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## **MariaBox**

# A fully automated marine water analytical device for prolonged autonomous operation in the field

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#### What is MariaBox?



- Autonomous, analytical device to monitor chemical & biological pollutants in seawater
- Based on novel, accurate biosensors in the form of a CD
- Installation on free-floating devices, buoys, ships or to be used as a portable instrument
- On a buoy photovoltaics and batteries provide energy autonomy































#### MariaBox Device





- 6-months unattended deployment
- Dimensions:100×100×55 cm
- Supports open data-sharing through cloudplatform where data are sent automatically
- Facilitates the implementation of MSFD (Marine Strategy Framework Directive)
- Compatible to directives and other systems:
  - **INSPIRE**
  - Copernicus
  - GOOS
  - SeaDataNet
  - OGC SOS





























#### MariaBox Device





- Data transmission: 4G/3G/GPRS, Satellite connection, Wi-Fi
- Conventional sensors: pH, Temperature, D.O. and Conductivity
- Additional sensors
- Modular/customizable design
- Main parts:

disc storage/retrieval, sample preparation and automated filtering, disc-spinning, optical analysis, main controller (CORE), cooling/heating and temperature control unit



























### **Biosensors:** The heart of the system



Eight (8) biosensors for 4 categories of man-made chemicals & 4 categories of microalgae toxins

Highly sensitive (meet EC regulations thresholds) **Targetted pollutants:** 

**PFOS** Naphtalene Heavy metals Camphechlor

Saxitoxin Microcystin **Azaspiracid** Domoic acid





















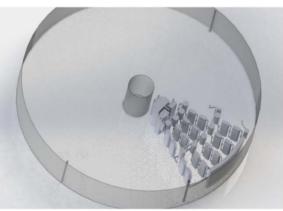




#### **Biosensors:** The heart of our system







- Designed in the form of CDs (custom design)
- Each CD supports 24 tests: 8 targeted pollutants, 3 tests for each (3-day disc)
- Incubation and reaction only by spinning (microfluidics)
- Fluorescence-based optical analysis

Analysis takes place in 5 steps:

Sample loading **Antibody** mixing

Test Reservoir

Control reservoir calibration

Waste reservoir





























#### **Testing and Validation**



## On ferryboat



## On Buoys





























