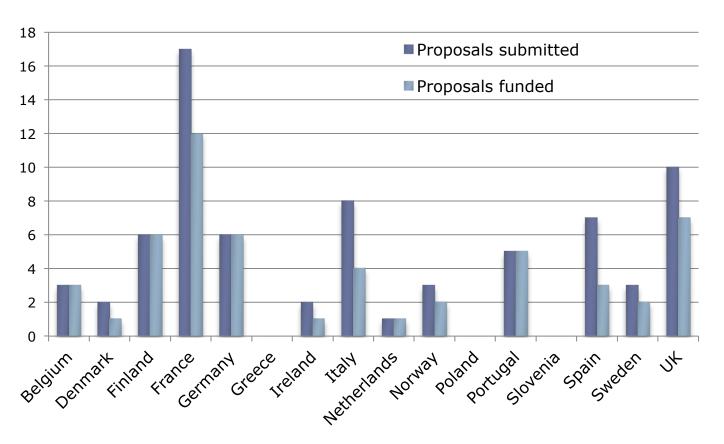
Proposals submitted versus funded per country



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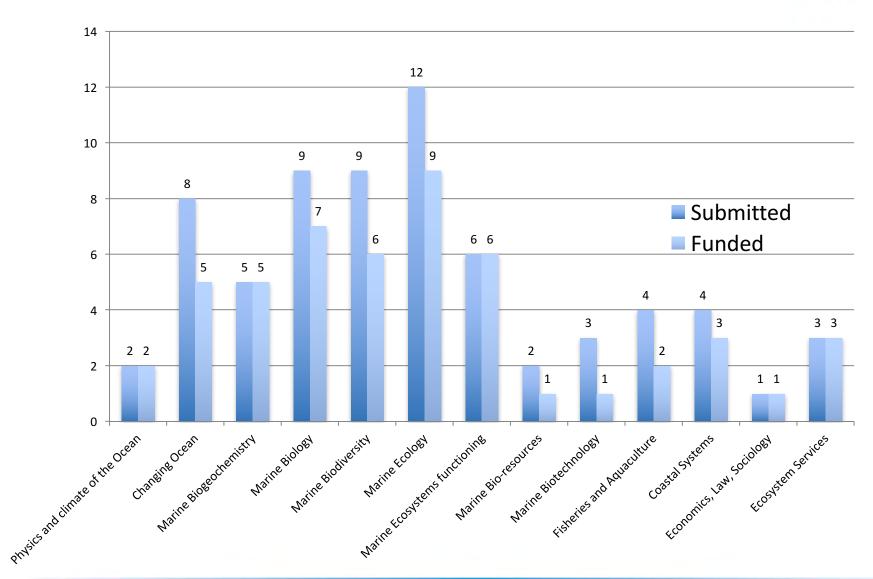
Involvement of countries in submitted and funded proposals



As reflected per the number of times Full MOs from a given country appear in proposals, be it as manager (M), coorganiser (C) or other key participant (K)

