

Co-ordinating a joint Doctorate

Practices from MARES / EMBC
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13/01/11 *Doctoral programme on Marine Ecosystem Health and Conservation*

What is MARES

- Full title:
 - Doctoral Programme in Marine Ecosystem Health and Conservation
- The MARES ancestors:
 - EMBC: Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation
 - MarBEF: EU FP6 Network of Excellence in Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning

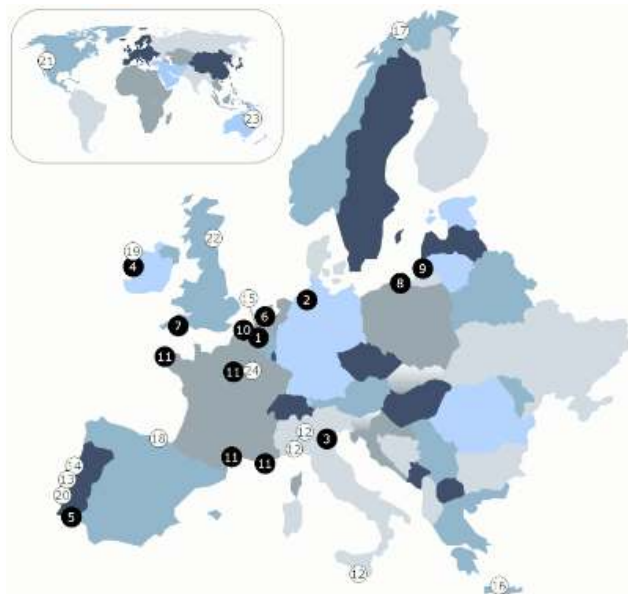


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- Within Europe different Master Programmes in Marine Biodiversity related topics (e.g. EMBC)
- However NO dedicated programme on doctoral level on a European scale in this domain

- 24 partners
- 11 main / 13 associates
- 11 HEI
- 4 Research centers
- 3 national authorities
- 1 NGO



M/RES Dedicated scientific orientation

- **Effects of impacts of humans on the natural marine environment :**
 - Future Oceans : temperature changes - hypoxia - acidification
 - Understanding biodiversity effects on the functioning of marine ecosystems
 - Biological invasions
 - Natural Resources : overexploitation, fisheries and aquaculture

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- Ocean noise pollution

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- People / CV s / Courses / Contact details (all items of application form)

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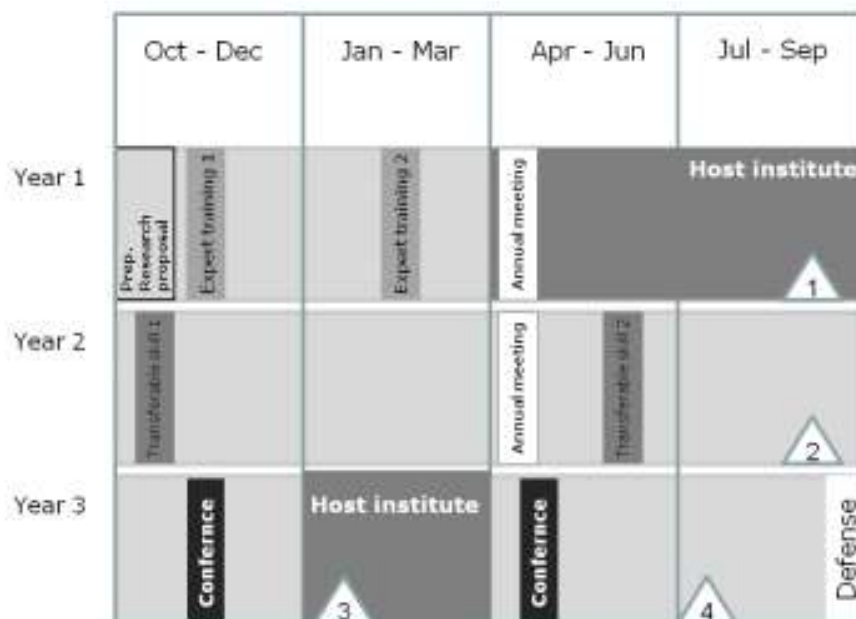
Information request forms (standardized)

