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## OFFICE

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- Moved in November 2019
- 5 work stations in an open space and a Secretary General office
- RBINS meeting rooms available free or for rent



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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Name	Country	Gender (F/M)	Elected as Board member – 1 <sup>st</sup> mandate	Re-elected as Board member – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and last mandate	Elected as Chair / Vice-Chair – 1 <sup>st</sup> mandate
George Petihakis, Chair	Greece	M	2015-2018		2018-2021
Henning Wehde, Vice-Chair	Norway	M	2016-2019		2018-2021
Patrick Farcy	France	M	2016-2019	2019-2020 (retirement in Dec. 2020)	
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Enrique Alvarez Fanjul	Spain	M	2018-2021		
Ghada El Serafy	Netherlands	F	2020-2023		



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## **EuroGOOS STRATEGY 2030**

### **VISION**

**A world where ocean information is available, valued and used for sustainable development, safety, wellbeing and prosperity**

### **MISSION**

**Contribute, as European component of GOOS, to the definition, support, promotion and implementation of operational oceanography, ocean health and climate services, fostering the scientific understanding of the European seas, as well as its preservation and sustainable exploitation**

### **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

- 1: Communities of practice**
- 2: Advocating for the operational oceanography value chain**
- 3: Partnerships**
- 4: Sustained value chain**
- 5: Public awareness**

## **EXTERNAL REVIEW**

EU and global marine landscape, strategy and scope, role and effectiveness of projects, governance of the organisation

### **Review panel members:**

- Mark Dickey-Collas – review panel chair
- Bernardo De Bernardinis
- Hans Dahlin
- Tim Moltmann
- Katy Hill
- Kathrine Angell-Hansen

### **Review process, Aug-Oct 2020:**

- Background documents prepared by the Office
- Virtual meetings
- Attendance of the open sessions of the GA, Sept
- Report 15 October



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## EuroGOOS Working Groups

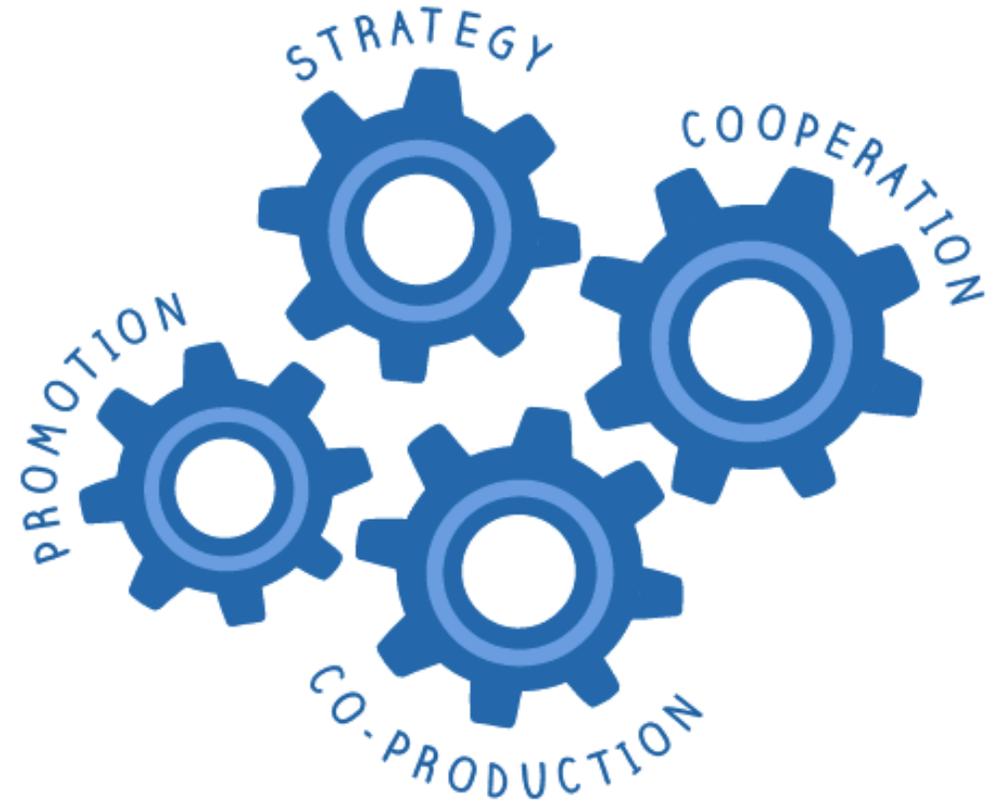
**Science Advisory, SAWG** (Chair: Jun She, DMI, Denmark)

