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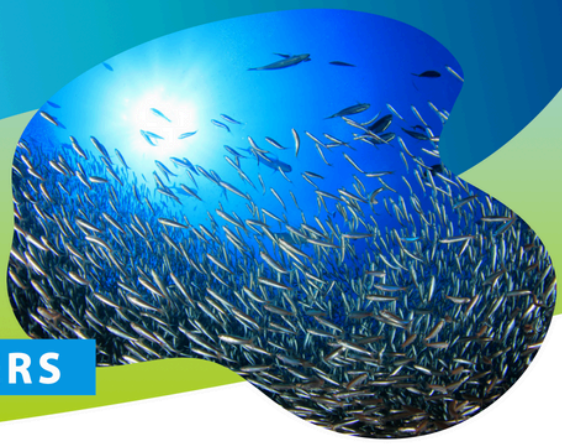

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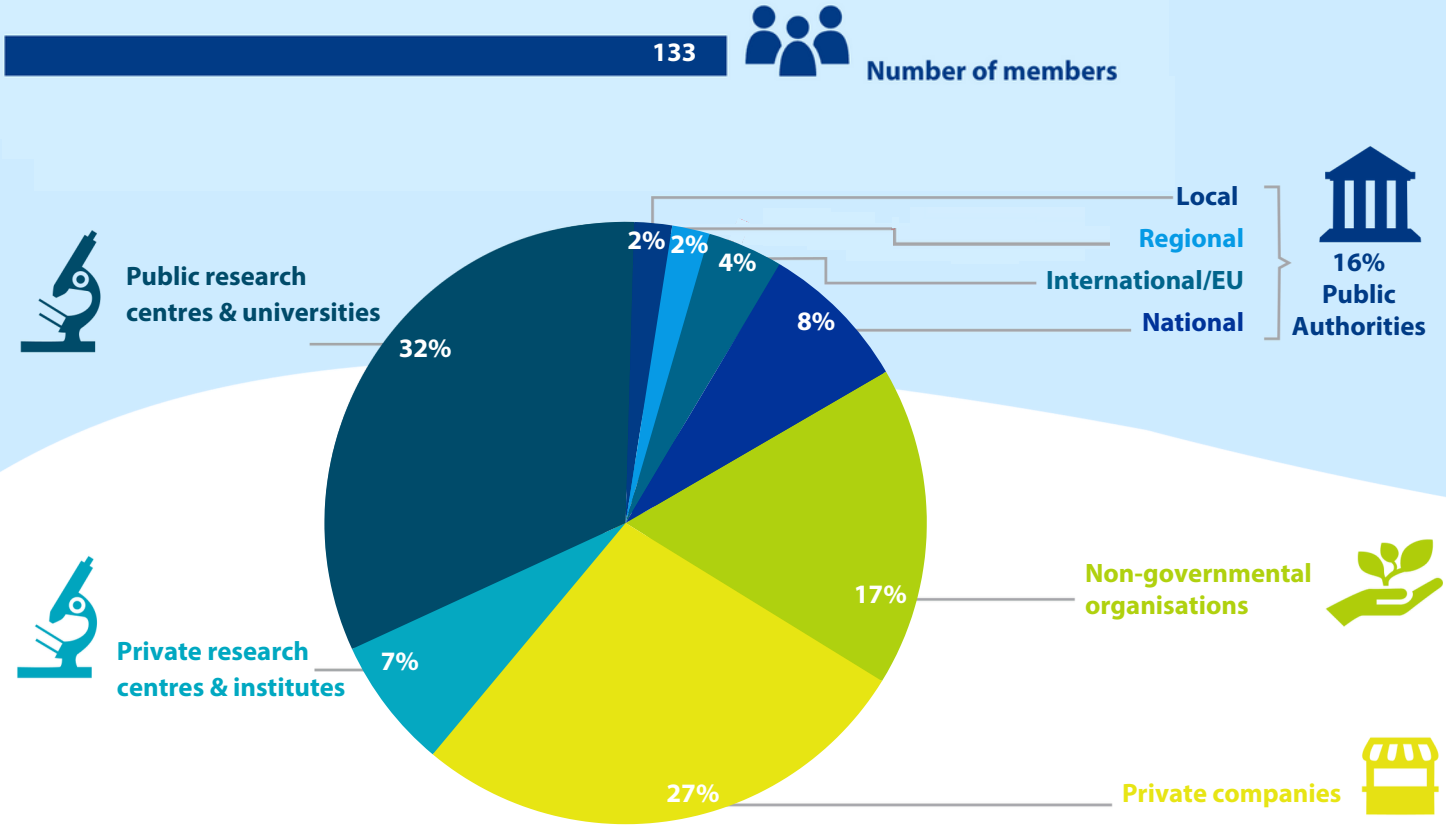
EU Blue Parks Community

