

Session 5, Panel 2 EMODnet and the Blue Economy

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- RGI is convener of the **Offshore Coalition for Energy and Nature (OCEaN)**
- OCEaN identified data as a key challenge to understand **effects of offshore wind and grid**
- OCEaN promotes **centralised collection of environmental data** for offshore wind farms and data sharing for availability in national and transboundary platforms, such as EMODnet
- Dialogue with EMODnet to understand the possibility of **minimum standards for environmental survey data** in offshore wind farms
- Goal is to advocate for the inclusion of **effective mechanisms to share relevant survey data** in the permitting process of offshore wind farms in European Member States
- The coalition also aims to better understand the **cumulative impacts of offshore wind and other human activities** on the marine environment and subsequent adaptive management

