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Forecasting and observing the open-to-coastal ocean for Copernicus users

FOCCUS Project Introduction

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FOCCUS will link to several European programs and networks, in addition to several selected European Horizon 2020 (H2020) and Horizon Europe (HE) projects.





European Digital Twin Ocean







Background



Coastal zones are:

- heavily used and impacted areas of the global ocean
- diverse human pressures and anthropogenic stressors
- particularly vulnerable



Efforts still needed to reinforce coastal capabilities to:

- innovate with the related marine knowledge value chain towards seamless delivery
- tailor the information products and solutions to meet policy needs and wider user requirements

Objectives



To improve and advance the coastal dimension of CMEMS

- coupling of CMEMS and MSCS
- co-design between MS services and reinforced CMEMS

Develop advanced, seamless coastal monitoring and forecasting systems

- joint effort based on novel approaches
- better constrain coastal applications and models developed at national and local levels



Uptake & Communications

Objectives



- Address and enhance coastal extension of Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS)--> better serve coastal users and Member States
- Objectives selected to specifically innovate and evolve CMEMS coastal products where limitations are identified, or where services not yet sufficient:
 - near coastal borders
 - areas with high socioeconomic pressures







Achieve a seamless monitoring and forecasting of the ocean by:

- applying and improving methods
- development of new coastal products co-production with MSCSs
- → operational, fit-for-use coastal information service for Europe

Ambitions



Improve coastal variables and create new/fusion coastal products using insitu/remote sensing data and AI

Advance framework of •-land-ocean continuum (LOC) by improving inputs of freshwater/rivers for coastal ocean models



Communicate potential combination of CMEMS with MSCSs to a variety of user groups

> Co-design, co-develop and test **applications**, demonstrate value in different sectors (policy, blue economy, human activities)

Implement new, seamless methods in coastal ocean forecasting production chains

Impact and Expected Outcomes



Enhanced quality and efficiency of the current service to respond to:

 policy and/or user requirements

- technological developments for space regulation
- complementing challenges for related initiatives

Development of efficient and reliable new products chains

 new paradigms in data fusion, processing and visualisation

- handle more highvolume satellite data sets
- evolving user-driven service, preserving continuity of service

Development of new algorithms and processing chains

- preparing use of new types of space observation data (new Sentinels, other contributing missions)
- development of new products or improvement of existing products

Methodology







Organization





Shom & FOCCUS activities



- Shom's Research Department interests:
 - Understand and describe the physical marine environment in its relations with the atmosphere, the seabed and coastal areas
 - Focus on coastal to open ocean dynamics and hydrography, extreme events and underwater acoustics
 - Develops coastal and regional ocean modelling systems, from research to operational levels 4 regions of interest: Manche-Gascogne, Med. sea, NO Indian Ocean, GIUK
- In FOCCUS:
 - Check the validity of the models TOLOSA (2D on detailed water level) and CROCO (3D) and downscaling of CMEMS.
 - Extreme events: storm surge
 - Stakeholders workshop to discuss on future applications



MHD & FOCCUS activities



MHD's Research - Development and Innovation Center is involved in several national and international project related to physical oceanography, marine GNSS, climate change and security, coastal application using ML / AI, acoustics.

In FOCCUS:

- Oceanographic Research Laboratories, Topo-Geodesy Laboratory, RDI and Mine Warefare Data Center.







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