



Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning
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To whom it concerns

The EU Network of Excellence MarBEF strongly supports the EPOCA project aiming at understanding the consequences of ocean acidification, for Europe and globally. Ocean acidification is a global process with important consequences for the functioning of marine ecosystems. We believe that the EPOCA consortium has brought together the leading experts on this issue in Europe. MarBEF itself is not funded for carrying out research but will support the EPOCA project through the involvement of its membership in themes of mutual interest. MarBEF now groups more than 700 scientists in over 90 marine institutes and universities in Europe, providing knowledge and infrastructure such as seaside laboratories, experimental mesocosms and research vessels.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Carlo Heip".

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