

Navigating the Future VI: Ocean Science for Earth Challenges

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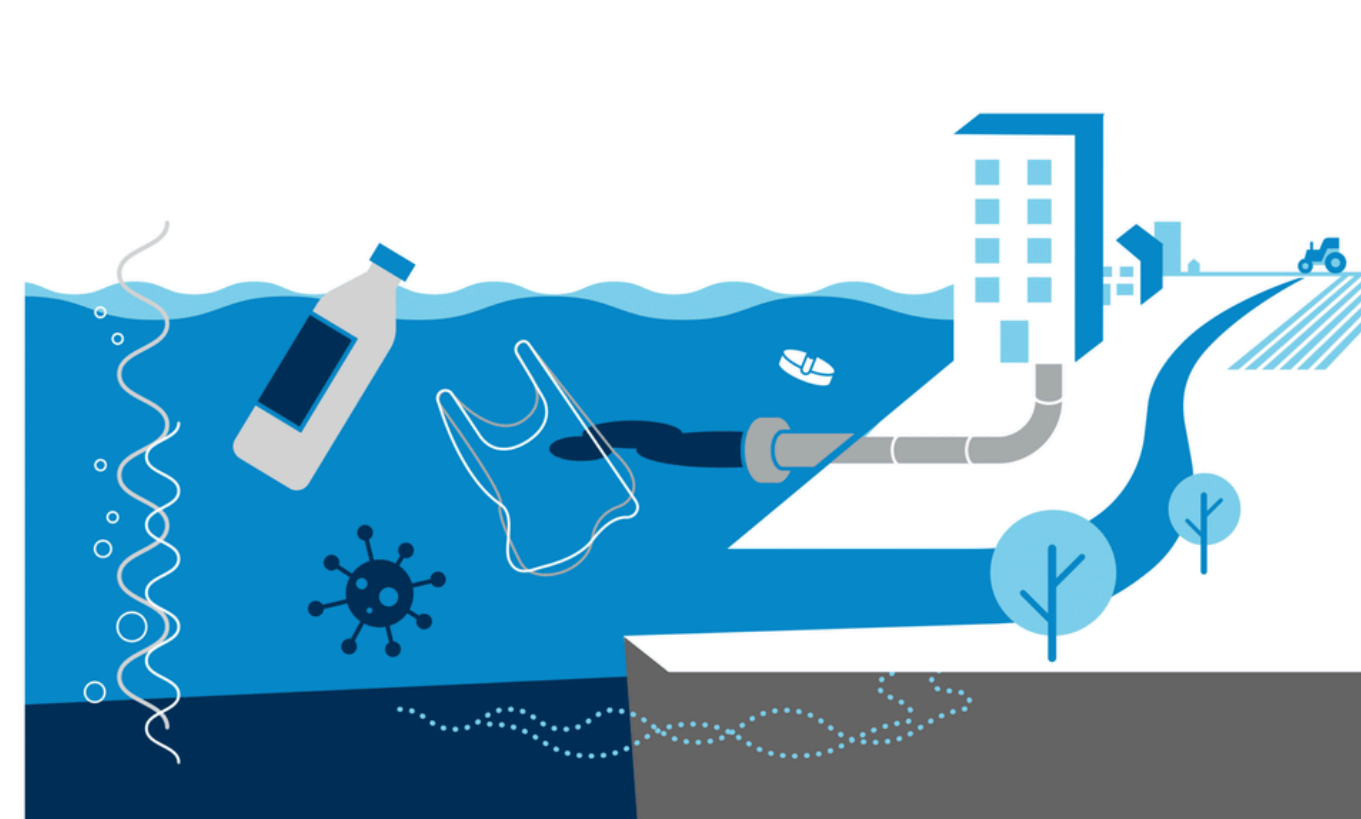
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Navigating the Future VI is a flagship foresight European Marine Board Position Paper that explores the role of the Ocean in the wider Earth system and promotes collaboration between disciplines to tackle global issues.

It provides research and policy recommendations on four key themes: Ocean and People, Ocean and Fresh Water, Ocean and Climate, and Ocean and Biodiversity.