**Data Management, Exchange and Quality, DATAMEQ** (Chair: Sylvie Pouliquen, Ifremer, France)

**Technology Plan, TPWG** (Co-Chairs: Rajesh Nair, OGS, Italy, and Laurent Delauney, Ifremer, France)

**Coastal WG** (Chair: Ghada El Serafy, Deltares, Netherlands; Vice-Chair: Anna Rubio, AZTI, Spain)

**Ocean Literacy Network** (coordinator: Dina Eparkhina, EuroGOOS Office)





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## EOOS 1<sup>st</sup> Technology Forum

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### EOOS TECHNOLOGY FORUM

13 October 2020  
Official event of SeaTechWeek 2020

Organized by EuroGOOS and its Technology Working Group,  
co-chaired by Ifremer and OGS

Hosted by SeaTechWeek

WWW.EOOS-OCEAN.EU

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Organized by  
**EuroGOOS Technology Plan Working Group**  
in the frame of the Sea Tech Week  
on 13 October 2020

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## FIRST EOOS TECHNOLOGY FORUM

13 October 2020, virtual event hosted by SeaTechWeek 2020

Co-chaired by **Ifremer** **OGS**

Hosted by **SEA TECH WEEK**

<http://www.eoos-ocean.eu/eoos-technology-forum/>



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## Coastal WG

frontiers  
in Marine Science

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### Operational Modeling Capacity in European Seas—An EuroGOOS Perspective and Recommendations for Improvement

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An overview of the current European capacity in terms of operational modeling of marine and coastal systems is presented. This overview is compiled from a survey conducted in 2018–2019 among members of EuroGOOS and its related network of Regional Operational Oceanographic Systems, addressing the purposes, context and technical specificities of operational modeling systems. Contributions to the survey were received from 49 organizations around Europe, which represent 104 operational model systems simulating mostly hydrodynamics, biogeochemistry and sea waves. The analysis of contributions highlights the strengths and weaknesses of the current capacity from an operational point of view, and leads to the formulation of recommendations toward the improvement of marine operational modeling services in Europe. In particular, this study highlights the heterogeneity of the European operational modeling capacity in terms of atmospheric and land boundary conditions, its limited deployment for biogeochemical phenomena, and a restricted use of data assimilation methods. In order to improve the accuracy of their simulations, model operators aim toward a further refinement of spatial resolution, and identify the quality and accessibility of forcing data and the suitability of observations for data assimilation as restricting factors. The described issues call for institutional integration efforts and promotion of good practices to homogenize operational marine model implementations, and to ensure that external forcing datasets, observation networks and process formulations and parameterizations are adequately developed to enable the deployment of high-level operational marine and coastal modeling services across Europe.

**Keywords:** operational oceanography, ocean modeling, ocean observations, coastal observations, marine services, coastal modeling, users requirements

### Planned activities for 2020-2021:

- **Action 2:** Prepare publication based on the river data sources inventory and gap analysis for the European coasts.
- **Action 3:** Prepare a living database for continuously updating the operational modelling inventory and map.
- **Action 4:** Complete the review on coastal data assimilation. Define a framework for integration and data assimilation of in-situ data into models
- **Action 5:** Complete the integrated near-real time coastal products inventory as an interactive online document. Feedback to relevant EuroGOOS WGs and Task Teams.
- **Action 6:** Complete the vision paper on “Roadmap for coastal services” with the involvement of all coastal working group members and beyond

