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Marine-i event will help to chart a future course for the marine industry

Marine-i will be hosting a special free conference on Wednesday 23rd May entitled: **Technology in Surveying and Improving Marine Data.**

Part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Marine-i provides support for marine technology businesses operating in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

This event has been devised to respond to some key issues facing the marine industry, solving which will be vital from both an economic and environmental perspective. These include a widespread lack of understanding of the sea and its value, combined with the challenge of the mounting demands on ocean resources as the world population grows.

Matt Hodson, Marine Hub Operations Director at Cornwall Development Company, says:

"This event is an opportunity to explore how technology in marine surveying and the use of data in marine applications can be applied to help meet these global issues. We will explore the technology challenges moving forward and shine a spotlight on the Research, Development and Innovation efforts that will be needed. The event will also highlight the valuable new commercial opportunities arising for innovative marinetech businesses. There is an opportunity for the UK to play a leading role in global action in the marine industry and Cornwall is well placed to be at the forefront of this."

This free event will be hosted at St Austell Conference Centre. The line-up of expert speakers will include representatives from the Met Office, the South West Coastal Monitoring Programme, University of Exeter, Oceanwise and the South West Centre of Excellence in Satellites.

Delegates can see more details and register for their free place at:

www.marine-i.co.uk/events

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About Marine-i

Part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Marine-i is a £9.3m collaboration between the University of Exeter, Plymouth University, The Cornwall College Group, Cornwall Marine Network, Cornwall Development Company and the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult. Full details on the project can be seen at www.marine-i.co.uk

About the European Regional Development Fund

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