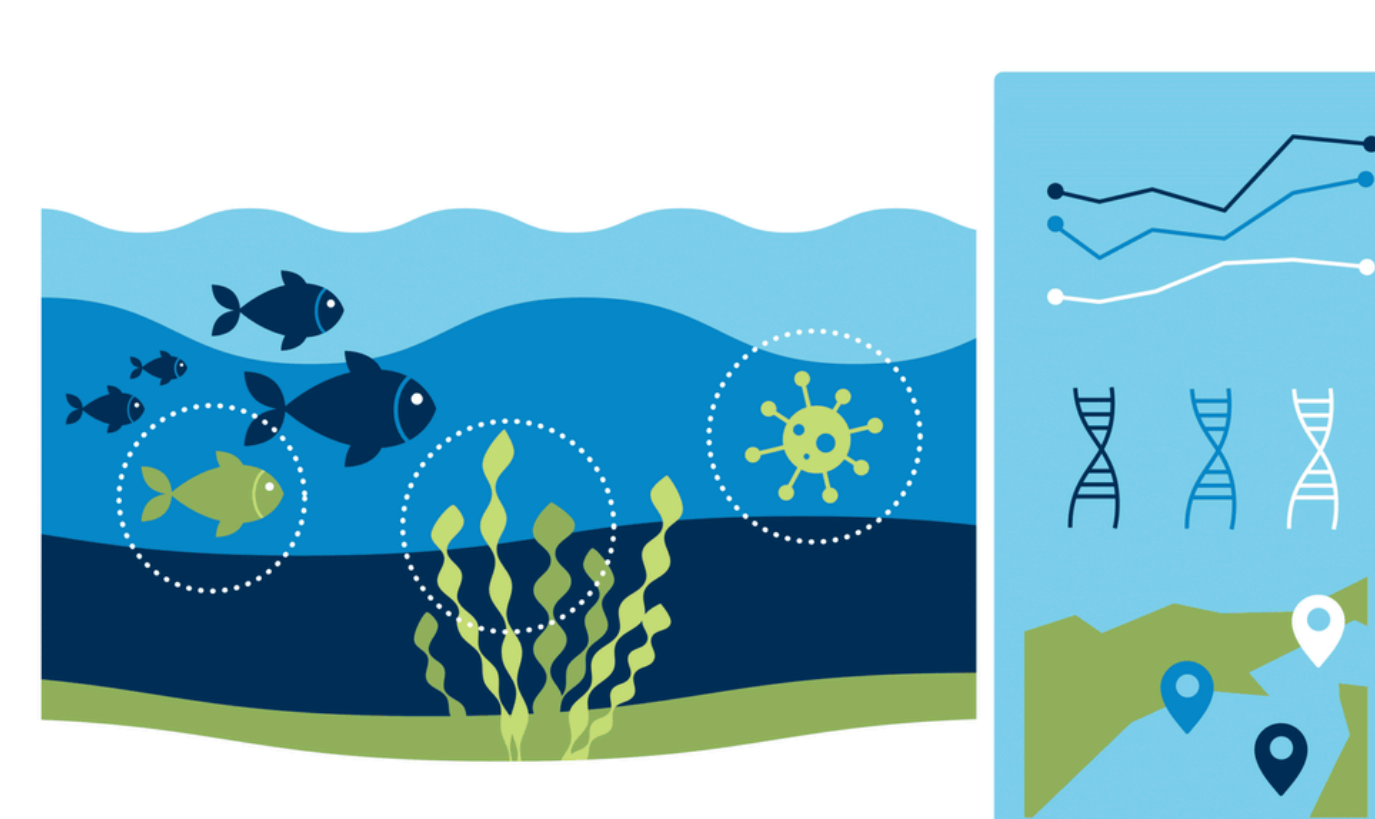
Working together to manage our Ocean interactions