## EuroGOOS Task Teams

**Tide Gauges TT** (Chairs: Begoña Pérez, Puertos del Estado, Spain, TBA)

**FerryBox TT** (Co-Chairs: Andrew King, NIVA, Norway, and Yoana Voynova, HZG, Germany)

**HF Radar TT** (Chair: Julien Mader, AZTI, Spain)

**Gliders TT** (Co-Chairs: Pierre Testor, Université Pierre & Marie Curie, France, and Carlos Barrera, PLOCAN, Spain)

**Euro-Argo TT / Euro-Argo ERIC** (Chair: Sylvie Pouliquen, Ifremer, France)

**Fixed Platforms TT** (Chair: Giuseppe Magnifico, CNR, Italy)





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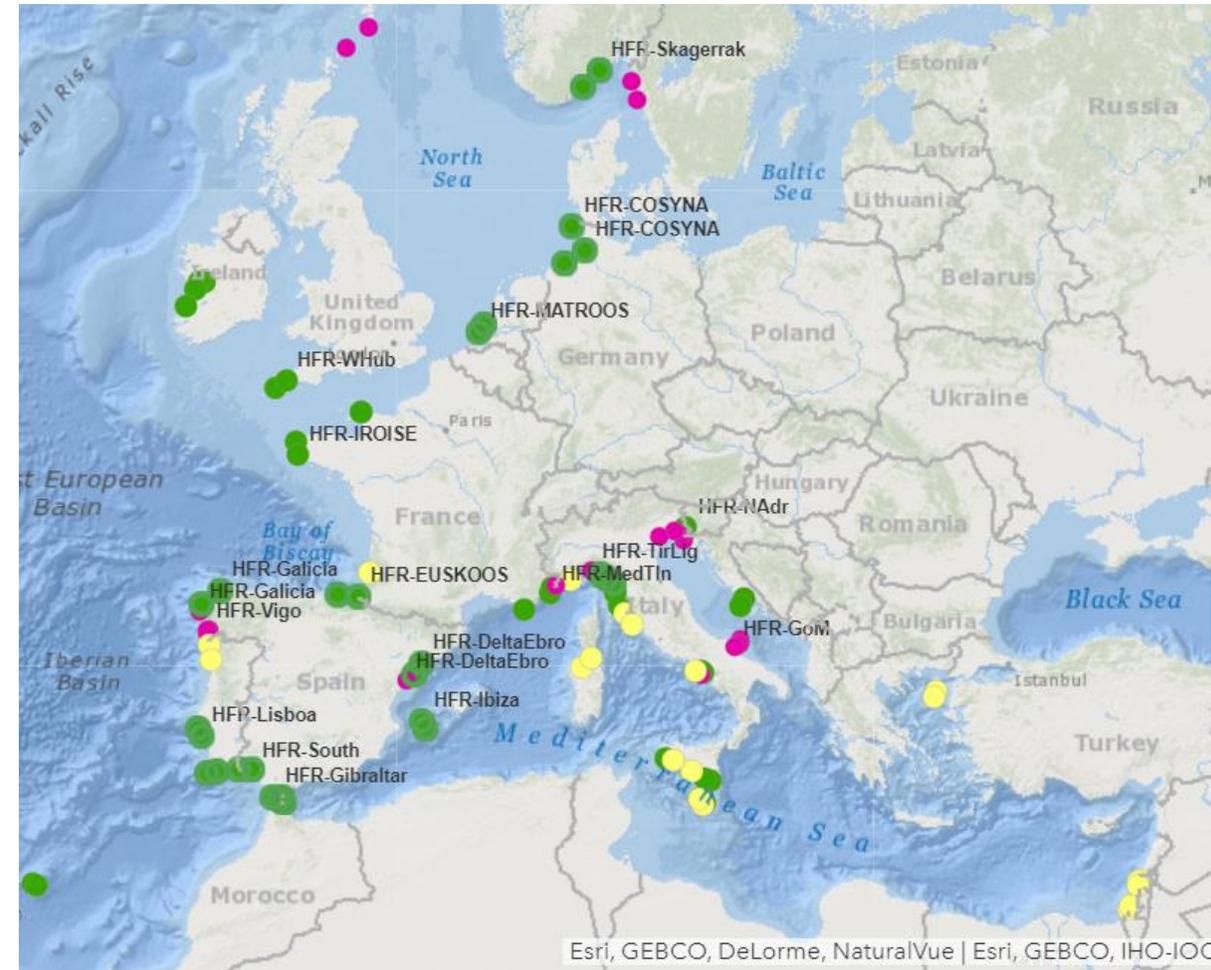
## HF Radar TT

