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WHAT IS SEA FOR SOCIETY?

The Sea For Society (SFS) project is a response to an ever increasing need to ensure sustainable management of marine ecosystem services whilst taking into consideration society's need for a progressive and thriving economic development.

EXPECTED IMPACTS

The Sea For Society project will:

- Increase European stakeholders, citizens and youth awareness of the relevance of the ocean to their daily lives;
- Lead to further empowerment of stakeholders, citizens and youth to take action at a local, national and European level to tackle marine societal challenges;
- Improve Research & Development and marine and maritime governance at regional, national and European levels;
- Define the social, economic, environmental and cultural pillars of the Blue Society throughout the partnership of stakeholders, citizens and youth;
- Foster an integrated vision towards a sustainable use of marine ecosystems services and a balanced use of marine resources.



OBJECTIVES

The Sea For Society project aims to develop a new and ambitious vision for society. A vision embracing the spirit of sustainability, well-being and equity for humankind as its guiding principle. A vision that is in harmony with the ocean, a vision that will lead to the development of a **Blue Society**. The project will seek to achieve this vision by:

- Bringing together different stakeholders (economic stakeholders, environmental organisations, local authorities, the public-at-large, and youth) with complementary knowledge and experiences to forge new partnerships using a participatory approach resulting in Public Engagement in Research;
- Setting up a Consultation Process across Europe to facilitate dialogue and cooperation between different stakeholders, citizens and youth to identify challenges and barriers of coastal and marine ecosystem services in relation to societal needs and propose challenge-driven solutions;
- Sharing the co-authored knowledge arising from the Dialogue Process in a broad and effective manner in order to empower stakeholders, citizens and youth to take action to tackle the societal challenges identified;
- Providing advice to inform and support research policy in order to optimise the role of research and technology in tackling marine resources, inland activities and sustainable development;
- Developing and enriching the concept of a Blue Society as a basis for improved governance of the Ocean;
- Developing ongoing mechanisms such as partnership, interaction, public-research engagement to ensure the sustainability of the Sea For Society process, ultimately resulting in empowerment actions to address marine societal challenges.

