**THE CHALLENGE**

European researchers need effective and convenient access to the best research infrastructures in order to conduct research for the advancement of knowledge and technology. To inform policy and contribute to blue growth, we must bring together, integrate on a European scale, and open up key national and regional marine biological Research Infrastructures (RIs) to all researchers, from both academia and industry, ensuring their optimal use and joint development.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVE**

Building on the success of its predecessor ASSEMBLE (2009-2014), **ASSEMBLE Plus** aims to bring together and integrate highly-diverse key national and regional RIs in Europe. Access to the RIs will be made available to all researchers within the marine biology, biomedical or biotechnology sector, from both academia and industry, ensuring their optimal use and joint development.

**AT A GLANCE**

PROGRAMME: Horizon 2020 (INFRAIA-01-2016-2017)

TYPE OF ACTION: Research and Innovation Action

DURATION: October 2017 – September 2021 (48 months)

CONSORTIUM: 24 partners from 16 countries

COORDINATOR: Sorbonne Université (SU), France
EXPECTED RESULTS

- Wider and more efficient TA and VA to the best European marine biological research infrastructures
- Strengthened transnational and multi-disciplinary networks
- Creation of public-private partnerships
- Engagement of industry
- Creation of new enabling technologies and increased service offers
- Upskilled researchers with capacity in new areas
- Increased number of excellent science publications
- Improved long-term sustainability of marine biological stations

CONSORTIUM

24 PARTNERS & >30 ACCESS PROVIDERS

A coherent series of Networking Activities (NA) will also strengthen the culture of cooperation within and beyond the consortium, providing benchmarks for refined practices of service provision, disseminating interoperable protocols, engaging with novel user communities, and sharing insights into business strategies. Joint Research Activities (JRA) have been included in ASSEMBLE Plus, to foster mobility and the sharing of experience, and to implement best practice guidelines across the consortium.