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## 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.

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The ocean is a crucial driver of our climate, a source of oxygen, water, food, 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. The ocean observing gives the prerequisite information for blue biotechnology, renewable energy as well as oil, gas and mineral exploitation in the deep sea.

