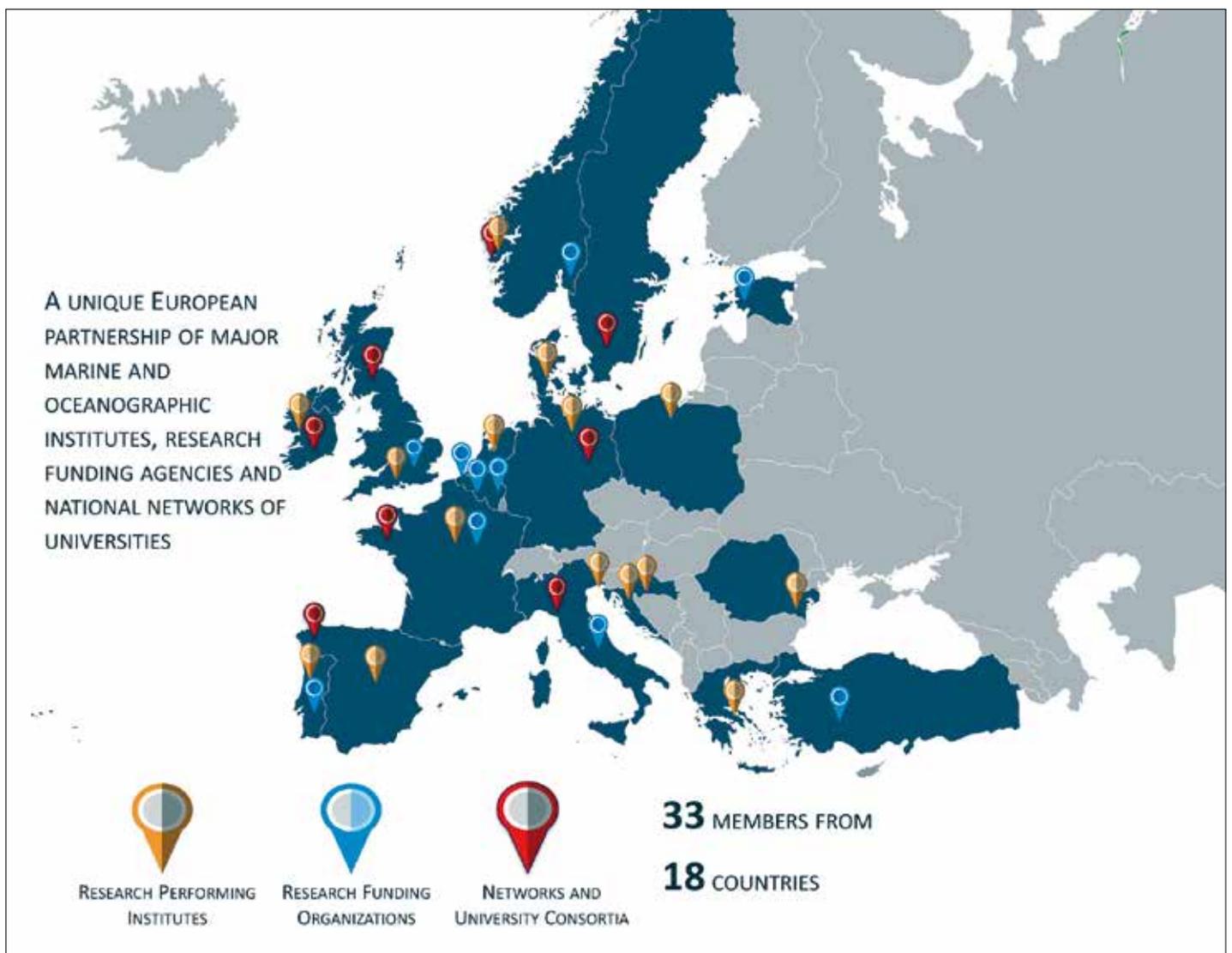




The Value of Membership

What is this document?

