

Norway to coordinate European marine biotechnology research

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Much of the resources in the oceans are underutilised or not yet discovered. Now Norway has been given the responsibility for coordinating important European research on marine biotechnology.

The ERA-NET on marine biotechnology (ERA-MarineBiotech) was recently launched. Special Adviser Steinar Bergseth of the Research Council of Norway is the coordinator for the new network, which has 19 participating partners from 14 countries across Europe. It marks the first time Norway will coordinate the activities of an ERA-NET project.

“Norway is rich in marine resources, and biotechnology will play an important role in realising the value of these,” explains Dr. Bergseth. “There are advantages to coordinating the ERA-NET – with our hands on the wheel we have real influence on activities in this area.”

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