



Session 6: The Transformative Role of Data in SDGs and Disaster Resilience

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Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners (the Turrbal and Yuggera Peoples) of the land that we're meeting on today in Brisbane/ Meanjin and pay my respect to their Elders past and present.









Marine knowledge value chain: How the European Marine Observation and Data Network supports international marine policy against marine pollution.







EMODnet's open and free marine knowledge is offered at pan-European scale. EMODnet serves diverse users, providing the evidence-base to support EU Policy implementation

EU-funded since 2009 with a vision to 2035

+ 120 organisations



EMODnet Service offer

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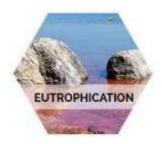






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EMODnet Chemistry in a nutshell



66 organisations - national oceanographic data centres, research institutes, monitoring agencies, international organisations.

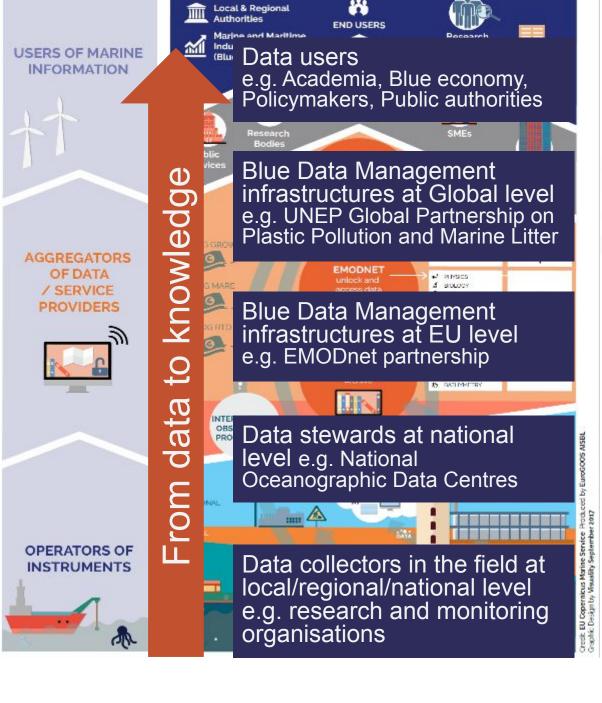
The Board of experts on the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)











EMODnet: a link in the marine knowledge value chain

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EMODnet Chemistry workflow:

Tasks and responsibilities

Providing Data from monitoring/ research/Industry/citizen science

Data originators

Gathering & validating data at national level

Network of Data stewards

Standardising & validating data at regional level

Regional Coordinators



Producing & Publishing HQ data and maps

Regional coordinators and Data scientists

Liasing with main stakeholders

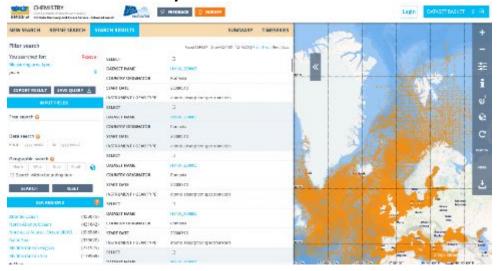
Scientific communicators, Data scientists



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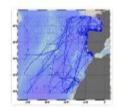
EMODnet Chemistry services

Data Discovery and access service



Products Catalogue service

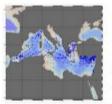
- Categories
- North East Atlantic Ocean Eutrophication and Acidity aggregated datasets...



EMODnet Chemistry aims to provide access to marine chemistry datasets and derived data products concerning eutrophication, acidity and contaminants. The importance of the selected substances and other parameters relates to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). This aggregated dataset contains all unrestricted.

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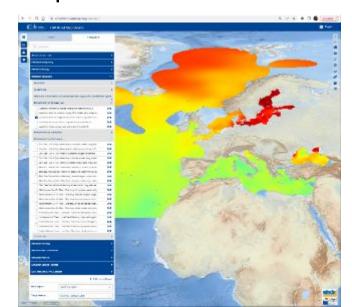
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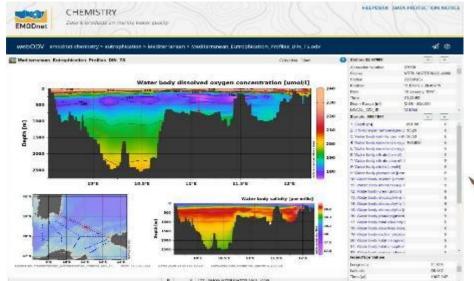
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Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Hellenic National Oc...

