



iMagine – Imaging data and services for aquatic science

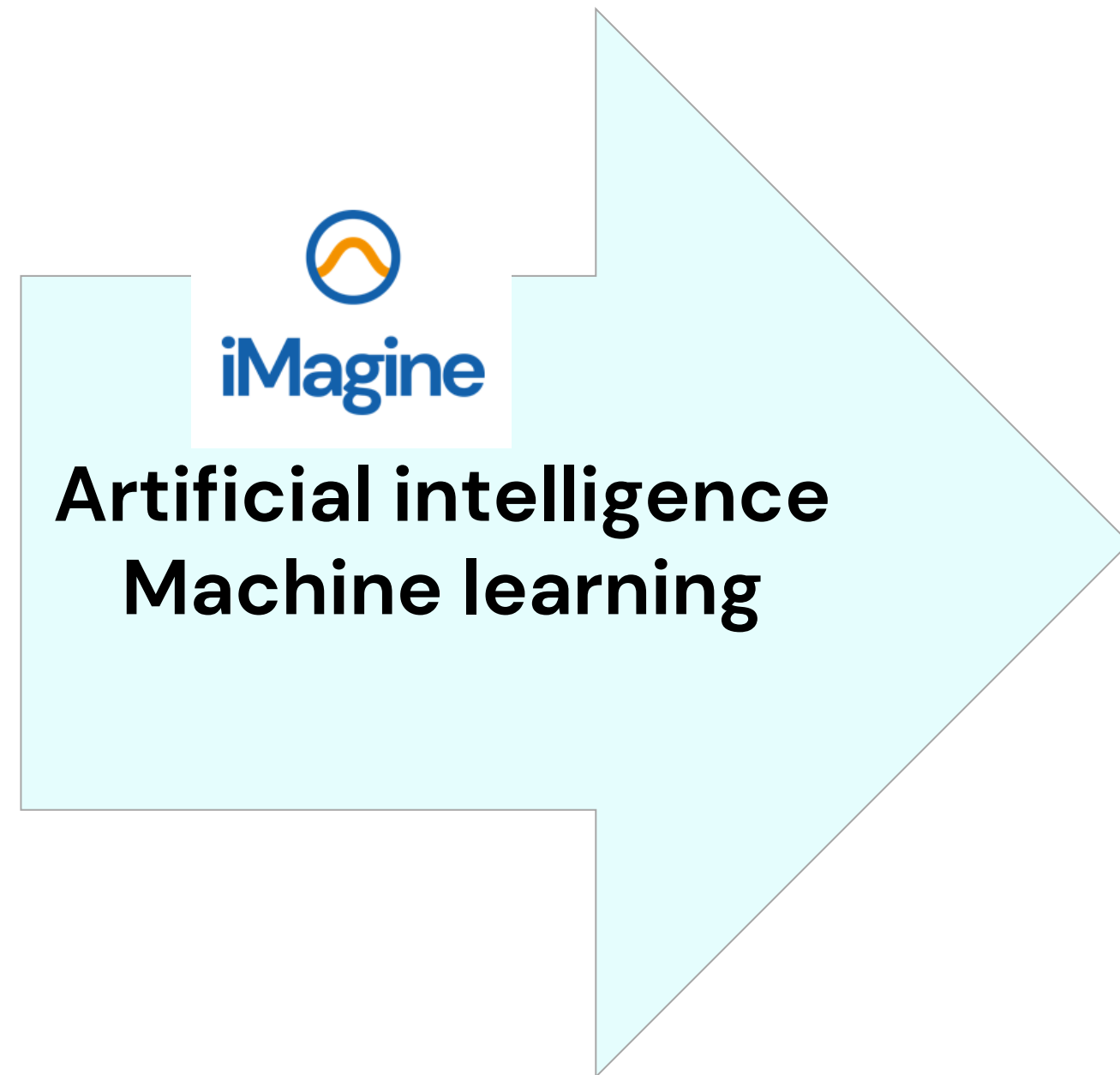
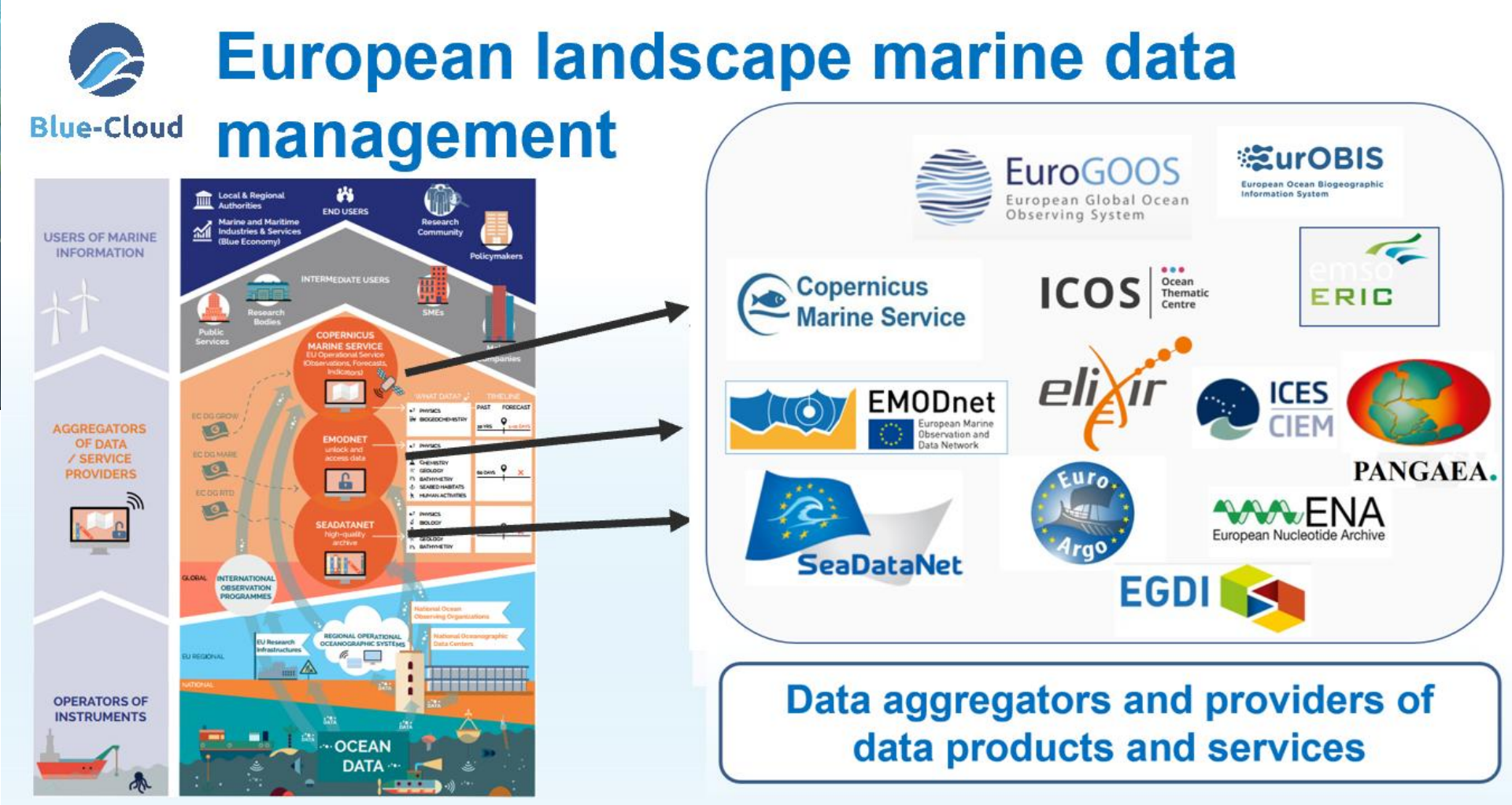
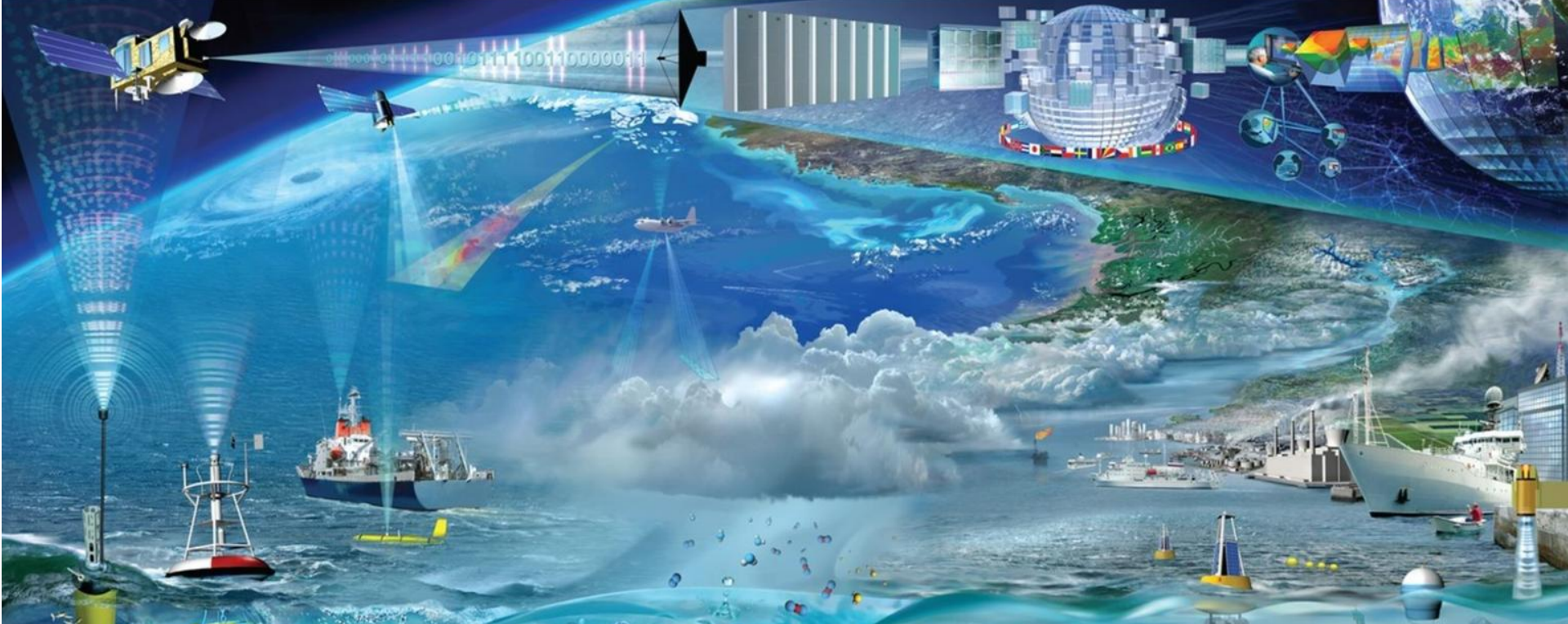
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Marine environmental management and implementing ocean restoration initiatives require more knowledge and understanding

