The Marine Regions Forum is a new multi-stakeholder dialogue platform to support regional ocean governance. The Forum aims to address governance challenges at the regional level by bringing together diverse stakeholders from science, governments, regional and international organizations, civil society, industry, and other relevant actors from different marine regions and sectors. The participants at the Forum will engage in an open exchange of best practices, to develop new solutions and generate new knowledge to facilitate transformation towards integrated ocean governance in marine regions.

The first Marine Regions Forum
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The **Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance (PROG)** was established in 2015 as a collaborative initiative by the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), and TMG – Think Tank for Sustainability, and the UN Environment Programme (UN Environment). The partnership aims to support the development of integrated ocean governance approaches for marine regions.

Building upon the momentum that PROG has generated to support regional ocean governance, the Government of Germany announced at the UN Ocean Conference in New York in June 2017 and subsequently at the Our Ocean Conference in Malta together with the European Commission in October 2017 that they would support “the establishment of a cross-sectoral and cross-boundary multi-stakeholder platform for regional ocean governance under the PROG”. This commitment to create a multi-stakeholder platform led to the development of the present project to develop the **“Marine Regions Forum”**.