The **EU Blue Parks Community** under the **EU Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030'** brings together national, regional and local authorities of EU Member States, European marine networks, businesses, and research and innovation projects to collaborate on marine protection and restoration in EU sea basins. The community aims to help identify and address challenges, share tools, solutions and good practices for marine protected areas (MPAs), contributing to the protection of 30% and strict protection of 10% of EU sea areas by 2030.
The EU Blue Parks Community together with EU Blue Parks projects funded under the Mission Ocean and Waters programme of Horizon Europe are key components of the EU Blue Parks initiative.

Community members

The strength of the community lies in its diverse and constantly growing membership. Currently, 133 members from a wide range of organisations contribute to its efforts.
Members come from various EU sea basins, including the Atlantic and Arctic, the Baltic and North Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the Danube-Black Sea basin, bringing with them diverse expertise. The majority have backgrounds in ecology, particularly in marine conservation and biology, while about half also have knowledge in policy-making and societal issues, such as education and governance.



'The real cooperation and synergy between different perspectives and work groups is the only way to accomplish the Mission. The EU Blue Parks Community is the perfect framework.'

Sergio Rossi, Associate Professor, Università del Salento, Coordinator of OCEAN CITIZEN EU Blue Parks project

'We are excited to join the EU Blue Parks Community, where we can share our expertise, exchange knowledge and best practices, and gain valuable insights from other EU sea basins to co-design marine protection management and planning.'

Dr. Margarita Stancheva, Director, Center for Coastal and Marine Studies, Bulgaria

'Membership in the EU Blue Parks Community has enhanced our role in the Blue Connect Project, reinforcing the position of NIVA as a trusted advisor to national marine protection authorities.'

Sindre Langaas, Chief Development Officer, Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA)

Why join the community?

Community members have the opportunity to:

- Participate in and contribute to two dedicated workshops per year, organised online and in person.
- Receive technical assistance on specific topics related to marine protection via the EU Blue Parks helpdesk.
- Exchange knowledge and good practices, enhance governance and stakeholder involvement, explore funding opportunities and improve the ongoing management of marine protected areas.
- Contribute their expertise and learn from others across EU sea basins to enhance marine conservation efforts and address common challenges effectively.
- Strengthen synergies by joining the EU Blue Parks Community, bridging gaps and leveraging the collective knowledge and resources available in established initiatives.
- Benefit from opportunities for exchange and cooperation through EU Blue Parks workshops and Mission projects, and gain increased visibility of their marine protection efforts through the Mission Portal and newsletter.

Become a member

Membership in the EU Blue Parks Community is open to a range of entities, including national agencies involved in marine and environmental matters, regional authorities responsible for marine protected areas and Natura 2000 sites, as well as marine conservation researchers, academia, sea basin organisations, NGOs, international bodies, donors and sustainable investors. Interested organisations can apply to become members through an online form. Membership is free of charge.
https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EUBlueParks-Membership

