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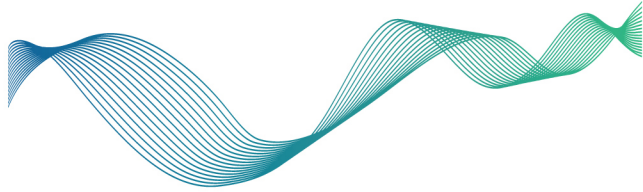
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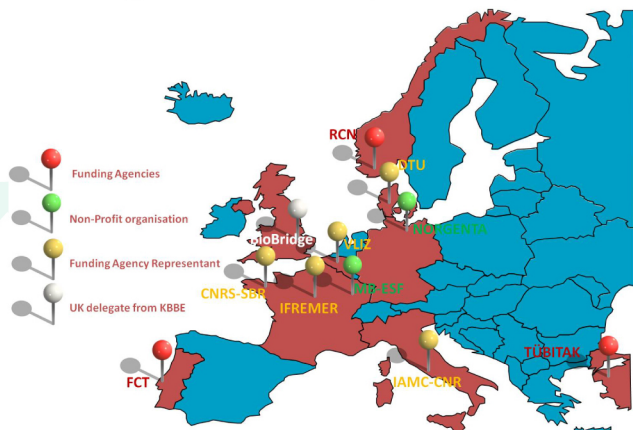
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CSA MarineBiotech, the Coordination and Support Action in Marine Biotechnology is funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme and is a collaborative network of 11 partners from 9 countries that supports marine biotechnology research and development in Europe.



## MarineBiotech's Goals

- Prepare the foundation for an ERA-NET in marine biotechnology.
- Mobilise and engage funding agencies and stakeholders.
- Establish a Strategic Forum and a Stakeholder Group.
- Increase the number of funding agencies involved in partnership, for transition into an ERA-NET.



To reach its goals, MarineBiotech will:

- Provide a better understanding of the marine biotechnology landscape in Europe and beyond by analyzing research efforts, infrastructures, stakeholders, strategies and programmes, gaps and barriers to cooperation.
- Organize information sessions, workshops and other project activities to develop a community of funding agencies and stakeholders active in this area and extend their partnerships.
- Sketch the contours of future cooperations between funding agencies by dedicated workshops that will set the stage for appropriate cooperation tools, develop joint programmes and pool resources for collaborative research.
- Manage information relevant to marine biotechnology RTDI (research, technology development and innovation) via a dedicated web-site, newsletters, reports and briefing documents.



## MarineBiotech's Mechanisms

The MarineBiotech Strategic Forum, composed of funding agencies from EU Member and Associated States, will:

- Network core policy makers and funders for strategic dialogues.
- Provide important information and insight in scoping and preparing for a future ERA-NET.
- Form the basis of the future ERA-NET consortium.

The MarineBiotech Stakeholder Group, with researchers, industry representatives, public support and policy communities, and private funding interests, will:

- Contribute to the identification of priority topics.
- Help in the development of an achievable approach to an ERA-NET.
- Evolve to become the advisory group for the future ERA-NET, maintaining impact beyond the end of the CSA MarineBiotech.



**MarineBiotech** will organize networking events for all interested parties, to assist mobilisation and engagement of funding agencies and stakeholders

- Two workshops will be held in spring and autumn 2012.
- Plenary sessions will allow all funding agencies and stakeholders interested in building marine biotechnology to meet.
- Sessions dedicated to funding agencies only will focus on funding and preparation for an ERA-NET.
- A public conference at the end of the project will sum up all actions and look forward to the ERA-NET itself.

During the project, the parties will be engaged in dialogue on the outputs of the CSA MarineBiotech, the status of European marine biotechnology, issues of concern, RTDI priorities, identification of gaps and the contribution of marine biotechnology to European competitiveness and the Bioeconomy Strategy. These activities will set the priorities in the ERA-NET on marine biotechnology and identify themes for the transnational funding activities.

