



PMT-SC 18-month meeting, Brussels Belgium, 13.3.2013 **PUBLIC REPORT**

The consortium of the EU-funded project CSA MarineBiotech (CSA MBt) met for their final (18-month) review meeting in Brussels Belgium on 13th March 2013, following the CSA MarineBiotech Final Conference.

The project has succeeded in all its objectives, aimed at establishing a solid platform for the success of a future ERA-NET in marine biotechnology ERA-MBT:

- Mobilising European funding agencies to form the basis for the future ERA-MBT, from a core of 3 dedicated funding agencies in the CSA MarineBiotech consortium, to the ERA-NET consortium of 16 funding agencies and direct representatives;
- Creating a web-site www.marinebiotech.eu that now has the strong potential to become the portal for all marine biotechnology knowledge, activities and progress in Europe, with a starting-point of a database of individuals, research organisations, companies and policy bodies involved or interested in marine biotechnology, the Wiki-pages and a library, intended for continued development and enhancement during the ERA-MBT;
- Profiling the marine biotechnology strategies, policies, major programmes and main centres of activity in marine biotechnology in Europe and internationally, with the reports available as downloadable documents and as Wiki-pages on the project web-site;
- Creating and distributing 4 electronic newsletters to a wide audience across Europe and internationally, raising the profile of the CSA MBt activities and marine biotechnology in general;
- Producing two successful workshops mobilising funding agencies and stakeholders and a Final Conference for a wider audience, that have helped raise the profile and awareness of marine biotechnology activities and potential and their relevance for European maritime policy and international industry across a wide spectrum of useful and economically-productive sectors;
- Supporting the establishment of a Stakeholder Group that will maintain its advisory role in a future ERA-MBT and ensure end-user relevance of the basic and applied research and the development activity that will be fundamental to the success of the ERA-MBT programmes;

The ERA-MBT working group and the prospective ERA-MBT, if approved by the EU, are led by the Research Council of Norway (Dr Steinar Bergseth).

Reports of the workshops and a report of the Final conference, including presentations, can be found on the CSA MB web-site www.marinebiotech.eu under the tabs 'Workshops' and 'Conference' respectively. The Database and Wiki-pages can be found under the tabs 'Database' and Wiki respectively. There are also News pages and a documents Library.

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