EuroGOOS HFR Task Team inventory from March 2020

[Interactive Map](#) of locations of the 105 HFRs

The ongoing systems (59) are plotted in **green**  
future installations (20) in **yellow**  
non functioning stations (26) in **purple**

30 HFRs are connected to the HFR node (pulsing circles)  
sending data in near real time



<http://eurogoos.eu/high-frequency-radar-task-team/>



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## Upcoming workshops

3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement

**SMHI**  
is hosting the...

### 10<sup>th</sup> FerryBox Workshop and High Frequency Radar Workshop

**23-25 March 2021**  
**Gothenburg, Sweden**



Note-July 2020: After taking into consideration the CoViD-19 pandemic developments, the organising committee has decided to postpone the workshop to 23-25 March 2021.

The committee also decided to arrange two workshops in parallel, and offer a possibility for exchange and synergies between the FerryBox and HF radar communities.

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### 1st EuroSea Tide Gauge Network Workshop

Status and challenges of in situ sea level measurements from tide gauges

Virtual event hosted by EuroGOOS

12-14 January 2021

The first EuroSea Tide Gauge Network Workshop will bring together the global tide gauge community to share experiences, exchange information on recent activities, and discuss ways to overcome challenges across different geographical regions, while ensuring effective coordination and communication with the Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS).

The workshop is a **free** and **virtual** event organized by the [EuroGOOS Tide Gauge Task Team](#) and hosted by the European Global Ocean Observing System, [EuroGOOS](#). It marks the first of the two workshops held in the framework of the [EuroSea](#) project under the EU Horizon 2020 programme.

The event will include three half-day sessions (12-14 January 2021) and will cover the following topics:

- **National experiences from Europe and beyond:** The operators of national tide gauge networks will be invited to share their experiences in a roundtable discussion. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss their main challenges and achievements, data distribution topics, as well as the sustainability of the network and improvement suggestions.
- **New sea level technologies:** During this session, participants will examine the status, challenges, and advantages of existing and experimental technologies such as the Global Navigation Satellite System Multi-Reflectometry technique (GNSS-MR).
- **Data flow:** The session will provide an overview of the different data portals, including their role, main products and applications, and contact details for basic support. The session will also include a discussion on recommendations for synergies and possible improvements in data flow and distribution.

Workshop Organizing Committee:

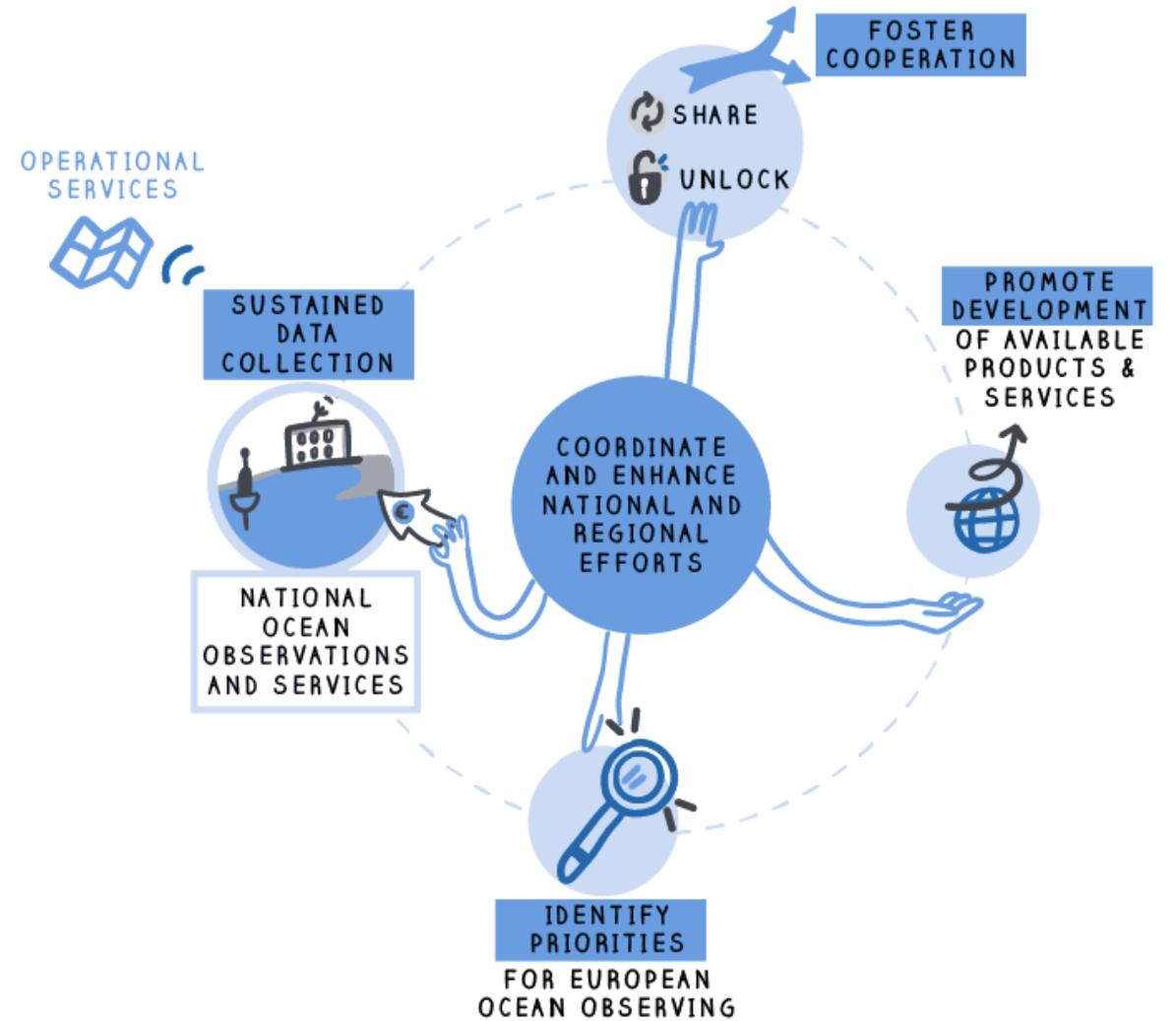




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## ROOS





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## **INTEGRATION WORKSHOP 2019**

### The main Integration ideas from participants :

- **EuroGOOS strategy** should be used and **adopted to regions by each ROOS**
- Task Teams and WGs should deliver **best practices** and recommendations to ROOS
- Task Teams (observing platforms) activities may be aligned with overall ROOS strategies
- Task Teams should work closer and interact with WGs
- EuroGOOS should connect strongly with **technological SMEs** and broader users
- ROOS to appoint **ambassadors** to all other activities and engage strongly with WGs and TTs
- Shared **data management** and use of **Research Infrastructures**
- ROOS different needs (depending on regions) to be accommodated
- Vision of integration to be spread among all the members of different activities, not just among the chairs
- Share what works with each other (example IBI area)
- Cooperation in **thematic areas of interest**, e.g. TPWG (EOOS Tech Forum), or coastal WG surveys (modelling) or OL (OL survey)
- Activate inactive groups, especially TPWG, SAWG, Fixed Platforms and Glider (there are already activities for these platforms in EGs but not coordinated).



