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## Townhall: EMODnet for EU Policy

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## Overview



- **Co-Chairs:** Alessandra Giorgetti (OGS; EMODnet Chemistry Coordinator) & Fergal McGrath (Marine Institute, Ireland; EMODnet Seabed Habitats Partner)
- **Rapporteur:** Ángel Muñiz Piniella (European Marine Board)
- **Facilitator(s):** Nathalie Tonné & Matteo Mikos (EMODnet Secretariat)
- **Overview of topic**
  - A discussion on EMODnet's role in EU Green Deal and related Policy Implementation (MSFD, MSP, Birds and Habitats Directive, DCF, etc.) considering regulatory monitoring data quality and use, data governance and data flows, producing community recommendations on areas where EMODnet already adds value and where EMODnet's role could be strengthened.

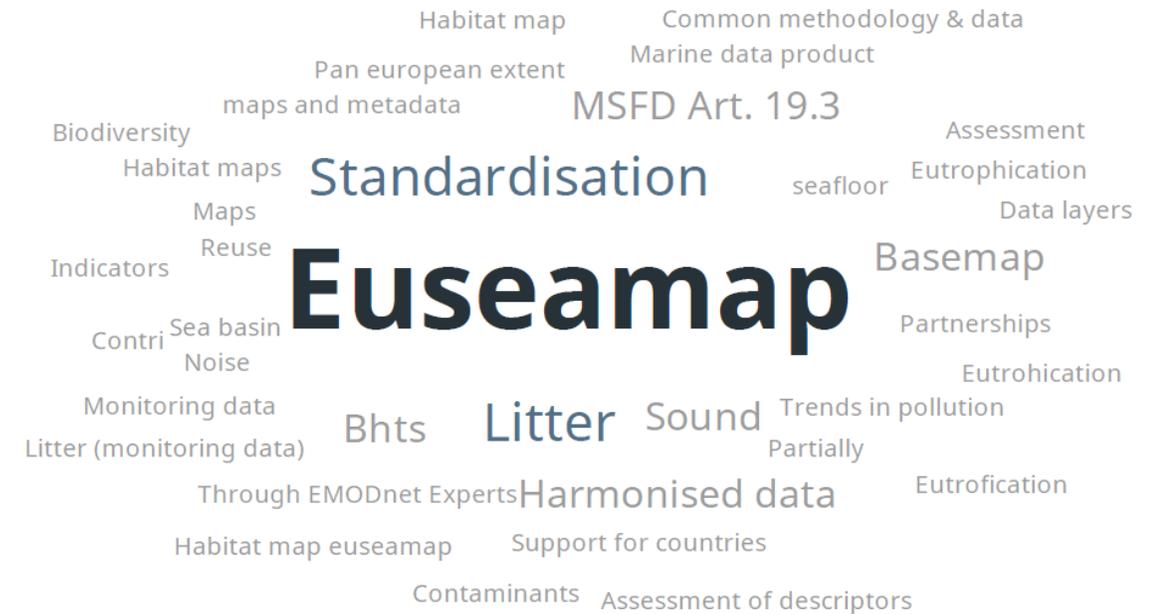
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## Key messages - current status

- Wide demonstration of use of EMODnet outputs
- EMODnet provides access to aggregated data
- EMODnet has a role to highlight discrepancies and gaps
- Pan-European perspective – EMODnet is broader than the EU
- Perceived differences in data accessibility between north and south of Europe
- Impact of EMODnet is far beyond the monitoring data
- Difference between being of “direct use to” and “of relevance” for MSFD
- Engagement with the community is an on-going process, and will help to expand the network

## How is EMODnet currently providing marine data and knowledge for Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)?

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## Key messages - forward looking

- More visibility for data access and use
- Interoperability of data bases (submit once)
- Requirement for data sharing process
- Dedicated access for policy makers (e.g. specific labels for Descriptors, catalogue of products...)
- Consideration of new activities in EMODnet should help on improving MSP plans
- More harmonization required
- Having a guidance document on what data is relevant for Directive/Policies
- Identify new Policy areas that are not currently using EMODnet

Going forward, how could EMODnet improve its role in supporting the MSFD?

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