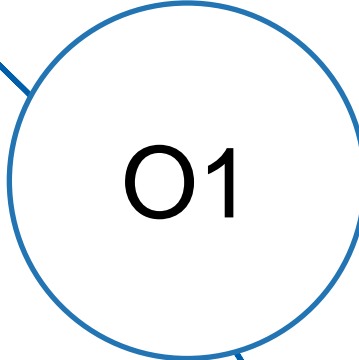
In Europe, we spent circa 1.4 Billion Euro a year in marine data acquisition (1.0 BE in-situ; 0.4 BE remote sensing)

Europe already has developed an impressive capability for aquatic environmental observation, data-handling and sharing, modelling and forecasting.



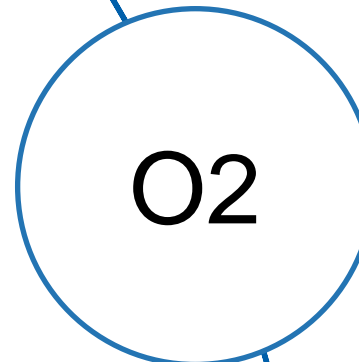
From DATA to KNOWLEDGE

Specific Objectives and indicators



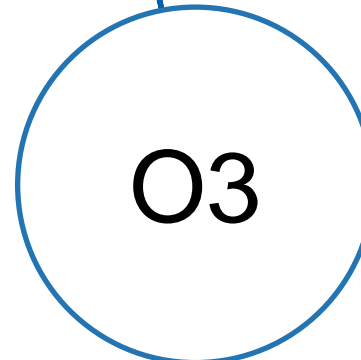
Objective 1. Deliver a scalable, shared IT platform for image analysis in marine and freshwater research

Operational iImagine platform with common AI development framework



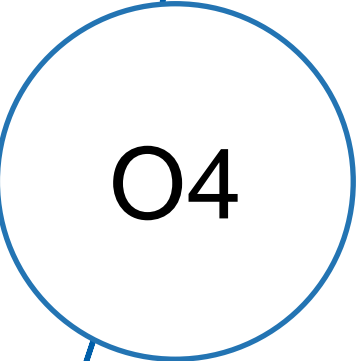
Objective 2. Advance existing image analytical services to increase research performance in aquatic sciences

Launch of 5 aquatic AI image analytics services, running operationally on the iImagine platform



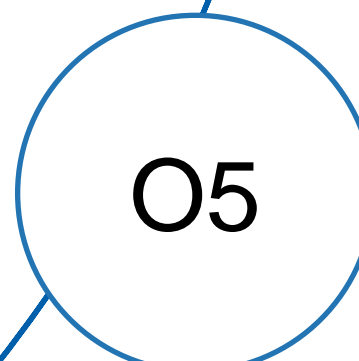
Objective 3. Develop & prototype new image analytical services and datasets that can accelerate progress towards healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters

3 AI-based imaging processing application pilots, 8 scientific image repositories



Objective 4. Capture and disseminate development and operational best practices to imaging data and image analysis service providers