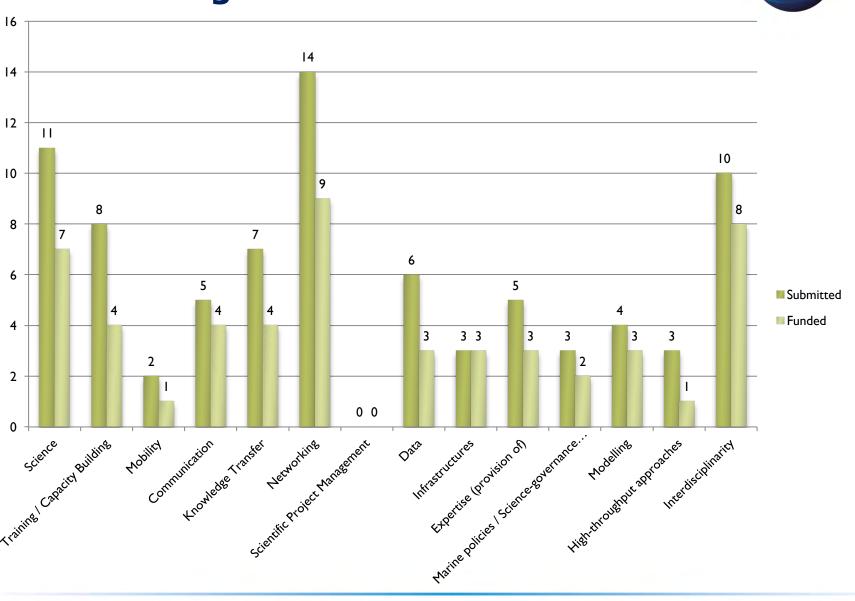


Scientific categories



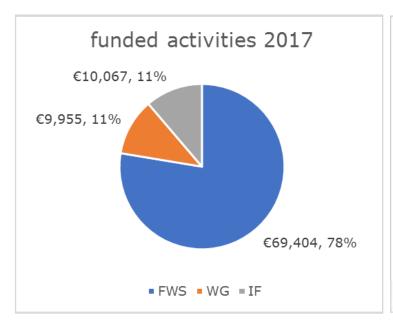


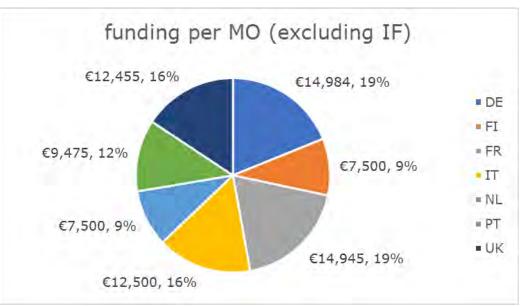
Other categories





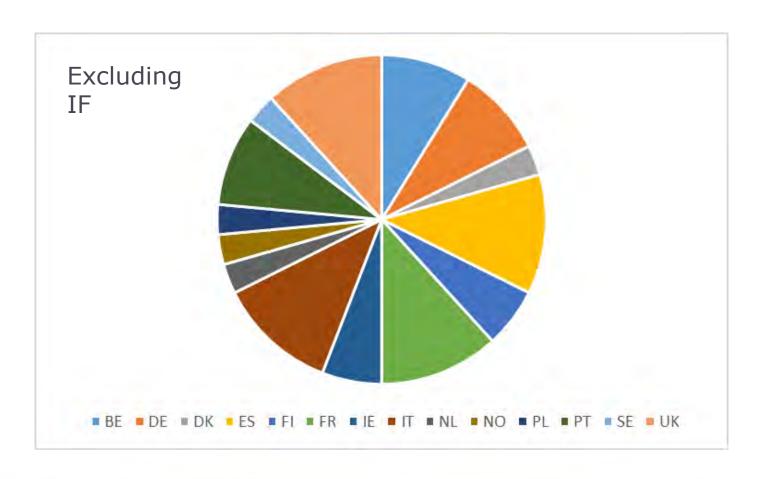
Budget numbers







EuroMarine Member Organisations involved in funded projects in 2017 (M, C, K participation)





Summary of Activity Outcomes 2014 - 2017

- Since 2014 EuroMarine has contributed over 490,000€ in funds to support 63 collaborative and bottom-up marine activities, with over 1,400 scientists involved in these innovative activities to date.
 - ▶ 35 Foresight workshops 12 Capacity building and training courses – 10 Working groups – 6 Workshops & Other
- Topics covered to date: ecosystems, modelling, genomics, molecular, biogeochemistry, diatoms, ecology, fisheries, coastal resilience, global change, policy, chemical, biodiversity, MSP, biotechnology, evolution, governance, conservation, functional biology, social transformations, biomarkers.









Summary of Activity Outcomes 2014 - 2017

- ▶ 16 papers published, 19 more under preparation
- 2 special issues and a collection of papers underway
- Scientific booklets, protocols, briefs, declarations published
- Enhanced collaborations across national boundaries
- Conference presentations
- National and European projects funded/joined (1 H2020, 2 MSCA, 2 COST Action)
- Proposals ongoing (inc. COST Action, MSCA, ITN, ERASMUS+, EMBRIC, INTERREG)
- 2 online based scientific games
- Follow up seminars, workshops, meetings and more.....

Throughout 2017 the EuroMarine Membership Working Group worked on developing strategies to retain and increase membership.

Member Organisations 2017 (23 countries)

Full members























GEOMAR



























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Permanent Invited

Universität Bremen















Transitional

























The Future of EuroMarine

- Identify science priorities
- Provide new perspectives to
 - Facilitate long term integration of data
 - Build bottom-up links
 - Enhance education and training
- Engage with marine networks
 - Knowledge hub for marine science
 - Lobby for marine assessments
 - Share resources, infrastructure, knowledge





Thank you for your attention