Clean and safe waters available to all communities



An Ocean that is no longer impacted by climate change



A biodiverse Ocean that continues to provide ecosystem services

Ocean & People

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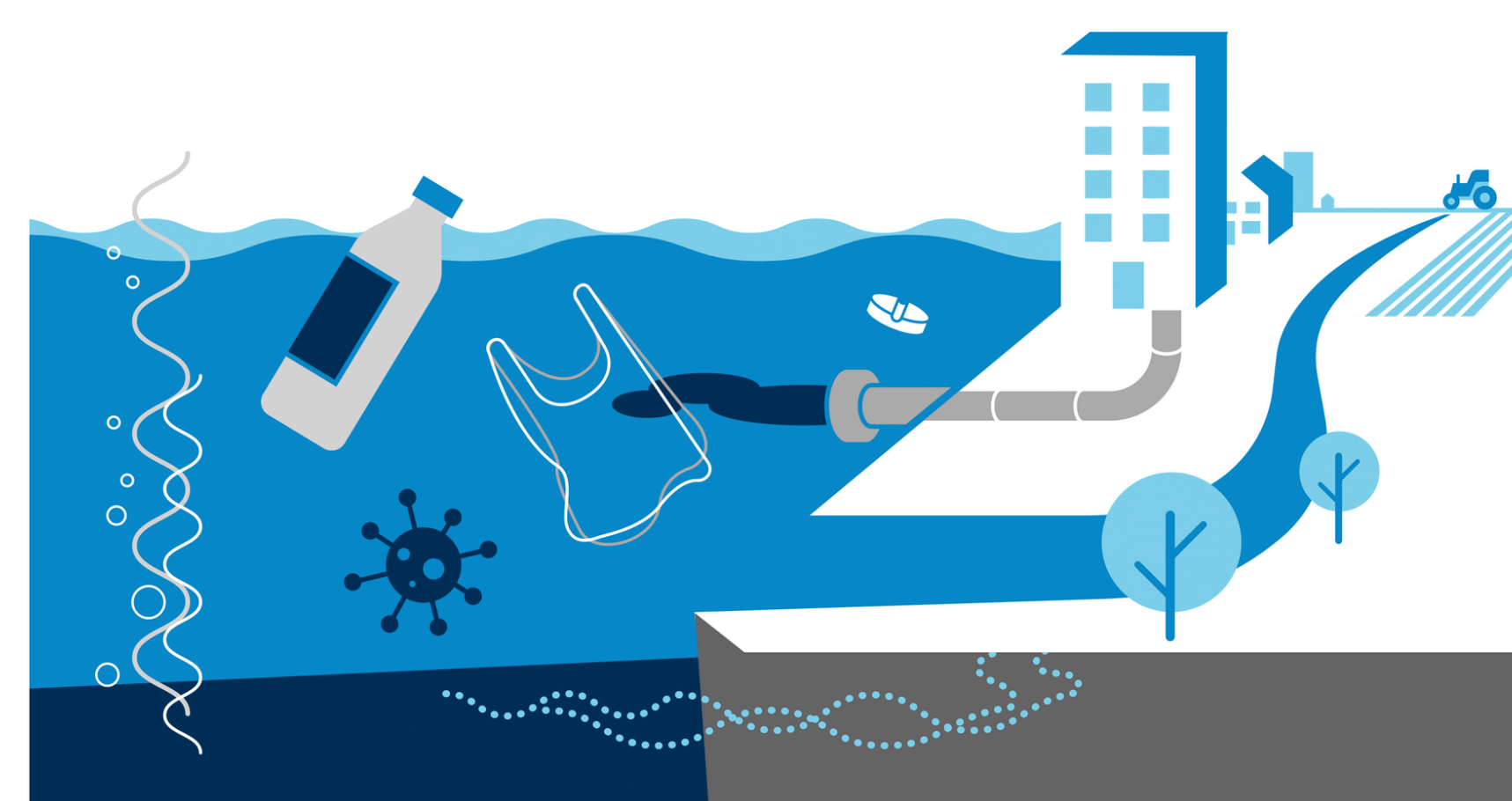
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Include all contaminants and discharge pathways in risk assessments and EU Directives