Best Practices documentation, interaction with EOSC and AI4EU platforms. Training programme

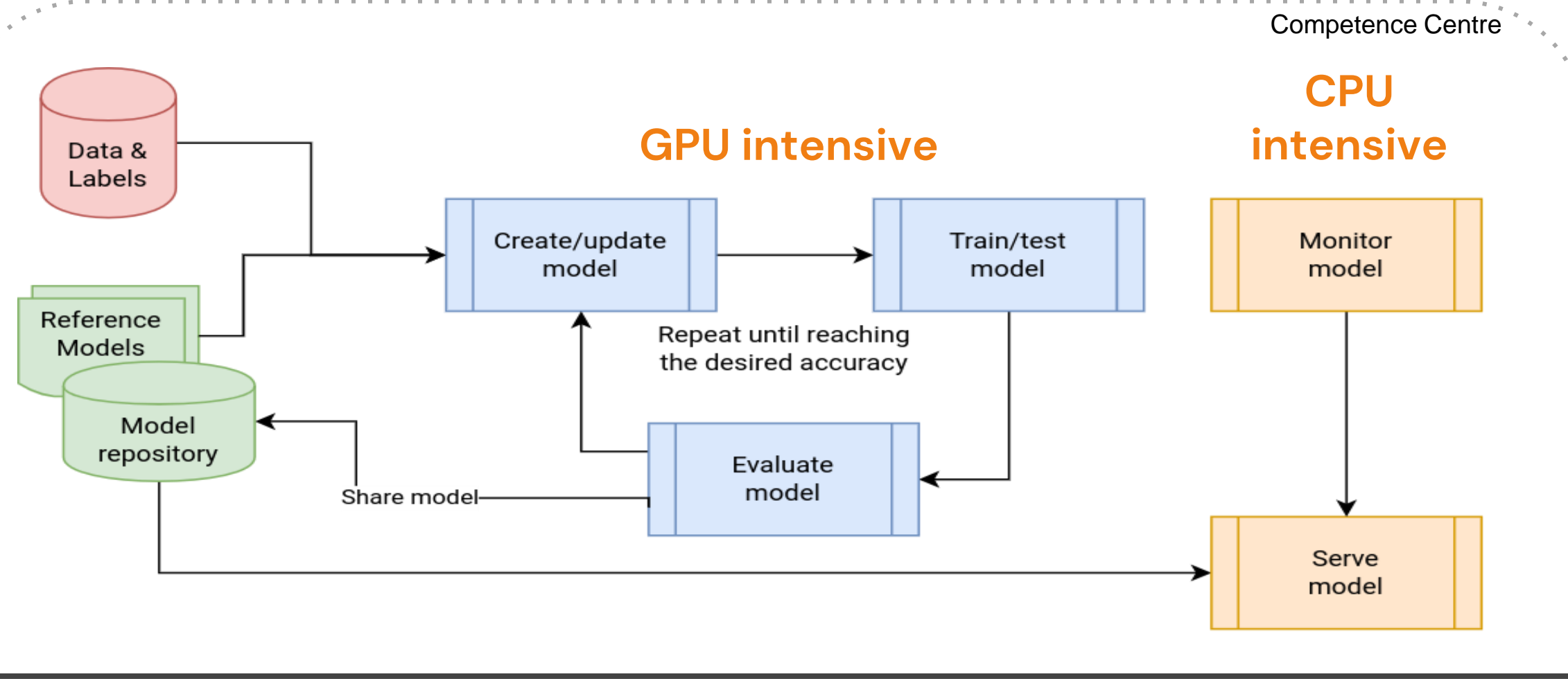


Objective 5. Deliver a portfolio of scientific image and image analytics services targeting researchers in marine and aquatic sciences

Portfolio: operational services, image repositories, Best Practices, iImagine framework and platform

The iImagine Approach

Thematic Services



8 internal use cases

- 5 production AI services
- 3 AI application prototypes

Benefitting 10+ Research Infrastructures &



Platform Service



iImagine AI Platform: Generic, scalable platform for developing and sharing AI/ML applications.

