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Dear Jean-Pierre,

I would like to thank you for informing us about the EPOCA proposal you are preparing to address the call ENV.2007.1.1.3.1 of the 7th Framework Programme, and for willing to establish a collaboration with EUR-OCEANS on themes of mutual interest.

If successful, EPOCA will indeed share a number of scientific questions with EUR-OCEANS: Elucidating the impacts of ocean acidification on ocean ecosystems and the related feedback to the carbon cycle, with a view to better understand and describe the carbon cycle in coupled ocean-climate models is at the heart of the science conducted in our Biogeochemistry Theme (Theme II). We therefore look forward a fruitful and efficient cooperation, facilitated by the fact that among EPOCA's 29 partners, 16 are member organisations of EUR-OCEANS, including major European institutes such as CNRS, AWI, NOC, IfM-GEOMAR.

Hence, as the scientific director of the EUR-OCEANS network I can assure you of my full support to the EPOCA proposal.

Sincerely yours,

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Scientific Director of EUR-OCEANS