There is a growing understanding and appreciation of the importance of marine research in addressing known and emerging societal challenges, and of the responsibility to direct research investments where they are needed most. Therefore, the rationale that led to the establishment of the European Marine Board (EMB) back in the 1990s remains highly relevant today. This document highlights the active role the EMB plays on behalf of our members. For organizations that are not EMB members but interested in joining, this brochure provides a snapshot of the benefits and services that come with membership. We look forward to working in partnership to meet these challenges in the next years.



Transferring knowledge to the core of marine research policy

“ IOC will strongly count on the European Marine Board in the process of developing the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) Implementation Plan. We need your expertise and your inherent combination of scientific excellence and policy relevance. ”



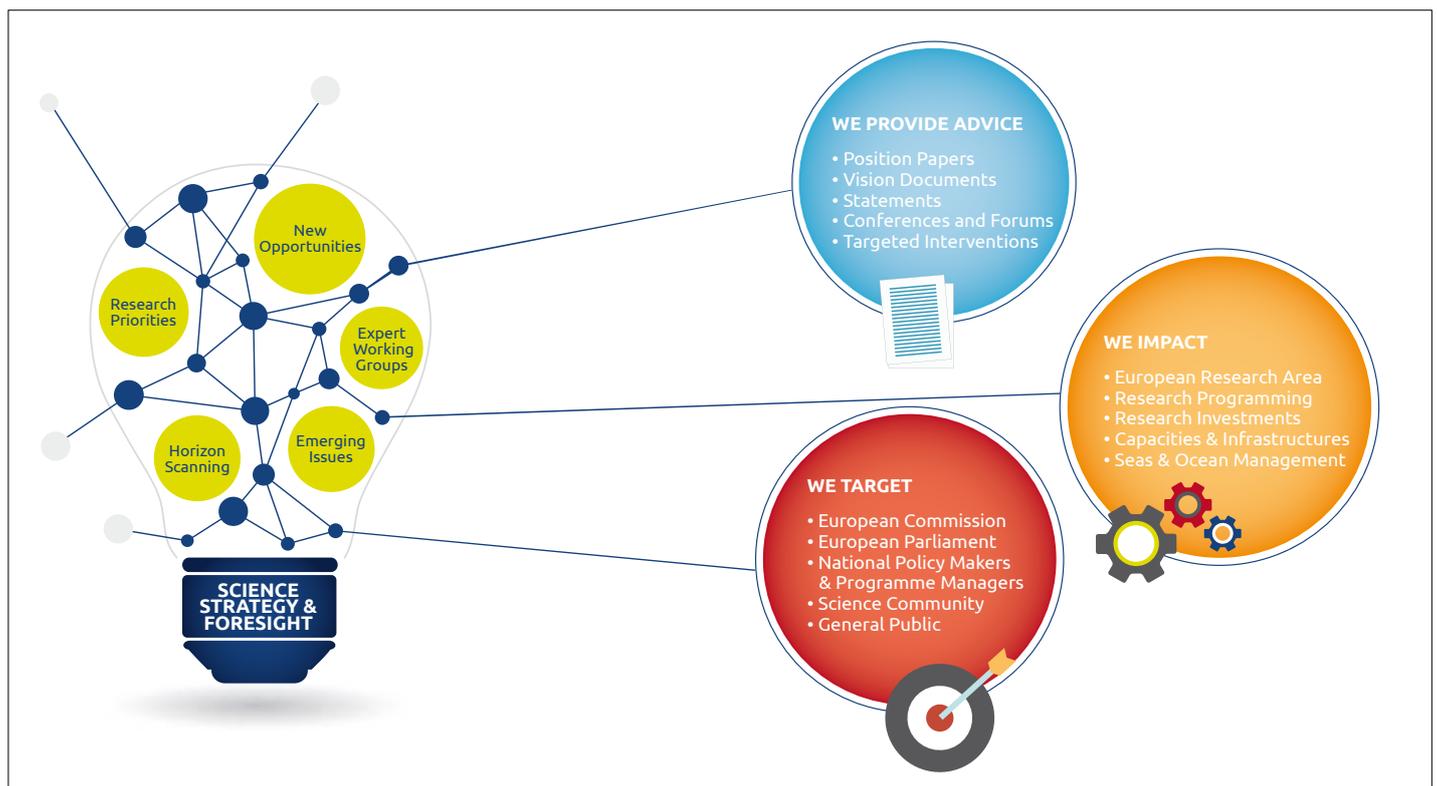
Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