Currently serving,

- 8 internal use cases
- 2 external use cases



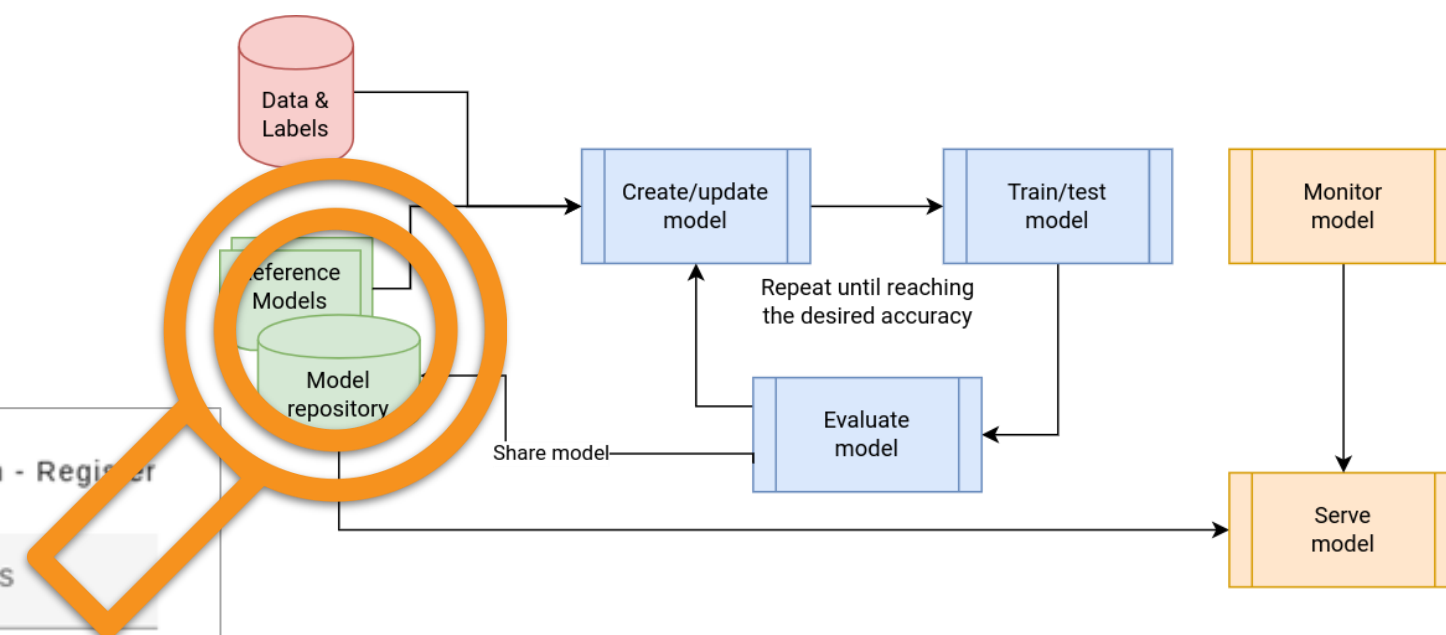
Infrastructure



- 1500 TB-months
- 132,000 GPU-hours
- 6,000,000 CPU-hours

4 federated cloud infrastructures - OpenStack GPUs, CPUs, Storage - from Spain, Portugal, Turkey & Ireland.

