



# EMSO ERIC

## the Pan-European infrastructure of seafloor and water-column observatories around the European seas, extends its coverage to the Arctic

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**EMSO ERIC** is an integrated and distributed **Research Infrastructure** that provides multidisciplinary **data from the sea surface to the deep seafloor** to increase knowledge on major environmental processes to understand the complex interactions among the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere



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## SCIENCE

### Oceans play a crucial role in human wellbeing

- Degradation and loss of biodiversity impacts marine resource exploitation
- Ocean circulation affects climate change
- Natural hazards like tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions have socioeconomic impacts

- ✓ **Geohazards:** slope stability, hydrothermal vents, tsunami, seismic and volcanic real-time monitoring
- ✓ **Climate Change:** ocean acidification, dynamics of water masses, deep underwater circulation, sea level rise
- ✓ **Marine Ecosystems:** biodiversity, pollution, sustainable fisheries, anthropogenic noise, marine mammal tracking, algal blooms





**DISTRIBUTED RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE**

Central Hub, Italy

**14 FIXED POINT MULTI-SENSORS PLATFORMS:**

- ✓ 11 Deep Sea Observatories (green circles)  
(Cable & Stand-alone)
- ✓ 3 Test Sites, Shallow water (green dots)

Access to HIGH-QUALITY MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

**OBSERVING AND MONITORING THE OCEANS**

HYDROSPHERE      BIOSPHERE      GEOSPHERE      ATMOSPHERE



IN SITU MEASUREMENTS/ SAMPLING  
(DATA Collection)

PHYSICAL-BIOCHEMICAL  
BIOLOGICAL/ECOLOGICAL  
parameters

INFORMATION PROCESSING ACCESS AND  
SHARING

NEW  
KNOWLEDGE

TRANSPARENT AND ACCESSIBLE OCEAN



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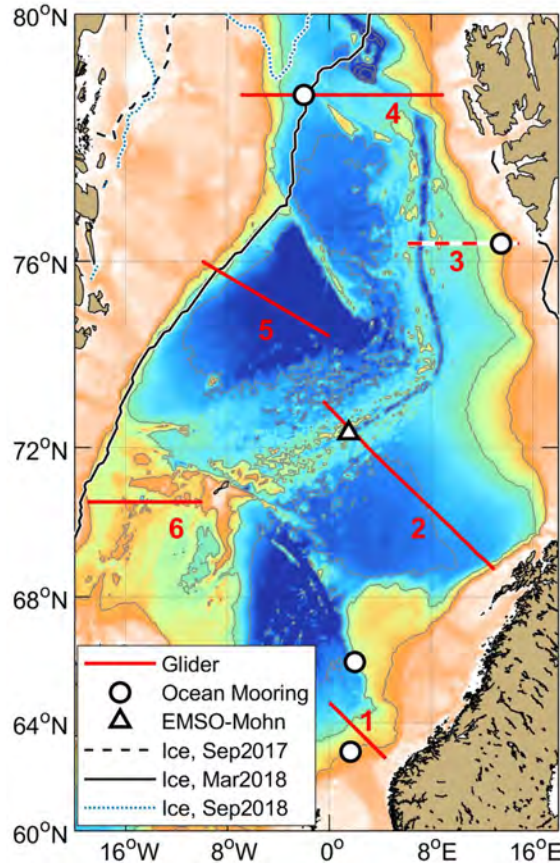


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## NorEMSO will fill the gap in the Nordic Seas



NorEMSO has 3 main components:

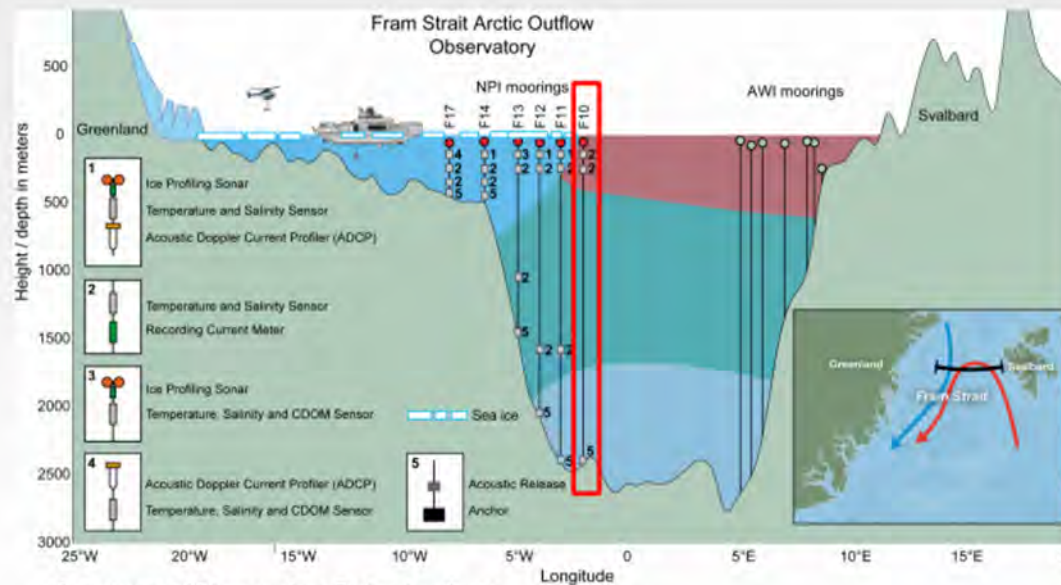
**Glider sections (red):** (1) Svinøy, (2) Gimsøyand (3) South Cape West, (4) Fram Strait, (5) Greenland Sea and (6) Iceland Sea