Who we are

The European Marine Board is the leading European think tank in marine science policy. We provide a platform to develop common priorities, provide advice on marine research and to bridge the gap between marine science and policy.

Our members are major national marine and oceanographic research performing institutes, funding agencies and national university consortia with a strong marine focus. Through our extensive pan-European scientific network, representing over 10,000 scientists and technical staff, we identify emerging scientific and societal challenges and opportunities, and articulate

the research and capacity needs to address them. We act at the interface between science and policy, advancing marine science and providing considered advice to decision makers and research programme managers. Acting in a leadership role, we work to foster European research collaboration towards a sustainable use of the seas and ocean.



Delivering Science Policy Documents

The EMB has an outstanding reputation as a provider of high-quality science-policy advice. Our publications are designed for a non-technical audience, providing recommendations for future research and capacity building that can be addressed by European and national funding mechanisms.

We place great importance on the quality of our foresight documents, which is underpinned by well-established and rigorous processes in scientific foresight. We draw on our pan-European scientific network to identify the best experts to participate in our working groups. Our members nominate the experts and provide active editorial input during the preparation of our science-policy documents. All our publications are peer-reviewed by leading global experts to ensure the rigour and usability of our strategic science policy advice.

Our foresight documents are well received and used by a wide diversity of stakeholders from the scientific community to policy

makers, funding bodies and the maritime industry at national, regional and European levels. In particular, our publications provide an invaluable service to those who influence, drive and set European and national research agendas.

We publish different documents depending on the target audience. Position Papers are in-depth analyses on a specific scientific topic, while Policy Briefs provide a high-level summary of the key research needs and priorities on topics of strategic and emerging importance. Future Science Briefs have a similar target audience to Position Papers but are much shorter in length. An overview of our publications can be found at www.marineboard.eu/publications.



“ The European Marine Board delivers high quality science policy documents and advice to European Institutions on forward-looking marine science and how it relates to policy decisions. The information produced by the EMB is important to enhance the Blue Bioeconomy which is a significant part of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy. ”



John Bell, Director for the Bioeconomy, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission

Navigating the Future of Marine Science in Europe

Navigating the Future is a long-term horizon scanning document series focusing on future priorities of marine research in Europe. It guides both the research and science policy agendas at European and national level.

The series is widely recognized as a comprehensive blueprint for seas and ocean research priorities. These publications are used in scoping papers, reflection documents, national research policies, strategy and advice documents, as well as scientific publications and to inform funding work programmes.

“Navigating the Future” publications are considered key foresight reference documents for marine and maritime research priorities in Europe.

Further information can be found at www.marineboard.eu/navigating-future



“ The European Marine Board provides important opportunities for the Commission to listen to what the research community has to say and to get the scientific views on future priorities. ”

Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries



“ The Navigating the Future series highlights the fundamental role that marine research plays in society. These, and other documents from EMB, are very valuable, as they help national research institutes to be aligned with Europe, and to remain at the forefront of marine and maritime research. ”



Maria Cristina Pedicchio, President of Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale (OGS)

Stimulating Dialogue



The European Marine Board organizes open events and workshops that bring together scientists, decision makers and stakeholders to address scientific and societally important topics. Through open dialogue, our events deliver joint visions and recommendations to advance the issue at hand.

The **European Marine Board Biennial Forum** provides a platform for our members, partner organizations, scientists, and European and national policymakers to interact on a particular topic or theme of strategic importance for European marine science.

