

# AORAC-SA

## Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Support Action

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The **Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Coordination and Support Action (AORAC-SA)** is designed to provide scientific, technical and logistical support to the European Commission in developing and implementing **TransAtlantic Marine Research Cooperation** between the European Union, the United States of America and Canada. The **Coordination and Support Action (CSA)** is carried out within the framework of the **Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance (AORA)** as outlined in the **Galway Statement on Atlantic Ocean Cooperation**.

### AORA main goals:

- **Implementation** of the Galway Statement and support Atlantic Ocean Cooperation.
- **Improvement** in the international cooperation framework of marine research programmes - creating the basis for the development of future large-scale joint international marine research programmes.
- **Establishment** of a long term knowledge sharing platform for easy access to available information and data holding international research significance for Ocean Management.

The hallmark of this CSA action is that it's flexible, responsive, inclusive, efficient, innovative, value-adding and supportive. The CSA, reporting to the Commission representatives of the **AORA**, will be responsible for the organization of expert and stakeholder meetings, workshops and conferences required by the **AORA** and related to:

- **Identified research priorities.**
- **Support actions** (i.e. shared access to infrastructure, dissemination and knowledge transfer, establishment of a knowledge sharing platform)
- **Horizon 2020 supported TransAtlantic projects** (i.e. BG1-Atlantic marine ecosystems, BG8 - Atlantic Ocean Observation and BG13- Ocean Literacy) and on-going national and EU collaborative projects (i.e. FP7).





# Priority research areas adopted by the Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance (AORA)

- Ecosystem Approach to ocean management
- Ocean Observation
- Marine Biotechnology
- Aquaculture
- Ocean Literacy
- Seabed and Benthic Habitat Mapping
- Shared Access to Research Infrastructures
- Knowledge Sharing Platform



## THE ATLANTIC: OUR SHARED RESOURCE

*Making the Vision Reality*

To support the Commission in negotiations with the USA and Canada on Trans-Atlantic Ocean Research Cooperation, the AORAC-SA support and governance structure comprises a **Secretariat and Management Team**, guided by a high-level **Operational Board**, representative of the major **European Marine Research Programming and Funding Organizations** as well as those of the USA and Canada. This structure is further able to draw on significant marine research expertise and experience through its partner organizations.

### Partners:



### International participation:



### Third Parties:

