



# 1<sup>st</sup> Community of Practice (CoP) Event & Co-Design Workshop

## Making Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Observations Policy Relevant

Thursday, 23 May 2023, online event

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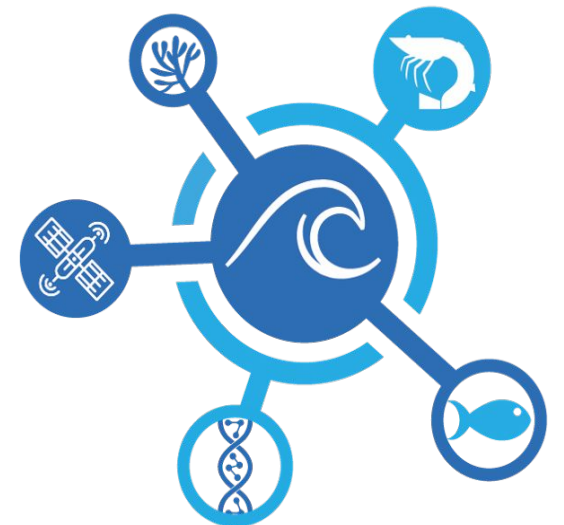
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# Welcome, agenda, housekeeping rules, and ice breaker

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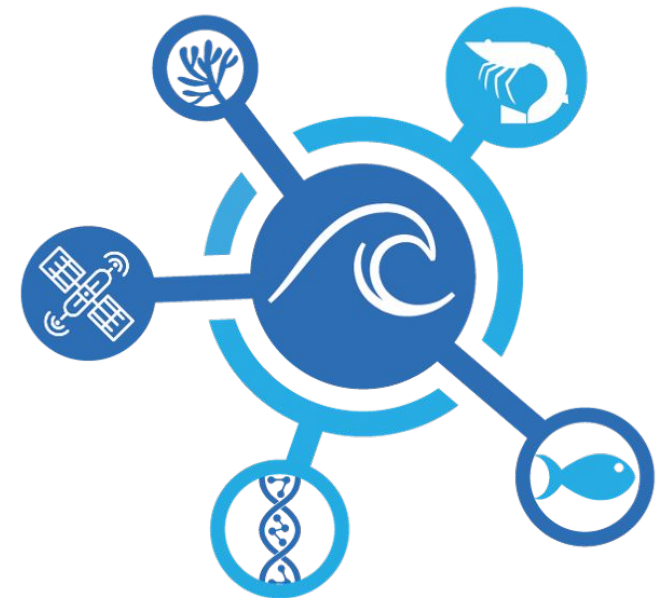
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# Welcome to the MARCO-BOLO Community of Practice (CoP) of marine Biodiversity Data Generators and Users



Ensure that project outcomes are stakeholder-driven, match end-user needs and feed more effectively into policy process, supporting EU and global reaching biodiversity targets

- ✓ Improve uptake and use of biodiversity data and knowledge in decision making
- ✓ Ensure biodiversity observations deliver outputs that connect research with policy
- ✓ Ensure interoperability within European and global observation frameworks
- ✓ Co-design MARCO-BOLO data products which improve biodiversity monitoring and reporting

# Agenda



**Introduction (9:30 – 10:00): Welcome and introduction of MARCO-BOLO**

**Session 1 (10:00-11:00): Setting the scene – biodiversity data requirements for policies at European, regional and national levels**

**Session 2 (11:00-11:30): The use case of Seagrass observations and reporting to policy frameworks**

Seagrass will be used as an example to demonstrate the full data pipeline, its use as an EOV/EBV and MSFD descriptor and importance for other EU policies (Habitats Directive, etc). Further, how data and data flows for seagrass coverage are currently being used to comply with EU policies.

**Session 3 (11:40-13:00): Starting the Co-Design/Co-Creation process so MARCO-BOLO improves and harmonize data flows and management (interactive)**

How the work carried out in MARCO-BOLO (Data Management Plan and other products) can help increase the biodiversity data available for environmental regulations from national, regional to European levels and how to pull more existing data into data pipelines to better assess ecosystem status.

# Housekeeping rules



- Event is being recorded, only for internal purposes
- Include your Name (Organization), e.g., John Smith (OGS)
- Mute your microphone
- Questions - end of Sessions 1 and 2 there will be a Q&A where you will have a chance to raise your hand to ask speakers questions - or, you may put questions in the ZOOM chat.
- A mural will be open for Session 3 to collect feedback from attendees
- Presentations and report will be shared after the event.
- **Speakers:** please, try to keep to the presentation times

# Ice Breaker



## Polls on:

1. Type of Institution
2. Data generator/user/manager
3. Geographical scope