Monitor deteriorating coastal freshwater reserves and submarine discharges

Broaden monitored parameters to understand salination impacts

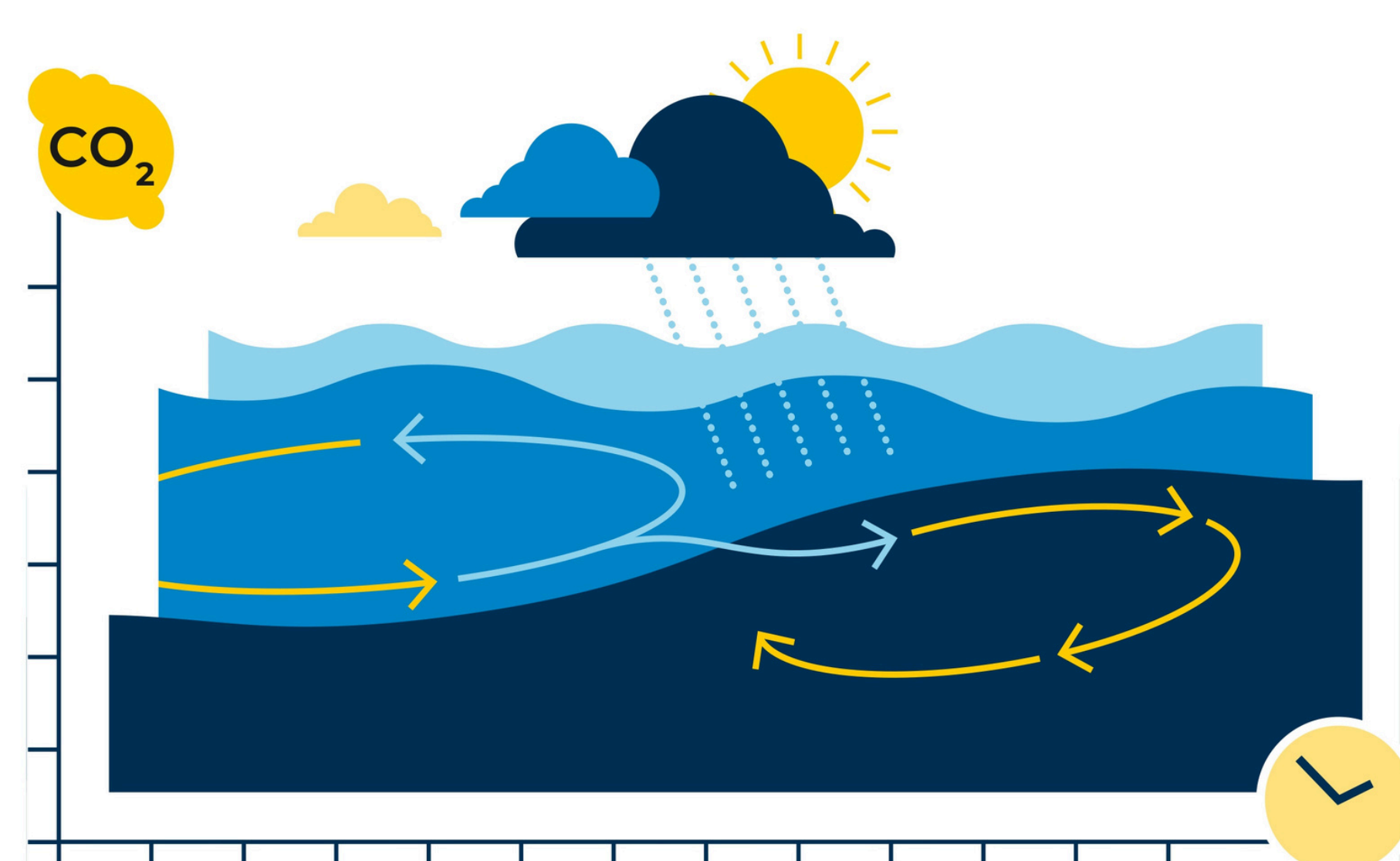
Create nature-based cost-effective technologies for emerging and legacy pollutants

Monitor biochemical and genetic markers to prevent the spread of diseases

Harmonise monitoring and reporting methods between freshwater and marine systems

Ocean & Climate

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Study and effectively manage the impacts of emerging and expanding human activities on marine biodiversity

Assess the impact of human activities on ecosystems using cost-benefit analysis of their conservation or restoration

Study and monitor the spatial-temporal distribution and adaptive potential of marine organisms