EuroOCEAN conferences are major European marine science policy conferences, co-organized with the European Commission, typically in association with a national partner holding the EU Presidency. EuroOCEAN conferences are held approximately every 5 years.

EMB Plenary meetings are the core of our strength as they constitute the main tool for our member organizations to put forward new topics, priorities and exchange ideas amongst experts. Plenary meetings are held twice a year.

Brown Bag Lunches are informal informative events on topics important for current European marine policy discussions. Held over lunch, a scientific expert provides a short and provocative view on a specific policy topic, followed by an open discussion with the participants. Brown Bag Lunches are organized twice a year.



“ The European Parliament intergroup SEARICA value and enjoy the interesting and timely discussions facilitated by the EMB on key issues relevant to European maritime policy. EMB brings everyone to the table to discuss future challenges in marine science and how to manage them effectively. ”

MEP Gesine Meissner, Special Envoy on Maritime Policy, European Parliament



Supporting sustainable ocean management and governance

The EMB promotes evidence-based and sustainable ocean governance based on the best available scientific knowledge through addressing issues such as Marine Protected Areas, Ecosystem Based Management, science support to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and supporting Blue Growth and the Sustainable Development Goals.



We facilitate the transfer of the best available scientific knowledge to the core of marine research policy by interacting directly with decision makers, and steering discussions between scientists and policy makers on appropriate topics. We represent the European marine scientific community at different events, and our network is our primary pool of experts.

While the EMB is a science network, our policy advice contributes not only to setting science agendas, but also to sustainable ocean management and governance. This is supported by active and

ongoing efforts to communicate marine science and promote ocean literacy, underpinned by the EMB Communications Panel, an operational network of science communicators facilitated by the EMB.

Bringing the scientific community together is key in the move towards sustainability. Our EMB Universities Consortium Panel supports the development of national consortia of marine science and engineering focused universities, and provides a platform for interaction and dialogue.

Direct service to our Members

The support of a full-time, professional Secretariat means that the EMB is able to provide valuable services to its members, including:

- Access to the foremost European marine science network providing a strong collective voice in Europe and direct connection to key policy makers;
- Opportunities to propose new strategic EMB activities and to nominate national experts to support these activities, increasing the European relevance of their organization;
- Chances to develop research networks and collaboration for national or international partnerships;
- Two plenary meetings per year provide excellent opportunity for networking, exchange of information, debate and agreement on common priorities, identification of emerging challenges and opportunities, and interaction with interesting guest speakers;
- Regular updates on European and global marine science and policy developments;
- Opportunity to use EMB foresight papers to define institutional and national research agendas, to strengthen national and European research grant proposals, and to advise national research policy.



“ MASTS values the EMB as a broadly based and authoritative European marine science think tank. Founded under the Council of Europe, European Marine Board also provides opportunities for non-EU Member States to engage in discussions and initiatives which may influence the European marine science agenda and help to inform research at national level. ”

Mark James, Operations Director of the Marine Alliance for Science and Technology for Scotland (MASTS)





In the future, the European Marine Board will continue to operate as the foremost platform for seas and ocean strategy and foresight in Europe. We have built a strong reputation through development of rigorous processes for delivering science policy

advice and will adapt to the changing landscape of marine science policy. We will work with key partner networks to advance marine science and identify emerging challenges and opportunities of societal importance.

Join EMB

Research performing organizations; funding agencies; and universities or consortia of higher education institutes located within the **Council of Europe** that are engaging in marine science can apply to become an EMB member by sending an application form and motivation letter to the **EMB Secretariat**. You can find the application form on our website <http://www.marineboard.eu/>

All applications will be submitted to the **EMB Executive Committee** in order to check eligibility; after which they will be submitted to the EMB Governing **Board** for official approval.

Contact the EMB Secretariat via info@marineboard.eu to receive more information on joining the EMB.

You can also follow us on Twitter, ResearchGate, Facebook and LinkedIn.

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