

COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION FOR EUROPEAN MARINE BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH (CSA MARINEBIOTECH)

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The Coordination and Support Action in Marine Biotechnology (CSA MarineBiotech), is a collaborative network funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme and consisting of 11 partners from 9 countries that support marine biotechnology research and development in Europe. From October 2011 to March 2013, these MarineBiotech partners: (i) prepared the foundation for an ERA-NET in marine biotechnology; (ii) mobilised and engaged funding agencies and stakeholders; (iii) established a Strategic Forum and a Stakeholder Group; and (iv) increased the number of funding agencies involved in the partnership committed to develop an ERA-NET in marine biotechnology. At the basis of these efforts, the group engaged in a dedicated mapping exercise to obtain more information about the current marine biotechnology science policy landscape in Europe and internationally.

One of the main achievements of the CSA MarineBiotech include the organisation of a successful series of networking events to assist in the mobilisation and engagement of funding agencies and stakeholders to guide the development of a future ERA-NET and support the dynamic marine biotechnology research community in Europe. Another central component of the CSA MarineBiotech project, is the development of a European marine biotechnology webportal (www.marinebiotech.eu). This portal serves both as a project website for the CSA and a long-term support tool for the growing marine biotechnology community in Europe by integrating dynamic and interactive modules and information systems, notably the MarineBiotech Infopages (WIKI) and a European MarineBiotech Database with projects and relevant organisations.

This presentation will look back at some of the main achievements and lessons learned from the CSA MarineBiotech in paving the way for an ERA-NET on marine biotechnology and working towards a long term support mechanisms for the European marine biotechnology community.

References

¹ <http://www.marinebiotech.eu>