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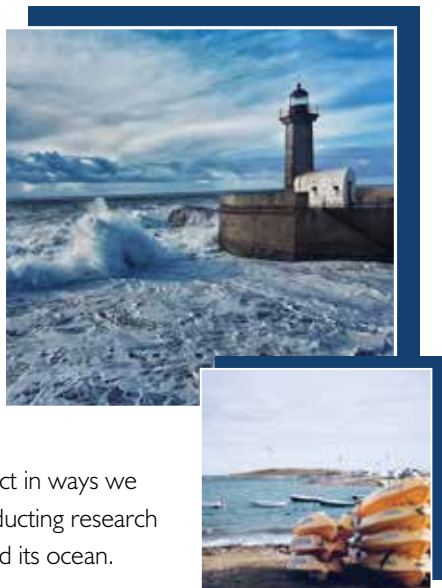
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Building new research capacity for the scientific discipline of Oceans and Human Health

Seas, Oceans and Public Health in Europe (SOPHIE for short) is a pan-European research project working towards protecting both human health and the health of the marine environment.

Whilst the ocean can benefit human health and boost wellbeing via activities like recreation and relaxation, it can also pose risks to human health – through factors such as flooding and pollution.

This complex mix of threats and opportunities interact in ways we don't fully understand. As a maritime continent, conducting research in this area is important for Europe, its inhabitants and its ocean.



SOPHIE is addressing this need by gathering information from many different sources: from citizens; from societal stakeholders, from research findings; from data repositories; and from existing European policies.

The project is creating a network of people and organisations interested in the links between ocean and human health; and exploring how marine tourism and citizen science can contribute to this growing discipline.

The ultimate aim of the project is to produce a Strategic Research Agenda – a road map which sets out the priorities for Oceans and Human Health research over the coming decade.

Research activities

SOPHIE is conducting several small-scale projects which will feed into a final Strategic Research Agenda.



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Project partners



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