

# IMPACT REPORT

A Strategic Research Agenda for Oceans and Human Health, *SOPHIE Project Deliverable, March 2020*



Policy Needs for Oceans and Human Health, *EMB Policy Brief 8, May 2020*



The Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) for Oceans and Human Health (OHH) was one of the main outputs of the Horizon 2020 project Seas, Oceans and Public Health in Europe (SOPHIE). The main visions and research questions presented in the SOPHIE SRA were proposed by a group of 20 international experts. The group was selected from a diverse OHH-related range of backgrounds. The other activities of the SOPHIE Project also provided significant input into the SRA. It was launched during a webinar in March 2020.

The EMB Policy Brief summarises the main policy-relevant messages of the SRA and other SOPHIE project outputs, and was published in May 2020.

The documents and the recommended research themes have already influenced research programmes in Europe (e.g a funding call in Denmark, the Strategic Research Agenda for the European Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership, the JPI Oceans Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, the BANOS Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda) and Internationally (e.g. US National Science Foundation / National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences OHH programme, Global Challenges Research Fund's Blue Communities project). The documents have also helped to inspire new undergraduate courses in OHH at the University of Exeter, UK, the WiSe Scheme training course for watersports operators.

The visuals, figures, cartoons and communications materials created were regularly praised and used to help explain the concepts of Oceans and Human Health to new audiences. Together, these documents have helped to ensure that OHH is brought to and remains on marine and health research agendas at National, European and International levels.

"The SOPHIE Programme has focused attention on the complex, interwoven issues of Ocean Health and Human Health, impacting society, health communities and policy makers in Europe and beyond."

Dr John Stegeman,  
Director, Woods Hole  
Center for Oceans and  
Human Health, US

"The SRA recommendations provide a valuable frame to guide advocacy efforts in support of further research linking ocean & human health"

Alba Godfrey, Senior  
Project Coordinator,  
EuroHealthNet, Belgium

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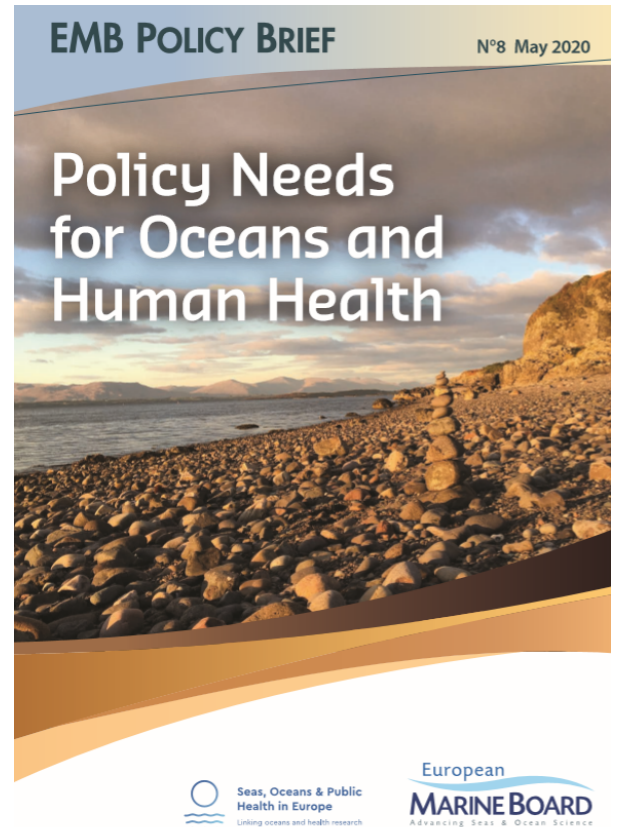
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