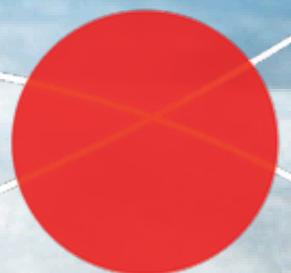
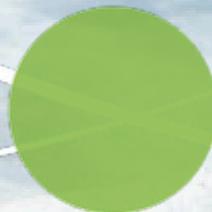




Open Science Day 2026

Europe's Largest Marine
Research Network

From Genes to Ecosystems
in Changing Oceans



Preamble

The 2026 General Assembly marks the beginning of EuroMarine’s next chapter. With a strengthened secretariat, new European projects underway and a network that has proven its ability to deliver real impact, we look ahead with confidence. This year’s meeting is an opportunity to reflect on what the community has achieved together and to set the tone for the decade to come — one shaped by shifting EU policy priorities, accelerating climate pressures and a global ocean in transformation.

The impact report we are presenting in Cádiz shows just how far the network has come: EuroMarine today is a mature, resilient and truly collaborative community, one that has steadily strengthened its scientific voice, grown its reach, invested in early-career researchers and interdisciplinary innovation. Over this decade, the network has evolved into a recognised catalyst for emerging ideas and a trusted platform for collaboration across Europe’s marine science landscape.

The three days in Cádiz are organised to bring together the EuroMarine community to explore current developments in marine science and the wider challenges shaping our shared future. The first two Open Science Days will highlight a broad range of research—from blue carbon and biodiversity monitoring to coastal resilience, invasive species, deep-sea processes and genomics.



The General Assembly will be a special moment to reflect on how far EuroMarine has come and to look ahead with confidence. We will focus on the organisation's continued development and identify the priorities that will guide our future science-support activities. With the insights gathered during the Open Science Days, the strength demonstrated in our 10-year report, a renewed secretariat, and new EU projects carrying the network into its next decade; we are proud of what has been achieved together and optimistic about what lies ahead.

We look forward to welcoming you to three engaging days in the vibrant setting of Cádiz.



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UNINA, Co-Chair of EuroMarine Network



Mark John Costello

NORD, Co-Chair of EuroMarine Network



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We're excited to welcome you to the EuroMarine Open Science Days 2026 (10–12 March 2026) at the University of Cádiz in Cádiz, hosted together with University of Cadiz and CSIC. This gathering is a chance for our community to reconnect and share brand-new science.

The programme features keynote talks, scientific presentations, a social-science workshop and another on the policy landscape and a poster session, offering space for exchange across disciplines and institutions. Across these sessions, speakers will discuss innovations in ecosystem observation, policy-relevant marine research, the role of infrastructures and collaborations that connect the European marine science community, in the context of shifting policy landscapes, climate pressures and growing ocean challenges.

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10 March 2026 - Open Science Day

- 12:30 – 13:00 Arrivals and registration of participants (Edificio Constitución 1812)
- 13:00 – 13:10 **Welcome by University of Cadiz & CSIC (Salón de Actos, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras)** *María Jesús Ortega, Vice-Rector for Research, UCA & Antonio Tovar, Director ICMAN-CSIC*
- 13:10 – 13:20 **CEIMAR & SEA EU Welcome** (Salón de Actos, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras)
- 13:20 – 13:30 **Welcome and Introduction by EuroMarine Scientific Coordinators (Salón de Actos, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras).** *Mark John Costello (EuroMarine Co-Chair, NORD) & Simonetta Frascchetti (EuroMarine Co-Chair, UNINA)*

Scientific Sessions - Salón de Actos, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

- 13:30 – 14:15 **Keynote: From Ecophysiology to Blue Carbon and Restoration**
Juanjo Vergara, Full Professor UCA
- 14:20 – 14:30 **RugOBSS: Satellite Monitoring Platform of the *Rugulopteryx okamurae* invasion**
Mar Roca Mora, CSIC
- 14:30 – 14:40 **Beach metabolic activity associated with massive wrack accumulations of *Rugulopteryx okamurae***
Iván Franco Rodil, UCA
- 14:40 – 14:50 **Intracellular nitrogen storage in Antarctic phytoplankton across two contrasting environments**
Juan Rodríguez-Márquez, UCA
Q&A
- 14:50 – 15:20 *Coffee Break (Edificio Constitución 1812)*
- 15:20 – 16:10 **Keynote: The strait of Gibraltar: reading climate change at the ocean's gateway**
Emma Huertas, CSIC
- 16:10 – 16:20 **Building the foundations of a Digital Twin for a Marine Protected Area through integrated fine-scale observations**
Nikhil Thomas, CMMI
- 16:20 – 16:30 **Nature-based solutions to coastal resilience: A more sustainable approach**
Chinomnso Onwubiko, University of Cape Coast
- 16:30 – 16:40 **Trans-disciplinary and trans-boundary research to access non-native species in aquaculture**
Barbara Mikac, UNIBO
Q&A
- 16:40 – 17:00 *Coffee Break (Edificio Constitución 1812)*
- 17:00 - 18:15 **Workshop 1: Linking with social sciences**
Emma McKinley, Cardiff University
- 18:15 - 19:30 Science & Coctails - Poster session

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11 March 2026 - Open Science Day