Members of the EU Blue Parks Community
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- ACD LA HOYA
- Aegean Research Center
- ALOT S.r.l.
- ARPROE
- Associação Natureza Portugal (WWF Portugal)
- Association Romanian River Transport Cluster
- Atlantic International Research Centre (AIR Centre)
- Atlantis Consulting SA
- Blue Pangolin Consulting
- BlueSeeds
- CDTI (Spanish Ministry of Science and Education)
- Centre of Marine Sciences
- Centro de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental - Ciimar
- Citiprofile
- Common Wadden Sea Secretariat
- CMCC Foundation
- CNR-IRBIM
- CNRS, Aix-Marseille University
- Consorzio Genova Ocean Agorà
- Consorzio Isole dei Ciclopi - Ente Gestore Area Marina Protetta Isole Ciclopi
- Croatian Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
- CTN Marine Technology Centre
- Department of Marine Sciences, University of the Aegean
- Department of Fisheries and Marine Research Cyprus
- DHI A/S
- Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food quality
- EcoBilge
- Ecocean
- Efund
- EPOMEA - Special missions of Thessaloniki municipality of wildlife rescue and environment
- ELNAV.AI
- ELWAVE
- European Environment Agency
- ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence
- Ericeira Surf Clube
- EU B4LIFE FACILITY
- European Commission
- EUROSEA GmbH
- ETH Zurich
- Fjordskole - Fjordschool Norway
- Fugro
- Geosystems Hellas
- GESPLAN
- HARTIS Integrated Nautical Services
- Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity at the University of Oldenburg
- ILVO
- INOV - Instituto de Engenharia de Sistemas e Computadores Inovação
- Institu de Ciències del Mar - Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas
- Institute of Natural Sciences
- Institute of Plastics and Circular Economy IKK (Leibniz University Hannover)
- Institute of Aquaculture and Environmental Safety, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- IS2E \ Azores University
- ISPRA
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee
- LAMAR S.A
- Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology
- LAQV/ REQUIMTE, University of Porto
- LifeWatch ERIC
- LIFE OASIS
- MARE- Marine and Environmental Sciences Centre - Polytechnic Institute of Leiria
- Marine & Environmental Research (MER) Lab
- Marine Conservation Institute
- Marine Research Centre - University of Vigo
- Martina Gaglioti
- MedPAN
- MRAG Europe
- Mundus maris asbl
- National Park Authority Lower Saxon Wadden Sea
- NatureMetrics
- Naula
- Norwegian Institute for Water Research
- N(N)LE International Business and Economic Development Center
- Oceana
- OceanFront AS
- Oceanic Platform of the Canary Islands
- Oceanus Research Group
- OPR Consulting
- Outdoor Portofino
- Planet to the 3rd Power, Institute for Interdisciplinary Sustainable Development

An EU map showing the geographical distribution of members is available on the EU Blue Parks Community page in the 'Find out more on the community members' section.

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- PIÑEIRON SL
- Polytechnic University of Marche - DISVA
- Positive Ripple Consulting
- Portuguese Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests
- Project management Jülich
- PROTECT BALTIC
- Protection of biodiversity in Bulgaria Foundation
- Public Institution Brijuni National Park
- RECYCLLUX SRL
- Regional Science &Technology Fund, Azores Regional Government
- Region of Murcia
- SAIL LA VIE
- SALT Research AS
- SAYARI
- SCOALA GIMNAZIALA „TUDOR ARGHEZI„ NAVODARI
- SDMED Consultants
- South Denmark EU Office
- SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth
- SUBMON
- Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn
- Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM)
- Tecnoambiente SL
- Thales
- Trinity College Dublin
- Stardust Impact
- Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Underwater Gardens International S.L.
- University Asen Zlatarov - Burgas
- University of Carthage, Faculty of Sciences of Bizerte
- University College Cork: MaREI Centre
- University of Salento
- University of Southern Denmark
- University of the Azores
- University of Portsmouth
- University Wuppertal
- Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences
- VIA PONTICA FOUNDATION
- WWF Adria

Join the community and explore insights from past workshops!

EU Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030'

With a 2030 target, the EU Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters' aims to protect and restore the health of our ocean and waters through research and innovation, citizen engagement and blue investments.
Join forces with others to protect our oceans and waters by pledging your action to the Mission Charter.

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