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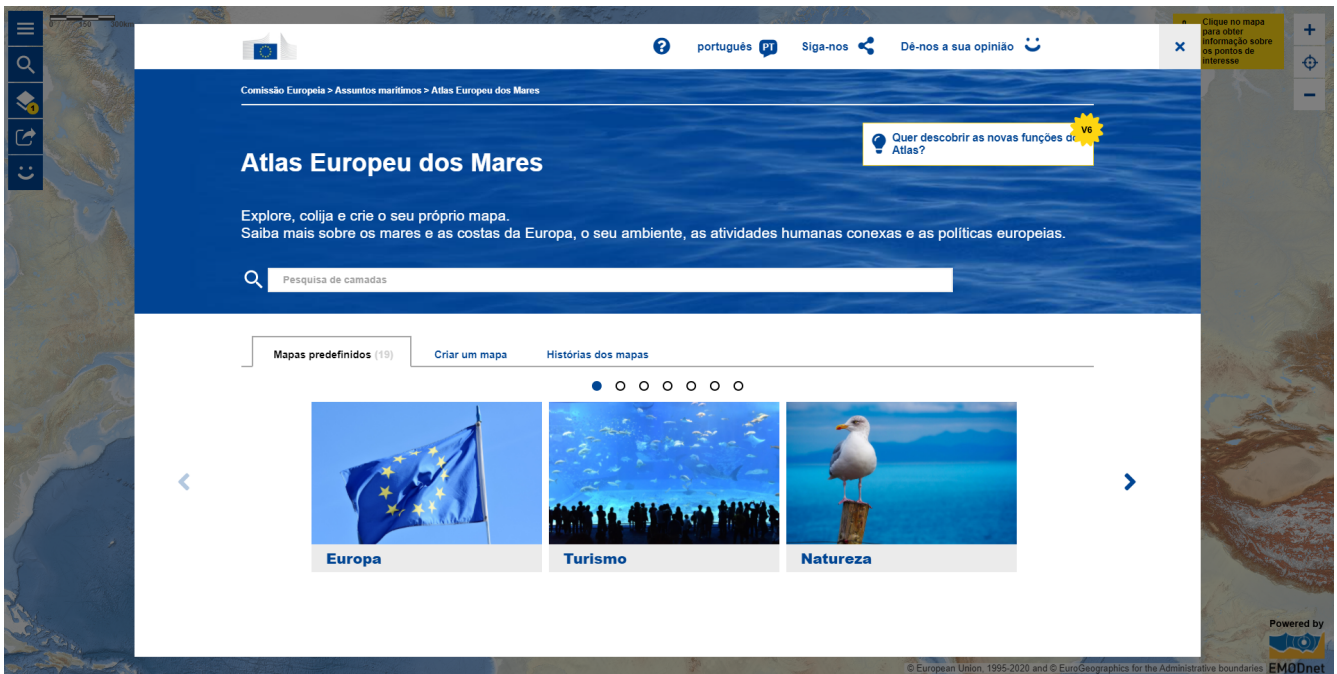
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Follow the lead of EU Commissioner Sinkevičius and #ExploreYourOcean in 24 languages!

With the newest release of the **European Atlas of the Seas** today, citizens from all around Europe now have access to stunning marine maps and interactive oceanic information in their own language, making the Atlas an **even more accessible and useful educational tool**. From now on, visitors can navigate the Atlas in the 24 official languages of the European Union, as well as explore a wide range of popular marine topics, such as tourism, litter, environment, energy, aquaculture, and much more!

*"Protecting the ocean, and using our marine resources sustainably, starts with knowledge and understanding. The European Atlas of the Seas helps to improve the 'ocean literacy' of us all. Thanks to its availability in all official EU languages, the Atlas will finally become an indispensable resource not only for professionals, but also for educators and students all across Europe, to better understand the importance of oceans and take the right decisions to save them", declared **Virginijus Sinkevičius, EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries.***

The Atlas also comes with a range of new features as of today, including easier ways to print maps, an improved measurement tool as well as the integration of short stories highlighting interesting map layers. An interactive help function now guides visitors through these new features of the Atlas.

Read the full press release

Dive into the new European Atlas of the Seas

A new background map for the European Atlas of the Seas, thanks to EMODnet

With the newest release, users of the European Atlas of the Seas now have access to **the most detailed background map available worldwide**. Provided by EMODnet Bathymetry, this new World Base Layer Service enables visitors to view high-resolution representations of seabed features all over the world from their own computer.

EMODnet is crucial to the success of the European Atlas of the Seas. **Our network provides about 135 maps, making EMODnet the main data provider of the Atlas.** Since September 2017, the EMODnet Secretariat has taken over the management of the Atlas and released a revamped version in 2018, with a vision to amplify the visibility of this exciting and valuable resource.

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24 reasons to learn about the ocean and workshop on ocean literacy

Following the release of the multilingual Atlas, the campaign "24 reasons to learn about the ocean" will feature well-known public figures from around the European Union, **highlighting in their own language what the ocean means to them and why you should #ExploreYourOcean!**

Commissioner Sinkevičius is launching the campaign with a quote in Lithuanian. Stay tuned on Twitter and Instagram with the hashtags **#ExploreYourOcean** & **#EU4Ocean**!

Interested to advance ocean literacy, bring ideas and take action for the ocean? Join the **EU4Ocean online workshop: Designing Ocean Literacy actions in Europe** on 24 and 25 September 2020.

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