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# European Affairs

## Monitoring of EU developments

### Public consultation on seabed mapping

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## Background

- Green book on “Marine knowledge” published 28 August 2012
- The oceans and seas that surround Europe offer new opportunities for growth and jobs. To best tap this potential, there is a need to know more about what is happening under the sea.
  - Hence the need to create a digital seabed map of European waters
  - How? By collecting all existing data into one coherent database accessible to everyone.
- Launch of a public consultation as to how this objective could be achieved by 2020



## The public consultation

- It poses a number of questions such as :
  - "how can ongoing efforts in Member States be incorporated into a common EU effort?",
  - "how can new cheaper observation technologies be developed?"
  - "how can the private sector contribute?"
- Dead line : 15 December 2012



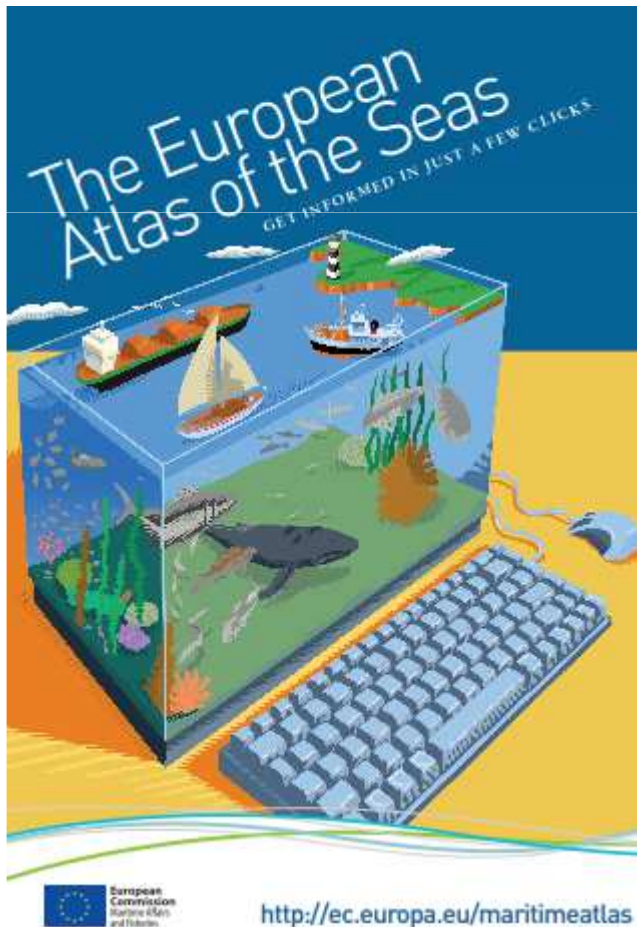
## Questions

- Are land surveyors concerned by this project ? Yes
  - The project of digital seabed map of European waters should be, according to the EU, of the highest resolution possible, covering topography, geology, habitats and ecosystems.
- Do you want CLGE to be involved in this project ?





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Thank you for your  
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