Map Viewer service



Data Explorer and Extractor service











EMODnet Chemistry use cases

Data originators

using EMODnet Chemistry

EMODnet Chemistry partnership International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) **EU Regional Sea** Conventions Research institutes Monitoring agencies from EU Member States Copernicus Marine Service Citizen scientists

EMODnet Chemistry use cases at

https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/use-cases

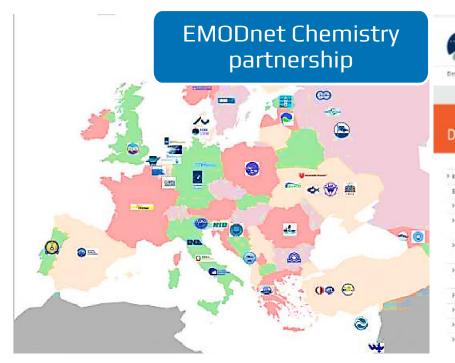








EMODnet Chemistry used by data originators











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EMODnet Chemistry: the gateway to HELCOM beach litter data

In 2021, the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) chose EMODnet Chemistry as the web-based platform to manage Baltic Sea data on beach litter for the 'State of the Baltic Sea' holistic assessment report (HOLAS) purposes. Since then EMODnet Chemistry has ingested, harmonised and validated data that had been collected from 2016 to 2021 on 141 beaches in 9 countries.

EU Regional Sea Conventions



Majority of samples taken during Volvo Ocean Race contain microplastics, new data reveals

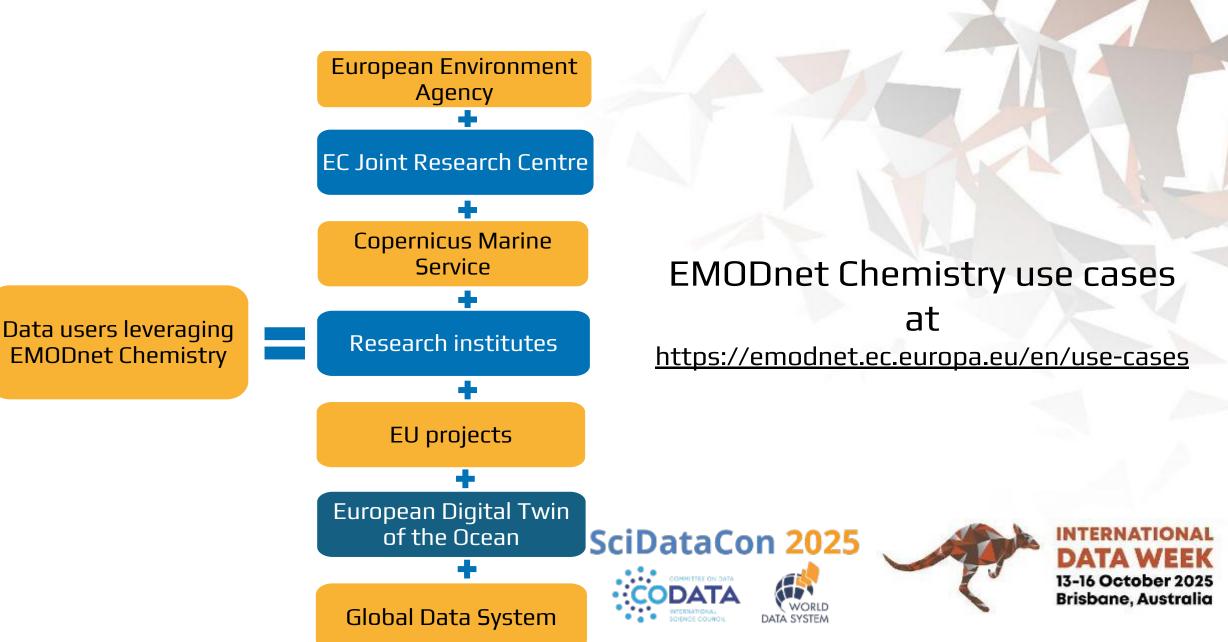
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EMODnet Chemistry use cases

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EMODnet Chemistry supporting data users







European Environment Agency

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EC Joint Research Centre



Copernicus Marine Service



Research institutes



EU projects



European Digital Twin of the Ocean



Global Data System

ICES and EMODnet Chemistry providing a comprehensive European data source for the European Environment Agency

EMODnet Chemistry: a point of reference for management of marine litter data in the context of the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive

