

How to apply?

Any organisation wishing to become an Associated Partner can do so by sending an expression of interest describing their organisation, explaining why they wish to become a member and how it will contribute.

An application can also be made by an existing partner on behalf of another organisation with their agreement.

The letter with expression of interest should be kept as brief as possible and sent by email to secretariat@emodnet.eu.

The EMODnet Secretariat will acknowledge receipt of the expression of interest, and if the organisation is deemed eligible it will make a recommendation to DG MARE and the Steering Committee who have the ability to object.

The eligibility criteria can be found in the Terms of Reference for Associated Partners here: <https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/partnership/emodnet-associated-partnership-scheme>

The organisation will be informed on the outcome of their application no later than two weeks after the first Steering Committee meeting, following receipt of the application.

If the application is successful, new associated partners will be added to the list of partners with their logo on the EMODnet Central Portal.

The organisation will also be able to display the EMODnet logo on their website indicating that they are a partner.

Associated Partnership is granted on a year basis and automatically renewed unless one of the parties (the Secretariat/DG MARE and/or the partner organisation) decides to end the membership.

There is no partnership fee, however voluntary and/or in-kind contributions are always welcome to furthering the initiative's objectives.

EMODnet ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

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What other stakeholders have to say about EMODnet

“Exploitation of EMODnet data is not only happening in the EU, it will happen all around the world”

Jean-François MINSTER, Scientific Director, TOTAL

“Entrepreneurs can take advantage of the data resources made available by EMODnet and deliver very specific information services to specific costumers”

Jonathan WILLIAMS, CEO Marine South East Maritime Cluster

“This is, without doubt, the most exciting development in data management in Europe that we’ve had for the last twenty years”

Richard LAMPITT, Coordinator of FIXO3 European Programme project

“From a scientific perspective EMODnet is a giant step in data availability”

Jan MEES, General Director, Flemish Marine Institute

“EMODnet – a true hallmark in Marine Observations, Data and networking - is hugely important, not only for Europe, but as an example for other regions, and a valuable partner for IOC of UNESCO”

Vladimir RYABININ, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC-UNESCO)

What our Associated Partners have to say about EMODnet and their involvement in the network



Being an EMODnet Associated Partner is a **good opportunity to exchange research ideas about data products and their utilisation** by practitioners. Data products in this domain are developing quickly and it is useful to have this increased visibility of their direction and application. EMODnet gives us **access to groups of fellow marine data users** with similar interests to ourselves. Associated Partnership also gives early **visibility of future developments and initiatives.**”

Quillon Harpham, Principal Informatics Scientist at HR Wallingford
www.hrwallingford.com



“We decided to become an EMODnet Associated Partner because Thames Estuary Partnership has been growing its in-house data focused projects and **we are very keen to contribute data and keep up-to-date with the growing European maritime dataset.** We believe in the importance of partnership work and maintaining it has become even more important following the UK’s exit from the European Union”.

Wanda Bodnar, Fish Migration Roadmap Project Officer at Thames Estuary Partnership
www.thamesestuarypartnership.org



ESGEMAR, S.A.
ESTUDIOS GEOLÓGICOS MARINOS

“We are proud to provide data to EMODnet and to make EMODnet known in our community. This is how we think a collaborative data network should work and why we wanted to become an Associated Partner. It also allows us to be known beyond local networks.”

Jorge Rey Díaz de Rada, Managing director at Esgemar, S.A.
www.esgemar.com



Balearic Islands
Coastal Observing
and Forecasting
System

“Our partnership with EMODnet is very fruitful because SOCIB provides a large diversity of data and data access technologies that have been improved, and used, in the framework of this association. The collaboration has been key for improving data access both for SOCIB and the wider EMODnet community.

EMODnet is leading international developments in data archiving and distribution initiatives and dissemination of quality controlled data is a priority for SOCIB. Therefore, joining efforts was natural, implying significant added value. More specifically, EMODnet is a major component in the data cycle of the glider observations, particularly for the dissemination of delayed mode glider data.”