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## Outcomes of the Chairs and Board integration call, 7 September

- Organize regular **Integration workshops** – shorter **virtual meetings on themes** of integration, e.g. data management; **annual workshop** (potentially during the GA)
- Continue appointing **ROOS ambassadors** (NOOS and BOOS have already done this)
- All activities to add **integration as objective in their Terms of Reference**
- How to ensure the **EuroGOOS recommendations are taken up in the projects?** How to ensure continuity of work – not rely on the involvement of the same individual in different activities, but through the EuroGOOS **mechanisms?**
- Transfer of best practices – use the **OBP portal to profile the EuroGOOS recommendations** (put forward from WGs, TT, ROOS but also through the projects with EuroGOOS participation); also use the **EuroSea OBP** page.
- Consider **EU funding to support integration** activities (example, EuroSea and task teams)
- Integration **pilots**:
  - **Data** – ROOS and most task teams are represented already. The bottleneck is to implement the WG recommendations in the EU activities. Recommendations are established at the level of experts but often aren't transferred into the activities.
  - **Ocean Literacy** – reach out to ROOS and through them beyond the EG membership; as well as the task teams. Contribution to the state of play survey; then consider regional activities.
  - **Coastal** – transfer the paper recommendations
  - **Technological cooperation with SMEs** (EOOS Tech Forum)

Ocean observing in Europe is done by a multitude of actors at national, regional and pan-European levels



## EOOS Operations Committee

GOOS National Focal Points in Europe

EuroGOOS ROOSes

EuroGOOS Task Teams

RIs – EuroARGO, ICOS, EMBRC, EMSO,  
Danubius, LifeWatch, JERICO

MARS, ERVO, ESA, EUMETSAT

**1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 24-25 November 2020**

The EOOS process will mobilise the ocean observing community to build a common strategic vision and a framework for Europe



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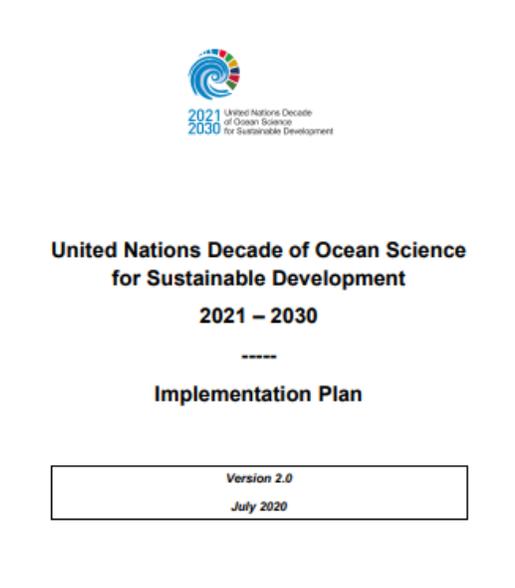
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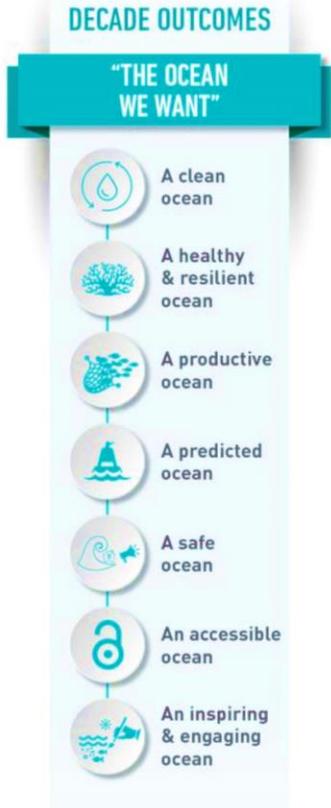
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**"THE SCIENCE WE NEED"**

UN Decade of Ocean Science  
for Sustainable Development





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## OCEAN DECADE 2021-2030



2021  
2030 United Nations Decade  
of Ocean Science  
for Sustainable Development

## Decade Action Hierarchy



### Decade Programme

- Global or regional in scale
- To fulfil one or more of the Decade objectives.
- It is long-term (multi-year), interdisciplinary and typically multi-national.