M/RES Preparing the proposal

- During proposal phase agreement on ALL technical issues / bottlenecks ...
 - Meeting 1 : setting the scope , defining the network and duties
 - Meeting 2 : discussions on all technicalities
 - Structure of PhD
 - Finances
 - Application / Selection procedures
 - Board compositions

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- Virtual run of the programme
 - Application form
 - Selection procedure/ criteria
 - PhD Catalogue
 - Course catalogue
 - Employment contracts
 - Year agenda
 - **Financial internal contracts**



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- Some key elements:
 - MARES fund
 - MARES annual meeting
 - MARES course catalogue

- 2 months of work ... And 600 pages of text / schemes / documentation

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Approval !

Getting ready for take – off

Some practices on running a joint programme ...

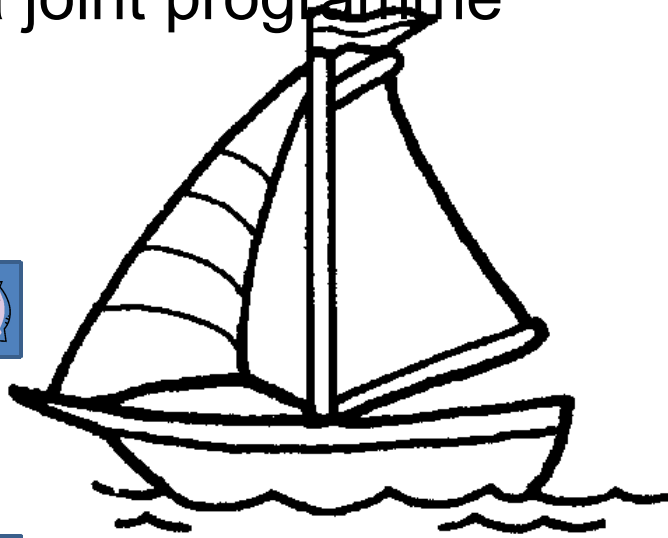


Practices on Management of a joint programme


Openness 

Spirit 

Time 



Etools - EConsort 

Openness 



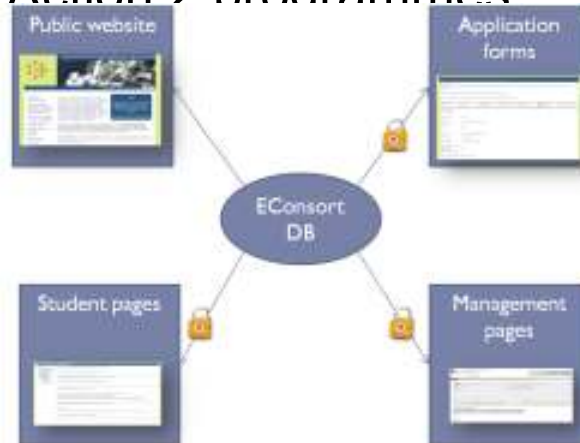
- All partners are considered as equal ...
 - Same voting rights in meetings
- Management boards consist of partner delegates and students
- All documents – reports : accessible by all members of the board
- Open financial management

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- 1 **online** platform for all aspects of the programme
- for Action 1 and Action 2 programmes

