

## **Consultation on EU-Policy Marine Knowledge 2020: from seabed mapping to ocean forecasting**

### **1. Public consultation**

On 29 August 2012 the European Commission launched a consultation on the Green Paper "Marine Knowledge 2020: from seabed mapping to ocean forecasting" to understand stakeholders' opinions on options for future governance of the EU's "marine knowledge 2020" initiative and on the possible involvement of the private sector.

The Green Paper included the questions and the background material.

[http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/marine\\_knowledge\\_2020/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/marine_knowledge_2020/index_en.htm)

Contributions were submitted by using an online questionnaire.

### **2. Number of responses received to this consultation**

240 replies were received. A preliminary examination indicates that they are knowledgeable and constructive. The compilation of all replies is accessible under

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/content/3230>

They provide a solid basis for the impact assessment that will precede any further actions. The Commission will prepare a feedback statement summarizing the contributions.

### **3. Involvement of Hydrographic Offices and anticipated effects**

Numerous hydrographic offices of the Baltic Sea Region contributed to national responses via different administrative bodies. A compilation of all replies to themes affecting HOs at most will be given during the conference.

#### **The Commission is invited to**

- take note of the report;
  - explain their particular involvement from their respective national perspective;
  - discuss future participation on EU developments in the domain of marine geodata.
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