



European
Ocean
Observing
System

**ALIGNING, INTEGRATING AND
PROMOTING EUROPE'S OCEAN
OBSERVING CAPACITY**

EOOS will deliver a vision, roadmap and a common focal point for European ocean observing research and technology.

Europe is an ocean continent.

Historically, the European ocean observing landscape has involved a large variety of regional, national and pan-European organizations and initiatives. Those dispersed components are delivering and supporting European ocean observing at various levels, but are not linked by an overarching vision and strategy.

Today, the European ocean observing community sees the need for an **inclusive, integrated, and sustained** pan-European framework linking the currently disparate components.

A vision and roadmap will help this community effort towards maximizing the benefits of optimization, infrastructure use, standardization, open data exchange and capacity building.

The EOOS process will not take ownership or control of ocean observing in Europe. Rather, EOOS will provide a flexible coordinating framework to help manage and improve the existing observing effort, making it more efficient and effective at different geographical scales, and for different end-users. EOOS aims to unite the dispersed community under a common vision for ocean observing to support a competitive and environmentally healthy Europe.

EOOS will bring a real added value to existing observing efforts, empowering those who are working to advance ocean observing in Europe, catalysing new initiatives in a strategic way, targeting identified gaps and speaking with a wide range of stakeholders.