Juan Gabriel, Miguel Charcos and Joaquín Tintoré from SOCIB
www.socib.eu

Consult the full list of EMODnet Associated Partners:
<https://www.emodnet.eu/associated-partner-organisations>

EMODnet Associated Partners are already sharing data with EMODnet and as such contributing to the creation of data products



EXPANDABLE SEAFLOOR OBSERVATORY

OBSEA data including **underwater noise and seismometry** are already available through EMODnet Physics and OBSEA is participating as one of the first underwater noise acoustic providers in order to generate underwater noise products from EMODnet Physics.



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Esgemar, S.A. has been using data from EMODnet since 2015 to plan survey tracks and prepare maps as background data. They also share their **bathymetry data** through EMODnet Bathymetry to allow a wider use.



SAILDRONE



EMODnet is ingesting data from the Saildrone **Atlantic to Mediterranean Sea mission 2020**, in collaboration with Copernicus Marine and the ICOS Research Infrastructure. These data, together with Saildrone’s **Gulf Stream datasets**, are hosted and visualized by EMODnet Physics.

What is EMODnet?

The **European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet)** is an EC marine data service supported by the European Commission Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

It provides the framework for over 140 organisations to work together to assemble marine data, data products and metadata from diverse sources within Europe in a uniform way and make this available via the internet.

What is the EMODnet Associated Partnership Scheme about?

In response to the increasing number of requests received from organisations who expressed their wish to join the EMODnet partnership and contribute to its objectives, we established the Associated Partnership scheme.

This new category of membership provides a more flexible arrangement to allow more organisations to join EMODnet in a straightforward and transparent way. It enables interested parties to contribute to and fully benefit from the network's broad range of tools and activities.

- » Associated Partners gain formal recognition as a partner of the network and as such are included in internal communication receiving first-hand inside information about new activities and developments. As a result, Associated Partners can easily identify opportunities for collaboration, gain knowledge and help shape EMODnet activities and events towards their interests from an early stage;
- » Associated Partners do not receive any funding, nor are they required to pay any fees. There is no need to be a contractual partner in one of the development projects and, as a result, Associated Partners have no contractual obligations;
- » It is a light and flexible status without a complicated application or exit procedure;
- » Associated Partners adhere to the EMODnet goals, objectives and principles and engage themselves to promote and contribute to

What are the benefits of becoming an Associated Partner?

- » **Gain access to a unique forum** to collaborate, network and explore new opportunities, with regular occasions to interact with other partners during workshops, conferences, etc;
- » **Establish improved corporate responsibility** by subscribing to the core principles of EMODnet, including adherence to good data management practices and open sharing of data;
- » Become a part of a growing network of key public and private organisations with the possibility to learn from others and enjoy the huge **benefits of working together** to address some of the common marine data and sharing challenges which are linked to the management of the growing number and intensity of activities (and data collection) taking place at sea;
- » **Have a say in the development of future EMODnet products and services** and the refinement of those existing to better serve actual user needs;
- » **Improve visibility of the organisation** via new channels (e.g. via the organisation's logo and links on the EMODnet central portal, promotional materials, etc.);
- » **Explore opportunities to share infrastructures or processes** saving costs and partaking in the benefits;
- » **Keep abreast of the latest first-hand information** on the global and pan-European marine data landscape, policy developments and funding opportunities.

Why EMODnet?

EMODnet was created with the intention of unlocking fragmented and hidden marine data resources, making these available to individuals, organisations and businesses without restriction, except in particular cases.

The primary aim of EMODnet is to increase productivity in all tasks involving marine data, to promote innovation and to reduce uncertainty about the behaviour of the sea.

This will lessen the risks associated with private and public investments in the blue economy, and facilitate more effective protection of the marine environment.