

# International Maritime Innovation Network

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France	Germany	Italy	Mexico
Portugal	Romania	Spain	Vietnam



# Memorandum of Understanding

## Set up of an international network of marine science parks to favor PPSP and sustainable development models of maritime territories

PPSP: Public Private Scientific Partnership

### Understanding that:

- The Ocean is taking a growing place in global economy and is playing a central role in the climatic as well as biological balance of the planet,
- The fast degradation of the marine environment, especially of coastal zones, due to human activities and climatic evolutions, urges maritime communities to set out more sustainable development policies and practices,
- Such a challenge requires strengthening international cooperation, in order to improve our knowledge of the Ocean, to develop new exploitation schemes of its resources, and, therefore, to develop human and technical capacities.

### Recognising

- The potential of international cooperation between poles of excellence at responding jointly to these issues,

A first group of partner maritime territories represented by their science parks / development agencies have decided to join their efforts and to work as a unique "maritime innovation development agency" in order to:

- Increase cooperation between maritime territories,
- Accelerate the emergence of a new and sustainable maritime economy based on knowledge, innovation and cooperation between the public, private and scientific sectors.

### Therefore the partners engage themselves to:

- Work jointly during the incoming year to set up the basis of that network, its governance and working schemes.
- Motivate the adhesion of other marine science parks or development agencies from maritime territories.
- Meet in July 2012 in Brest, at the occasion of the maritime festival, to officialize the creation of an international network of marine science park.

The present Memorandum of understanding is open to adhesion of any interested party.

Signed on May 12 2011 by the Parties:

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