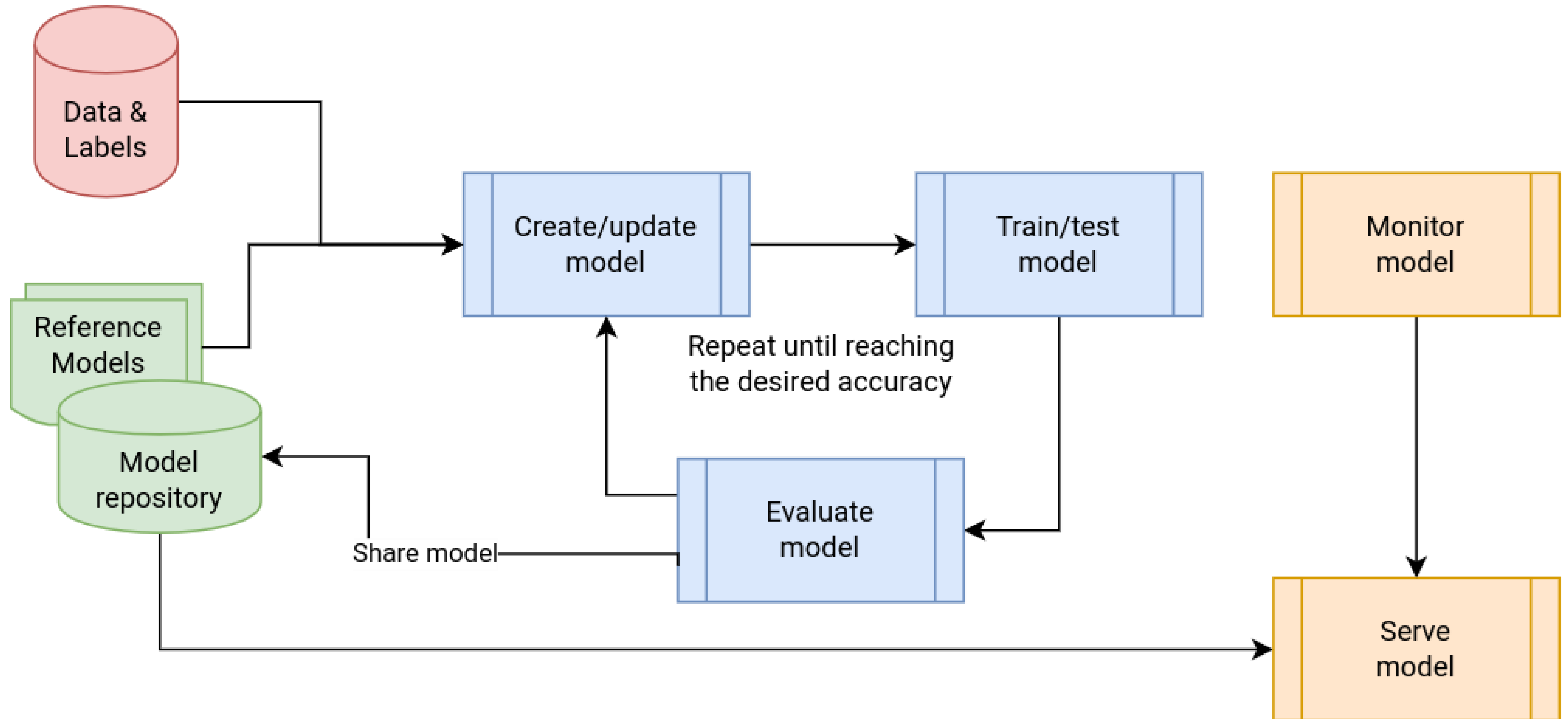
Model marketplace



<https://dashboard.cloud.imagine-ai.eu/marketplace>

<https://marketplace.eosc-portal.eu/services/imaging-ai-platform-for-aquatic-science>

Competence Center: support whole AI/ML development cycle

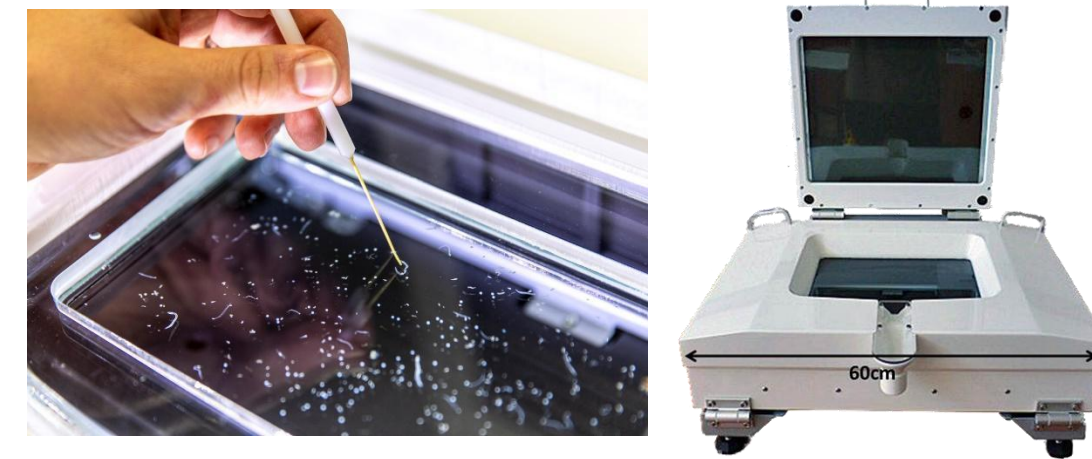


Use cases overview (mature UCs)

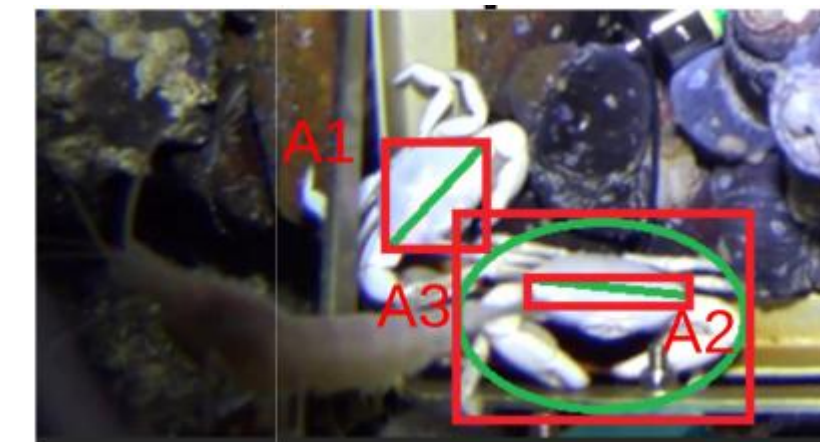
Aquatic Litter Drones (DFKI, MARIS, OGS):
Monitoring system for Aquatic Litter
Pollution



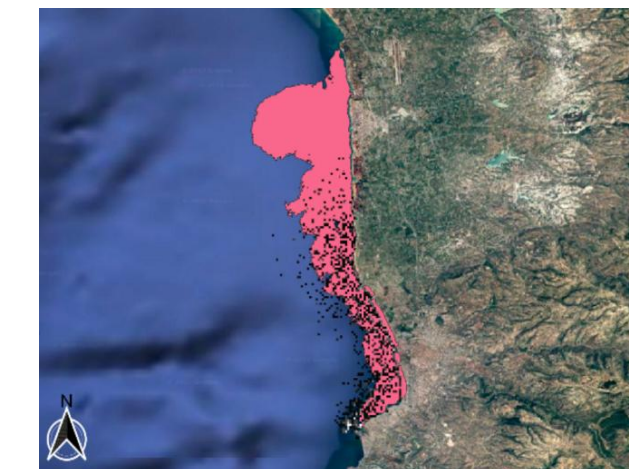
Zooscan – EcoTaxa pipeline (Sorbonne Université):
Taxonomic identification of zooplankton using Zooscan



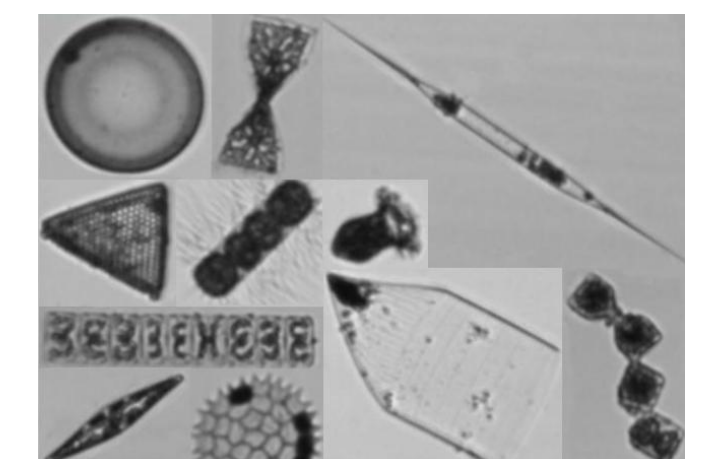
Marine Ecosystem Monitoring
(EMSO ERIC, UPC, IFREMER, MI):
Ecosystem Monitoring by means of video imagery from
cameras at EMSO sites



Oil Spill Detection (CMCC, OrbitalEOS, UNITN):
Oil spill detection from satellite images

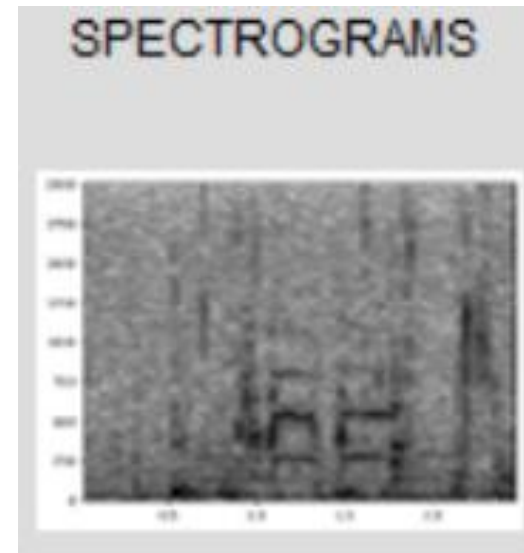


Flowcam phytoplankton identification (VLIZ):
Taxonomic identification of phytoplankton

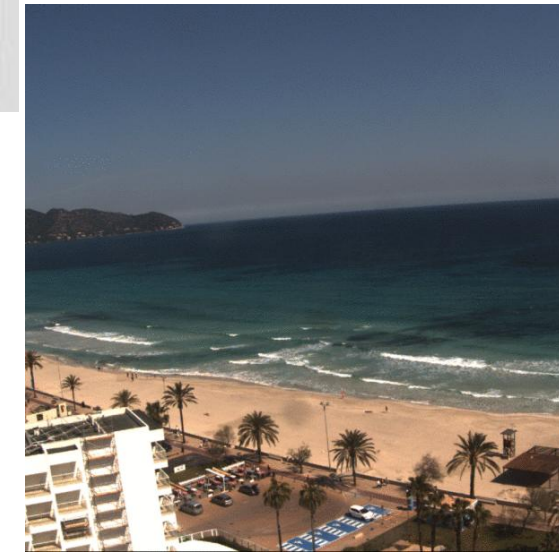


Use cases overview (prototype, external)

