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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The ERA-MBT project defined a vision which reflects the operational and strategic aspects of the project. Taking into account the goals and objectives of ERA-MBT, drawing from a wide consultation within the consortium and reviewing other strategic “vision statements”, resulted in ERA-MBT agreeing and publishing its vision statement as;

To support Europe’s marine biotechnology community to participate in a lasting enterprise-driven network that adds value to marine biological resources in ways that nurture and sustain the lives of European citizens.

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DEVELOPING THE VISION

A key element in the process of defining the strategic roadmap is an agreed vision for ERA-MBT. The process of developing this vision commenced following the Lillehammer Kick-Off meeting in January 2014. Defining the vision required several iterations and involved ERA-MBT partners in WP2 reviewing the published vision statements of private and public sector organisations, those of other ERA-NETs and drawing from the initial work done within the WP2 desk- study on strategic documents and reports relevant to marine biotechnology.

An initial draft vision was delivered for discussion at the Ghent ERA-MBT project management meeting. Feedback from the ERA-MBT consortium contributed to further revisions of the vision and a final draft was presented for approval at the Galway project management meeting in September 2014. This meeting recommended that that vision be forwarded for consideration and endorsement by the ERA-MBT steering committee.

The agreed Vision for ERA-MBT was discussed at the first meeting of the International Advisory Group in Lisbon, October, 2014. The vision was seen as relevant in achieving the goal of establishing a lasting network; being enterprise-driven by the end of the project period of ERA-MBT, which presently is a network of funding agencies.

THE ERA-MBT VISION

The final vision was launched on the ERA-MBT website in advance of the Lisbon Stakeholder meeting and is;

To support Europe's marine biotechnology community to participate in a lasting enterprise-driven network that adds value to marine biological resources in ways that nurture and sustain the lives of European citizens.