



# EMODnet Coastal Mapping Project Tender no MARE/2014/10

Bi-monthly Report

Reporting Period: 26/06/2015 – 25/08/2015

Date: 04/09/2015

## 1. Highlights in this reporting period

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*Provide a summary of the key achievements and noteworthy progress within this reporting period.*

The first 2 months of the project were mainly devoted to the project start-up. Partners participated in the kick-off meeting of the project, organised in Saint Mandé (France) on 24th June. This meeting was attended by almost all the partners (15 attending, 4 missing). At this occasion, the overall approach to the project was discussed and a number of actions to be undertaken were agreed.

Considering the approaching summer period and the contractual obligation of opening the portal after 6 months, a technical meeting dedicated to WP1 was organised the day before the kick-off meeting, in order to identify the very urgent actions to be undertaken. A web-meeting was also organized in early August. A forum has been set-up quickly ([forum.coastal-mapping.eu](http://forum.coastal-mapping.eu)) in order to be able to share documents, reports and to facilitate discussion within the consortium.

The coordinator participated in the 4th EMODnet Steering Committee meeting on 1st-2nd July and presented at this occasion the project to DG MARE/EASME and to the other EMODnet lots coordinators. He also participated in the EMODnet-INSPIRE workshop (30th June) and in the EMODnet Seminar with the Joint Research Center (JRC) staff (2nd July). The official kick-off of the project with DG MARE and EASME also took place on 2nd July.

The coordinator has prepared a draft consortium agreement that includes arrangements for the project partnership and the budget division. This draft is currently reviewed by the partners.

## 2. Specific challenges or difficulties encountered during the reporting period

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*Please list specific problems you have encountered during this period, including related to technical and data provision issues*

The first difficulty was to effectively start the project just before the summer period, during the very busy month of June for all the partners. In particular, the organization of the kick-off meeting was very challenging and we can consider that having “only” 4 partners missing, and the attendance of 15 partners (including the most important ones) as a success. This meeting was scheduled as soon as possible after the communication of the results of the evaluation of the bids, without waiting for the signature of the service contract (which finally occurred 2 days after the meeting). Overall the summer period is a difficult time for a project start-up (in terms of coordination and partners contribution) due to cumulated partners holidays.

The first critical issue is the opening of the portal (WP1) for next Christmas. A first technical meeting was organised back-to-back with the kick-off meeting to identify the first actions to be undertaken. A second (web) meeting was organised in early August in order to present the specification document structure and the available tools to be used in the project. The specification review meeting, scheduled at end of month 3 at first, will finally take place during the EMODnet Jamboree (end of month 4). It will *a priori* have no impact on the date of the portal opening.

The second critical issue is the production of the algorithm (WP2) which must be defined before end of March 2016. In order to get information on the past experiences on surveys, forms are currently prepared and will be sent to partners and major actors of the sea as soon as possible.

### 3. Meetings held since last report [if any]

*List here the meetings held/participated since the last bi-monthly report, if relevant add short description*

Date	Location	Topic	Short Description
23/06/2015	St-Mandé (FR)	WP1 meeting	[project] Identification of first actions for WP1.
24/06/2015	St-Mandé (FR)	Kick-off meeting	[project] KO with the project team.
30/06/2015	Ispra (IT)	EMODnet-INSPIRE workshop	[external] Exchange of information between the two initiatives
01-02/07/2015	Ispra (IT)	Steering Committee	[external] Fourth EMODnet steering Committee
02/07/2015	Ispra (IT)	Seminar at JRC	[external] Information on EMODnet for Joint Research Center staff
02/07/2015	Ispra (IT)	Kick-off meeting	[external] Official KO with DG MARE/EASME
05/08/2015	Web conf.	WP1 meeting	[project] Presentation of project tools and structure of portal specification.

### 4. User Feedback [if any]

*List any useful feedback you received on your activities and/or your portal or those of other EMODnet projects/activities. Also provide any suggestions you have received for EMODnet case studies and/or future products/activities/events.*

Nothing to report.

## 5. Outreach and communication activities [if any]

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*Please list all the relevant communications activities or products you have developed/executed during this period (including presentations, lectures, trainings, demonstrations and development of communication materials such as brochures, videos, etc.). Relevant scientific and/or popular articles you know have been published using/referring to EMODnet should be reported under indicator 11 in Section 7.*

Date	Media	Title	Short description and/or link to the activity
02/07/2015	Presentation	EMODnet Coastal Mapping	Information on the project for Joint Research Center staff (Ispra, IT)

## 6. User statistics

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*Please provide as much information about the usage of your portal as possible once it is operational (page visits, downloads, etc.).*

Nothing to report.



## ***Annex X***

*List in annex if you wish to provide any additional information*

No annexes.