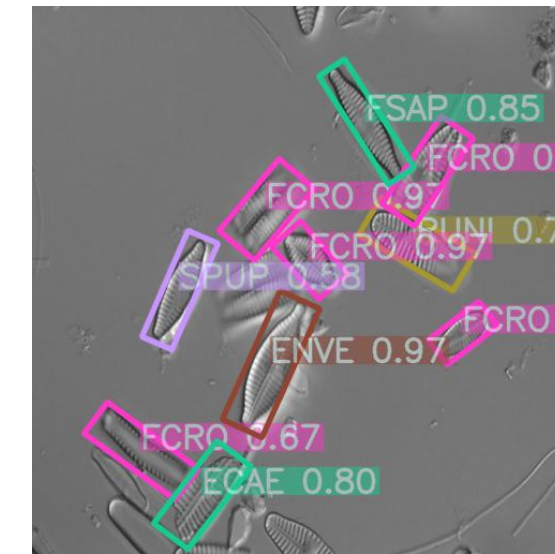
Underwater noise identification (VLIZ):
Identification of sound events from acoustic recordings using spectrograms



Beach monitoring (SOCIB):
Posidonia oceanica berms and rip-currents detection from beach monitoring systems

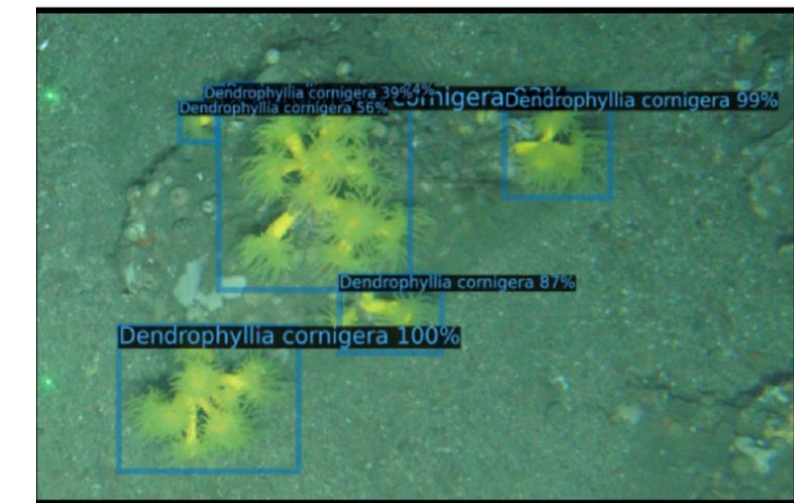


Freshwater diatoms identification (UL-LIEC):
Diatom-based bioidentification using automatic pattern recognition on microscope images

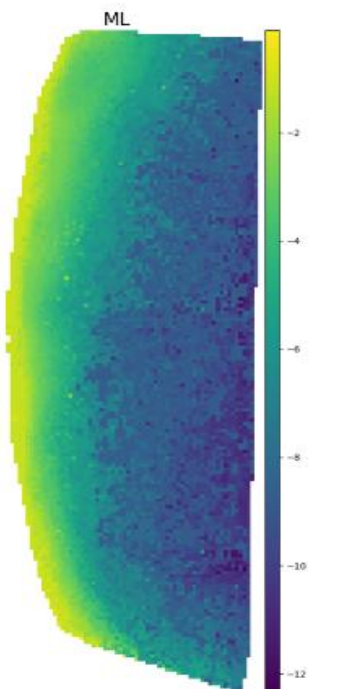


From Nov. 2023:

Improving knowledge about Cold Water Coral Reef (IEO, CSIC) Use AI to precisely delineate areas of living coral and dead coral



Satellite-Derived Bathymetry (ICMAN-CSIC)
Nearshore bathymetry for coastal studies



Enabling scalable AI/ML services



- 5** AI/ML technology development institutes (*LIP, CSIC, IISAS, KIT, UPV*)
- 12** research infrastructures supporting use cases
- 4** national cloud compute centres (*TUBITAK, CSIC, INCD, Walton*)

Key Exploitable Results

- 1. A common iImagine AI framework and computing platform**, based upon earlier DEEP developments and to be built on EGI resources, connected to EOSC, facilitating researchers in development, testing, training, hosting, and operating of AI based image analysis services, following FAIR practices.
- 2. Five operational and three prototype AI based image analysis services** with image repositories, highly relevant for aquatic sector, to be deployed at the iImagine AI platform for open access and exploitation by researchers. These will demonstrate value and foster further uptake.
- 3. Best Practices consisting of documentation and training materials**, giving practical guidance and examples to end-users on how to exploit image datasets and analysis applications offered by the iImagine portfolio, and to research engineers who wish to develop and deliver similar services, making use of the facilities of the iImagine AI platform



Consortium Overview



Preliminary Results



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Thank you for your attention

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