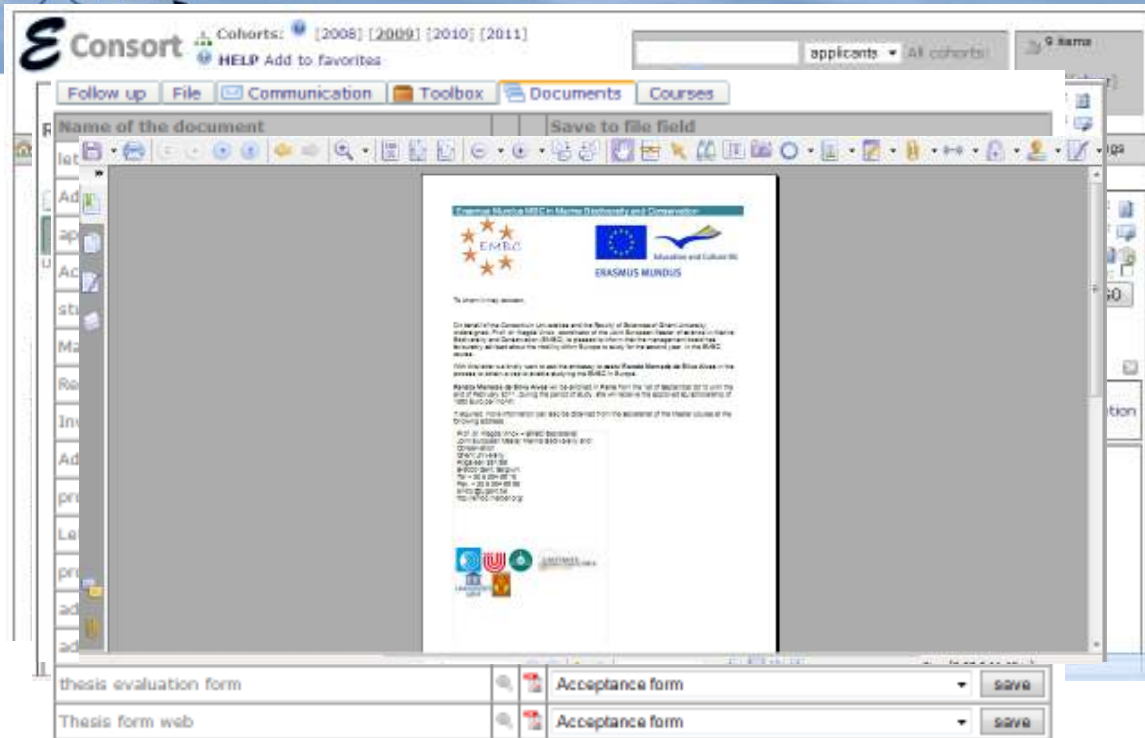
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- Public Website / CMS
- Application forms
- Evaluation tools
- Communication – with applicants / students
- Secured student platform
- File / communication archive

EConsort

<http://econsort.ugent.be>



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Time



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- Managing a joint programme is a 24 hour service ...
 - Student support
 - Academic support
 - Support towards EACEA
- Managing a joint programme requires enthusiast staff members
 - Beside the incentive from Erasmus





- Managing a joint programme is a never ending job:
 - During summer:
 - Preparations for new cohort
 - Summerschools
 - Selection news from EU
 - During winter:
 - Applications are running (need for follow-up)





- Joint programmes :
 - Virtual
 - Artificial constructions
 - Need to bring them alive – to add a spirit
- Some examples:
 - Student stories
 - Picture contests

Excursions

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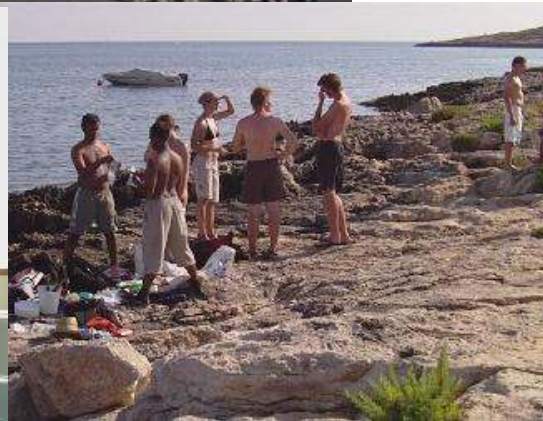


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- There is no wizard formula through which a joint programme becomes a success story.
 - However:
 - Supportive environments
 - Dedicated people
 - Sufficient funding
- MARES / EMBC **Stander group** two examples
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- EMBC : <http://embc.marbef.org>
- EConsort management tool:
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