EMODnet Chemistry Datasets provide high quality harmonised and integrated data to the Copernicus Marine Service Thematic Assembly Centre products

Eutrophication climatology to decipher the consequences of climate change in the Adriatic Sea

A simple dashboard for visualising trends in oxygen and nitrate concentrations

EMODnet Chemistry and Copernicus Marine Service provides the data backbone for the European Digital Twin of the Ocean

EMODnet Chemistry is the EU contribution to the global data systems (e.g. UNEP Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter

Harmonised, standardised and validated data collections on eutrophication and chemical pollution for the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

An integrative tool for the assessment of eutrophication status at the sub-basin level in the Mediterranean region

EMODnet Marine litter data used to develop and test the first Marine Litter Assessment Tool

EMODnet Chemistry and Blue Cloud 2026 project: a win-win interaction



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The role of Data in EU policy





DIRECTIVES

DIRECTIVE (EU) 2019/904 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 5 June 2019

on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment



EC celebrating EMODnet contribution to the adoption of the EU Directive to reduce the "Single Use Plastics"

2018



JRC TECHNICAL REPORTS

Threshold Values for Marine Litter



Georgia discussion paper on defining threshold values for marine litter

Cortanie Wesser, Rille Flacker, Sacid Flori, François Galques, Scora Heriot, Sec Rillers, Marce Malileri

HITE Technical Group on Harrie Little







European Coastline Macro Litter Trends 2015–2021

On the EU coastlines, single-use plastics reduced by 40%

2020 2021 2022-2023 2024

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Call to action for improving the **EU** marine knowledge value chain

For the Ocean Mission (EMODnet Chemistry's point of view)

=> Strengthen the link between data stewardship and both research and monitoring programmes to improve the availability of FAIR data.

For the Climate Mission (European Climate Risk Assessment, EEA report 01/2024)

=> Although national data-based climate risk assessments are increasingly used to establish adaptation policy, societal preparedness is still low, as policy implementation is lagging behind quickly-increasing risk levels.





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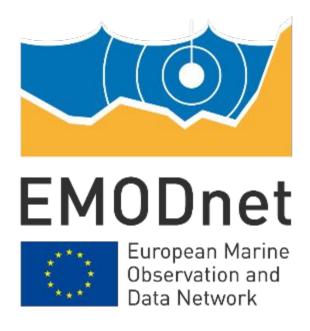
Call to action for improving the **global** marine knowledge value chain

For the Climate Mission at global level (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2023: Summary for Policymakers of the Sixth Assessment report)

- => Scientific understanding underpins the key findings, which are "statements of fact" about a) current status and trends, b) current and future risks, c) responsibility: human activities, d) short and long-term responses.
- => Mitigation and adaptation are urgently needed, but NO SENSE OF URGENCY leads to
 - => Insufficient resources and political commitment to support a) research, b) low-emission technologies c) climate literacy.
 - => Public and private **financial flows for fossil fuels are still greater** than those for climate change adaptation and mitigation.







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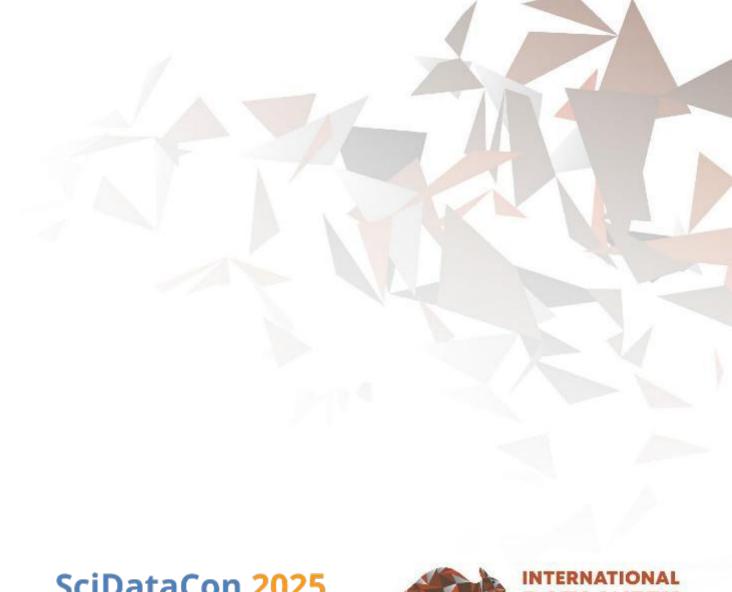
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