

**PMT-SC 12-month meeting, Hamburg, Germany, 9.10.2012**  
**PUBLIC REPORT**

The consortium of the EU-funded project CSA MarineBiotech (CSA MBt) met for their 12-monthly review meeting in Hamburg Germany on 9th October 2012, during the 2nd project workshop for engaging and mobilising funding agencies and stakeholders. A good attendance at the workshop from stakeholders (academic, industry and policy), about 50% of whom had not come to Workshop 1, confirmed the interest in the prospects for marine biotechnology. In addition to reviewing progress to-date and planning activities for the following period, the consortium noted that the Working Group (ENWG) for scoping an ERA-NET in marine biotechnology (ERA-MBt) had been formed, with 16 eligible funding agencies, and had met to discuss preparation of a proposal in response to the topic in the EU FP7 call. In addition, the group of committed funding agency representatives had voted and the Research Council of Norway (RCN) was duly elected to head the consortium and the proposal-preparation activity.

The CSA MBt and the ENWG will be maintained as separate entities, although the RCN is coordinator of both. The CSA MBt will provide support materials for the ENWG as deliverables from the project. CSA MBt deliverables will support of the ENWG's activities, including summaries of the reports on European and international efforts in marine biotechnology, and briefing and scoping papers on marine biotechnology and the specifics of an ERA-NET in marine biotechnology.

The main activities for the next period are:

- Planning and preparation for the final conference in Belgium March 2013, based on a conference proposal prepared by the ESF Marine Board. ESF-MB and VLIZ are the responsible consortium partners for the conference.
- Developing the sections of the web-site with information on marine biotechnology and MBt research strategies and programmes ('MarineBiotech WIKI-pages') and information on people and institutions interested or involved in MBt activities, and MBt projects ('MarineBiotech database'), with the intention of making these available for long-term use and further development via a future ERA-NET.
- Finishing the reports on European and international marine biotechnology strategies and programmes.

A full report of the 2nd workshop can be found on the CSA MB web-site [www.marinebiotech.eu](http://www.marinebiotech.eu) under the tab 'Workshops'.

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