**Moored observation systems (circles):** Svinøy, Station M, South Cape, and Fram Strait

**The EMSO Mohn observatory over the Mohn Ridge (triangle)**



## Continuation of long-term observations Station M (only subsurface); Svinøy; Fram Strait

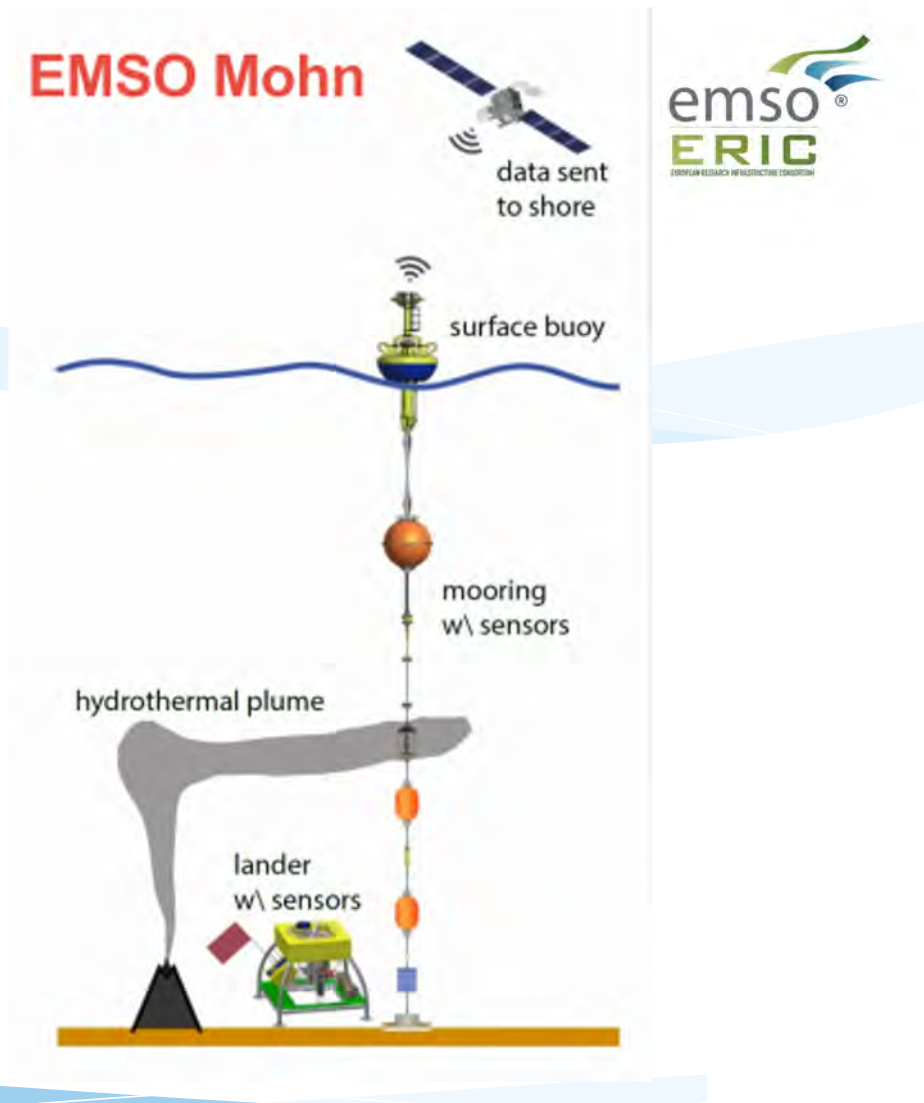


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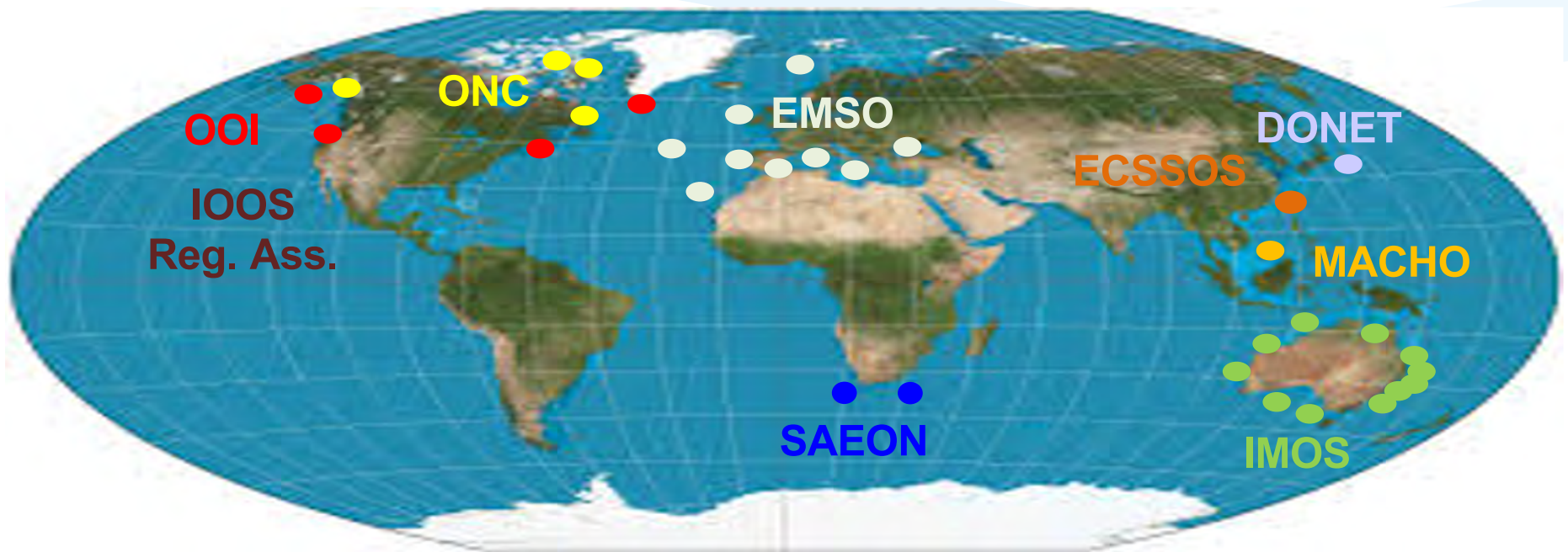
- At a hydrothermal vent site on Mohn Ridge, co-located with a glider section
- A fixed-point seabed-based compact and wireless observatory with a multidisciplinary approach –from geophysics and physical oceanography to ecology and microbiology
- Sensors include an Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler, a pressure gauge, a temperature probe, a conductivity sensor, a turbidity meter, an optode, and a hydrophone
- Acoustic modems enable wireless communications
- Data Processing Unit for on board data reduction



