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“Seas and Oceans” are considered and communicated at the political level as a challenge. They are historically approached and modelled as a natural environment (i.e., mainly through physical and biological variables). Indeed, the marine environment is entangled with anthropogenic aspects and political frameworks. Tackling the challenge will therefore require an agent-based approach to policy, where instruments, legislation, culture and technology are embedded in the natural environment. Policy makers ask for a scientific support to solutions, but many communities are struggling with adopting processes that can be appropriate, feasible, effective, politically correct and acceptable by industry and citizens.

A transformation in the scientific methodology when dealing with seas and oceans is needed, adopting a truly interdisciplinary approach, e.g., with the engagement of anthropology, network and complexity science.





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