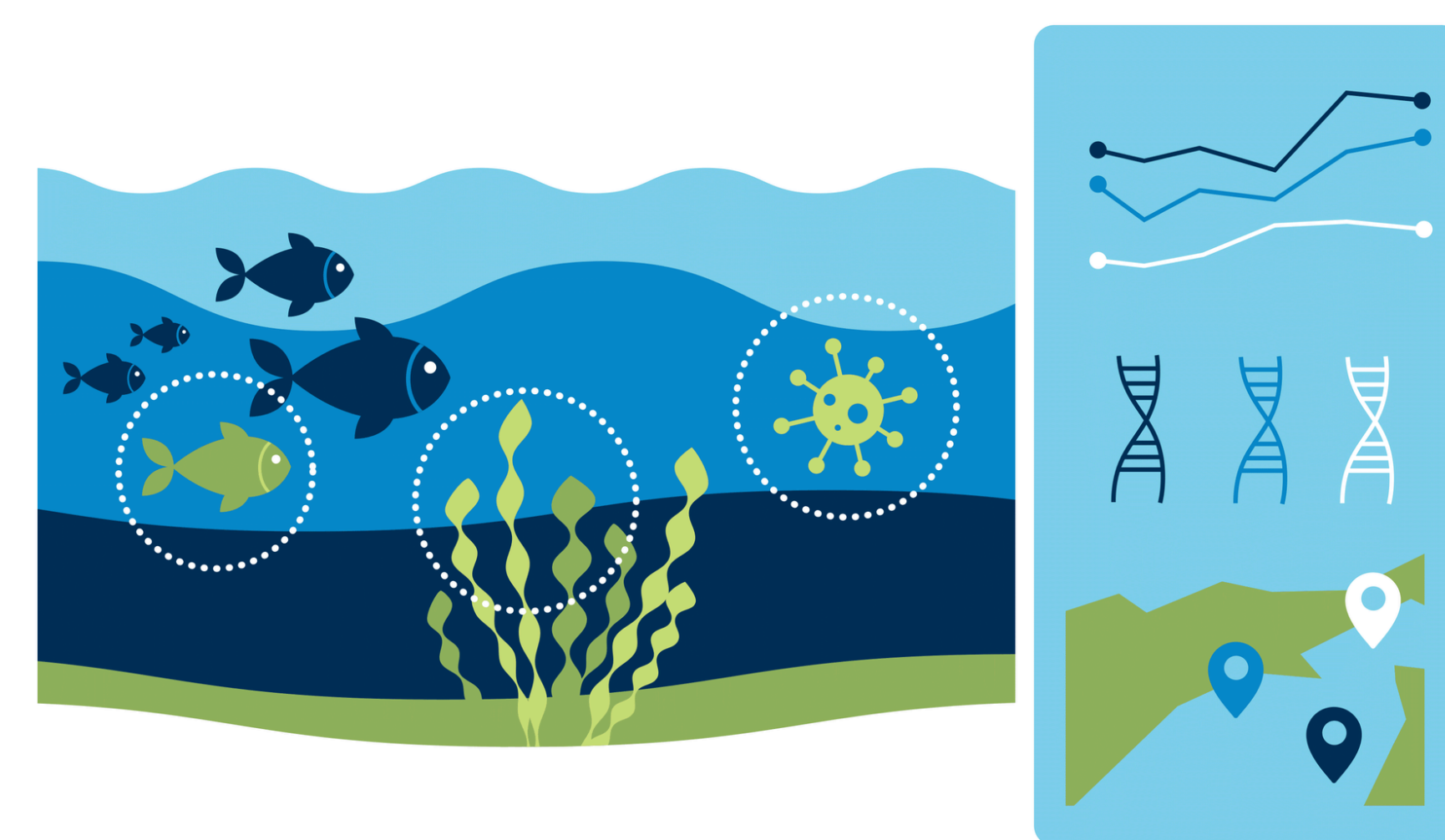
Evaluate the epidemiological, genetic, and ecological consequences of invasive species

Study the distribution of marine microorganisms to predict future epidemic risks from invasive microbes or resistance to antibiotics

Promote all initiatives to increase biodiversity knowledge and capacity building, including the European Digital Twin, citizen science, recovering lost knowledge, and using traditional and new tools

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