

How to apply?

Any organisation wishing to become an associated partner can do so by sending an expression of interest describing their organisation, explaining why they wish to become a member and how it will contribute.

An application can also be made by an existing partner on behalf of another organisation with their agreement.

The letter with expression of interest should be kept as brief as possible and sent by email to secretariat@emodnet.eu.

The EMODnet Secretariat will acknowledge receipt of the expression of interest, and if the organisation is deemed eligible it will make a recommendation to DG MARE and the Steering Committee who have the ability to object.

The organisation will be informed on the outcome of their application no later than two weeks after the first Steering Committee meeting, following receipt of the application. If the application is successful, new associated partners will be added to the list of partners with their logo on the EMODnet Central Portal.

The organisation will also be able to display the EMODnet logo on their website indicating that they are a partner.

Associated partnership is granted on a year basis and automatically renewed unless one of the parties (the Secretariat/DG MARE and/or the partner organisation) decides to end the membership.

There is no partnership fee, however voluntary and/or in-kind contributions are always welcome to furthering the initiative's objectives.

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What is EMODnet?

The European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) is a long-term initiative supported by the European Commission Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

It provides the framework for over 150 organisations to work together to assemble marine data, data products and metadata from diverse sources within Europe in a uniform way and make this available via the internet.

What is the EMODnet Associated Partner Scheme about?

In response to the increasing number of requests received from organisations who wish to join the EMODnet partnership and contribute to its objectives, we established the Associated Partnership scheme.

This new category of membership provides a more flexible arrangement to allow more organisations to join EMODnet in a straightforward and transparent way. It enables interested parties to contribute to and fully benefit from the network's broad range of tools and activities.

- » Associated Partners gain formal recognition as a partner of the network and as such are included in internal communication receiving first-hand inside information about new activities and developments. As a result, Associated Partners can easily identify opportunities for collaboration, gain knowledge and help shape EMODnet activities and events towards their interests from an early stage;
- » Associated Partners do not receive any funding, nor are they required to pay any fees. There is no need to be a contractual partner in one of the development projects and, as a result, Associated Partners have no contractual obligations;
- » It is a light and flexible status without a complicated application or exit procedure;
- » Associated Partners adhere to the EMODnet goals, objectives and principles and engage themselves to promote and contribute to EMODnet one way or the other.

What are the benefits of becoming an Associated Partner?

- » **Gain access to a unique forum** to collaborate, network and explore new opportunities, with regular occasions to interact with other partners during workshops, conferences, etc;
- » **Establish improved corporate responsibility** by subscribing to the core principles of EMODnet, including adherence to good data management practices and open sharing of data;
- » Become a part of a growing network of key public and private organisations with the possibility to learn from others and enjoy the huge **benefits of working together** to address some of the common marine data and sharing challenges which are linked to the management of the growing number and intensity of activities (and data collection) taking place at sea;
- » **Have a say in the development of future EMODnet products and services** and the refinement of those existing to better serve actual user needs;
- » **Improve visibility of the organisation** via new channels (e.g. via the organisation's logo and links on the EMODnet central portal, promotional materials, etc.);
- » **Explore opportunities to share infrastructures or processes** saving costs and partaking in the benefits;
- » **Keep abreast of** the latest first-hand information on the global and pan-European marine data landscape, policy developments and funding opportunities.

Why EMODnet?

EMODnet was created with the intention of unlocking fragmented and hidden marine data resources, making these available to individuals, organisations and businesses without restriction, except in particular cases.

The primary aim of EMODnet is to increase productivity in all tasks involving marine data, to promote innovation and to reduce uncertainty about the behaviour of the sea.

This will lessen the risks associated with private and public investments in the blue economy, and facilitate more effective protection of the marine environment.