1st Session - Salón de Actos, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

8:30 - 9:00 *Registration of participants (Edificio Constitución 1812)*

9:00 - 9:45 **Keynote: Life and element cycling in the deepest Oceanic realm** (Salón de Actos, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras) *Ronnie Glud, SDU*
Q&A

9:50 - 10:00 **Microbial Respiration in Expanding Pacific and Indian Oxygen Minimum Zones**
Emilio Garcia-Robledo, UCA

10:00 - 10:10 **Governing the Deep Sea: Legal, Ethical, and Environmental Challenges in the Emerging Exploitation of Polymetallic Nodules.**
Raquel-Esther Rey Charlo, UCA

10:10 - 10:20 **Thriving in the dark: Balearic submarine cave biodiversity.**
Daniel Martin, CSIC
Q&A

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee Break (Edificio Constitución 1812)*

10:50 - 11:00 **From Heatwave to Outbreak: A Fish-Viral Outbreak in the Azores**
Ines Gomes, OKEANOS

11:00 - 11:10 **Biodiversity and ecosystem services in natural versus restored Adriatic saltmarshes.**
Alberto Barausse, University of Padova

11:10 - 11:20 **Harnessing Microbiome Insights for Enhanced Seaweed Cultivation.**
Myrsini Maria Lymperaki, CCMAR/CIMAR
Q&A

11:30 - 11:40 **Forty years of coastal policy by the Andalusian Government (1982-2022).**
Ángel Arenas, UCA

11:40 - 11:50 **An integrated observation and monitoring strategy at regional level, Galicia, Spain.**
Fran Saborido-Rey, IIM-CSIC

11:50 - 12:00 **Beach user preferences ('Big Five'): An integrated Management Tool.** (Salón de Actos, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras)
Rosa Molina Gil, UCA
Q&A

12:10 - 13:30 *Lunch Break (Edificio Constitución 1812)*

2nd Session - Salón de Actos, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

- 13:30 – 13:40 **Occurrence, removal and photodegradation of persistent, mobile and toxic compounds (PMTs) in aquatic systems.**
Maria Sole Pierandrei, Politecnico di Milano
- 13:40 – 13:50 **Broodstock exposure to the toxic dinoflagellate *Alexandrium minutum* affects gamete proteome in the Pacific oyster *Magallana gigas*.**
Adeline Marzari, UMR 6539 LEMAR Ifremer
- 13:50 – 14:00 **Occurrence distribution and impact of antibiotics in Contrasting Aquaculture Systems and their surroundings.**
Sara Rodríguez-Mozaz, ICRA-CERCA
Q&A
- 14:10 – 14:20 **The "MOST!" workshop: Application of omics in marine ecotoxicology.**
Patricia Pinto, CCMAR/CIMAR
- 14:20 – 14:30 **Genomics-informed modelling: advancing our understanding of non-indigenous species' colonisation and spread.**
Marc Rius, CSIC
- 14:30 – 14:40 **The Tropical Atlantic invasion into the Mediterranean – a call for action.**
Paolo G. Albano, SZN & University of Vienna
Q&A

3rd Session - Salón de Actos, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

- 14:50 – 15:00 **The World Association of Marine Stations (WAMS): A global network for ocean science collaboration.**
Axel Miller, SAMS
- 15:00 – 15:10 **LifeWatch ERIC as a Hub for Integrated Marine Biodiversity Research in Europe.**
Christos Arvanitidis, Lifewatch ERIC
- 15:10 – 15:30 **JPI Oceans strategy: Advancing knowledge, informing policy, and driving innovation.**
Thorsten Kiefer, JPIO
- 15:30 – 15:45 Round table open discussion.
- 15:45 – 16:00 *Coffee break (Edificio Constitución 1812)*
- 16:00-17:30 Workshop 2: Understanding the Policy Landscape (Online).**
Dennis Naughten, Innosphere
- 18h30 Social Activity – Visit of Roman Theater**
- 20h Social dinner (for General Assembly representatives and keynote speakers only)**

Travel to Cádiz

Option 1. Jerez de la Frontera

The nearest airport is Jerez Airport located 30 km from Cádiz. To reach Cádiz from the airport there are 4 options:

- To take a bus from the airport to Cádiz (Line M-050). Travel time: 1:15.
- To take a taxi from the airport to Jerez Railway Station and take there a train to Cádiz.
- To take a train from the Airport to Cádiz.
- To take a taxi from the airport to Cádiz.

Option 2. Sevilla

Some flights arrive directly to Seville Airport. This is a bigger airport located 120 km from Cádiz. If you arrive there, the best option is to take a bus to Santa Justa Railway Station in Seville (they run every 30 minutes between 6:15 and 23:00. Once there you should take a regional train from Seville to Cádiz. The travel takes 1.5h-2h. You can check the timetables at: <http://www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/index.html>. The Train Station in Cádiz is in the centre of the city so the best way to arrive to your hotel is having a walk.

Option 3. Málaga

Málaga Airport is also an international airport located 250 km from Cádiz. You can take a bus, but the best option to reach Cádiz is to rent a car.

Hotels

Here is a selection of hotels to which you can book your stay.

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Hotel La Catedral ***
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www.hotellacatedral.com

Las Cortes de Cádiz Hotel***
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Argantonio Hotel**
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