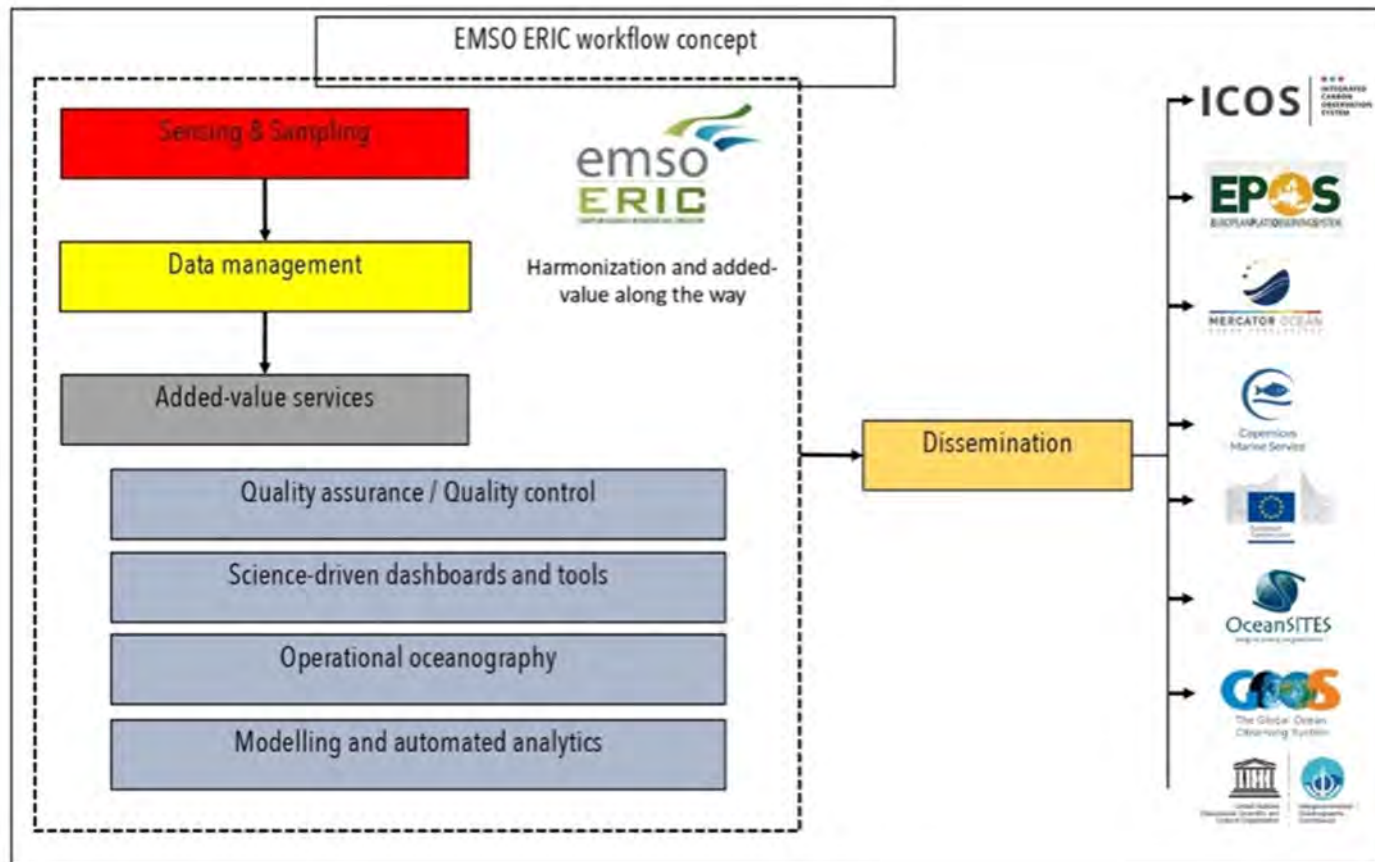




## LINK WITH INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATORY PROGRAMS AND DATA USER ORGANISATIONS







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Formal agreements with particular emphasis on infrastructural synergies and data sharing

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 EuroGOOS European Global Ocean Observing System

EMBRC EUROPEAN MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE CENTRE  
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- To strengthen coordination, strategy and sustainability in ocean observations fully supporting the EOOS vision
- To strengthen the coordination with programmes worldwide
- To contribute to the implementation of the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals, <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>) of the "UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development" (<http://oceandecade.org>)

## Toward a Comprehensive and Integrated Strategy of the European Marine Research Infrastructures for Ocean Observations

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