Building a European Ocean Observing System

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“With every drop of water you drink, every breath you take, you’re connected to the sea. No matter where on Earth you live.”

SYLVIA EARLE, OCEANOGRAPHER, UN CHAMPION OF THE EARTH

The ocean is a crucial driver of our climate, a source of food, water, energy and raw materials, and a medium for tourism, transport and commerce. Blue Growth and ecosystem health rely on the ocean observing information.

We need ocean observing for predicting natural hazards, e.g. tsunamis and storm surges, marine spatial planning, search and rescue operations, and ecosystem and climate modelling. Sustained monitoring and observation of our coastal seas and ocean is essential for multiple maritime sectors from ports and shipping to fisheries and aquaculture, offshore energy, tourism and leisure.