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News Digest

The EMODnet Secretariat is expanding!
Become our new Communication and Partnership Relations Officer

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The Secretariat of EMODnet seeks to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated **Communication and Partnership Relations Officer** to strengthen its professional and dynamic team based in Ostend, Belgium.

The successful candidate will coordinate the Secretariat's actions to strengthen the EMODnet partnership interactions and will be responsible for further developing and implementing our communication and outreach strategy.

Closing date for applications: 8 January 2020

Consult the job description & apply!

EMODnet 2nd Open Conference and Jamboree - Save-the-date: 22-25 September 2020!

Five years after the first edition, we are delighted to announce the organisation of the **second EMODnet Open Conference (22-23 September 2020) and Jamboree (23-25 September 2020)**. During the event, EMODnet partners, communicators and data providers and users will take stock of EMODnet achievements over the past 10 years, connect across stakeholder communities and set goals for the future. To start the week, the EMODnet Open Conference will focus on use cases and requirements for developing essential open marine data services for blue economy actors, the public sector, civil society and the research community. **More details will follow early 2020!**

The Open Sea Lab Legacy:
What can you create with marine open data?

We are happy to announce the **release of the film and report of Open Sea Lab hackathon II!** We hope that these outputs reflect the openness, creativity and dynamism that was apparent during the three-day event in Gent this September.

Access the OSL II film & report

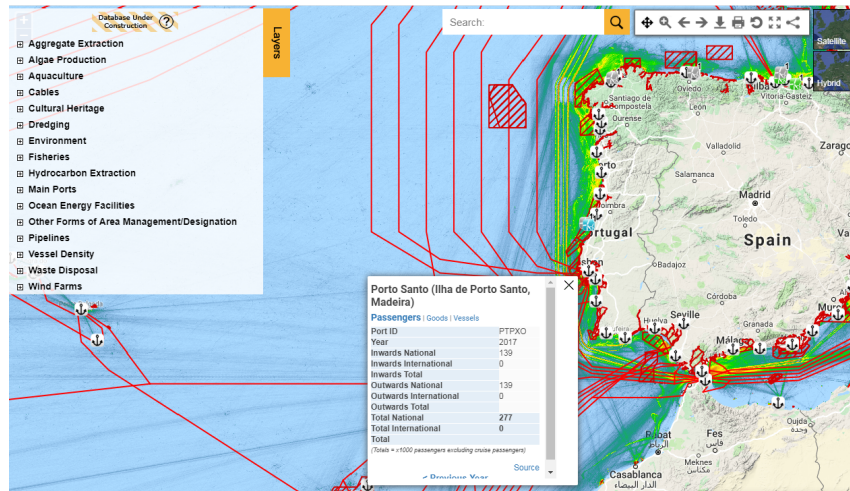## EMODnet for Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)

Figure –Map viewer from www.emodnet-humanactivities.eu displaying the wide range of human offshore activities

On the 3rd of October 2019, DG MARE and EASME organised an invited expert workshop on 'Data for Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) implementation' in Brussels. The objective of the workshop was to identify data needs and challenges for the MSP process beyond 2020, and to connect ongoing, finished and starting MSP related projects with EMODnet. **EMODnet is well aware of the supporting role it can play by providing data and data products relevant for the MSP practitioners.** At the same time, EMODnet should be the gateway to make data collected in the framework of the MSP process freely available. During the workshop, lessons learned on marine data requirements and exchange for MSP were shared from ongoing and recently completed MSP projects on regional cooperation between EU countries. Participating projects and EMODnet representatives agreed to follow up by continuing the dialogue through meetings and workshops and recommended establishment of an (in)formal working group on MSP data. For more information contact DG MARE or EASME at MARE-MSP-COORD@ec.europa.eu or Anja.DETANT@ec.europa.eu.

EMODnet for Business at the Sustainable Ocean Summit

On 20-21 November 2019 EMODnet Head of the Secretariat Jan-Bart Calewaert presented EMODnet and the importance of open source, FAIR and interoperable marine data and data products for ocean businesses at the Sustainable Ocean Summit "Investing in Ocean Futures" in Paris, France. The Conference brought together the global ocean business community and was a good opportunity to hear how companies and blue economy sectors are using EMODnet data and exchange ideas on how EMODnet could best support the business community in the future.

Copernicus launches Blue Book
"Copernicus for a Sustainable Ocean"

Published by Mercator Ocean International, implementer of the Copernicus Marine Service (CMEMS), the Blue Book is a report to inform all European citizens including policy-makers, students and youth, about the role the Copernicus Marine Service plays for the blue economy, for the environment and for society at large. Among its contributors are decision-makers,

entrepreneurs, experts, concerned citizens, and scientists from all over the world that are directly involved in ocean-related issues.

The Blue Book "Fostering knowledge on a sustainable ocean: what benefits for the EU?" was launched on 19 November 2019 at an event at the European Parliament by MEP Catherine Chabaud and MEP Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar. European Commission DG MARE senior policy officer Iain Shepherd spoke on a panel, with colleagues from DG MARE, DG GROW, DG RTD and DG ENV also providing interventions.

EU Horizon 2020 Blue Cloud project starts in Pisa

On 2-4 October 2019, the EU Horizon 2020 Blue Cloud project kicked-off with a meeting in Pisa, Italy. This flagship project of the European Commission Directorate-General for Research and Innovation aims to connect and innovate Europe's existing capability of marine data management and data services and to demonstrate the potential and future framework for a marine cloud service with virtual environments and collaborative online platforms. The European Marine Observation Data Network (EMODnet) is one of nine leading long-term infrastructures in Europe will be federated, including the SeaDataNet/SeaDataCloud and the Copernicus Marine Service and DIAS.

EMODnet partners are contributing to the project, among others by developing demonstrators and providing technical input and advice to the Blue Cloud architecture. The project will involve a large amount of stakeholder consultation to co-design a Roadmap to 2030 to deliver a sustainable blue cloud in the long-term as a marine component of the

European Open Science Cloud (EOSC). The project is funded under the Horizon 2020 BG-7 Future of Seas and Oceans call.

Website: https://www.blue-cloud.org/ Twitter: @BlueCloudEU

End of year wishes

Belgian Coast View St.Idesbald - Mieke Hill - Acrylic on canvas ©JP Zinjé

As we approach the end of a very productive year, we take this opportunity to thank all EMODnet project coordinators, Steering Committee members, Technical Working Group members, knowledge experts, partners and all other contributors for their relentless efforts to shape EMODnet into what it is today: a growing network of people working together to realise the vision of a pan-European, interoperable, distributed marine data-sharing infrastructure.

As always, we will provide you with a more in depth outlook on some of the main activities and developments we have in store for you in 2020 and beyond! Until then, the EMODnet Secretariat, on behalf of the entire partnership, wishes you happy festivities and a relaxing holiday break! We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our EMODnet events or any other marine and maritime activity in 2020.