### Decade Project

- Discrete and focused undertaking of a shorter duration.
- It may stand alone, but will typically contribute to an identified Decade programme

### Decade Activity

- In support of an outcome, objective, programme, or project.
- Typically a one-off standalone activity
- It can form part of a programme or project or can relate directly to a Decade objective.

### Decade Contribution

- Supports the Decade through provision of a necessary resource
- A contribution can support implementation of a Decade Action or for coordination costs, and be in-kind or financial.



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The series will be organized around the **Decade Challenges** and relevant cross-cutting issues, which represent common priorities that can be translated into **Decade Actions** at all scales by different stakeholders.





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## Next steps & key milestones

- **September to December 2020:** Negotiation of Omnibus Resolution including Implementation Plan
- **15 October 2020:** Information Session to present Implementation Plan to UN Member States
- **15 October 2020:** Launch of first “Call for Decade Actions” for programmes and major contributions
- **4 December 2020:** Virtual high-level supporters event and pre-launch of Ocean Decade Alliance
- **1 January 2021:** Decade starts
- **January – October 2021:** Progressive establishment of coordination structures and roll-out of Stakeholder Engagement Mechanisms
- **March – April 2021:** Decisions on first group of endorsed Decade Actions (programmes and contributions)
- **31 May – 2 June 2021:** First International Ocean Decade Conference, Berlin
- **? 2021:** 2021 UN Ocean Conference, Lisbon





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# OCEAN DECADE 2021-2030



**2021  
2030** United Nations Decade  
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[coastpredict.org](http://coastpredict.org)

[Open Consultation](#) [Programme Document](#) [Your Comments](#) [Signature](#) [Collected Signatures](#) [News](#) [Steering Structure](#) ▼

## PREDICTING THE GLOBAL COASTAL OCEAN: TOWARD A MORE RESILIENT SOCIETY

PROPOSAL FOR A UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF THE OCEAN PROGRAMME





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## EuroGOOS CONFERENCE

**9<sup>TH</sup> EUROGOOS**  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**5-6 May 2021**  
**BREST, FRANCE**

**ADVANCES IN  
OPERATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHY:**  
EXPANDING EUROPE'S OCEAN OBSERVING AND  
FORECASTING CAPACITY

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## Kostas Nittis medal

The Kostas Nittis Medal is awarded annually by EuroGOOS to **early-career marine scientists for outstanding contributions to the operational oceanography and broader ocean observing fields.**

The call is open to all **marine scientists younger than 30 years old** on the day of the nomination deadline, and carrying out innovative work at a Master of Science or Ph.D. level in the areas of **climate change, marine safety, ecosystems and ocean health, or operational oceanography.**

Nominations should be made by current [EuroGOOS member organizations](#).



The Kostas Nittis Medal



# CONSULTATIONS

ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12539-Ocean-observation-sharing-responsibility

## Ocean observation – sharing responsibility

Have your say > Published initiatives > Ocean observation – sharing responsibility

### In preparation

### Roadmap

Feedback period  
22 October 2020 - 19 November  
2020

FEEDBACK: OPEN

UPCOMING

### Public consultation

Consultation period  
Fourth quarter 2020

FEEDBACK: UPCOMING

### Commission adoption

Planned for  
Third quarter 2021

## About this initiative

**Summary** Ocean observation is essential for the knowledge base of the Green Deal. Data are collected by different authorities for different purposes.

This initiative aims to achieve a common EU approach for measuring once and using the data for many purposes.

It proposes:

- joint planning of observation activities
- a framework for collaboration on a national and EU scale.

**Topic** Maritime affairs and fisheries

**Type of act** Proposal for an act

## Roadmap

FEEDBACK: OPEN

**Type**  
Inception impact assessment  
[More about roadmaps](#)

**Feedback period**  
22 October 2020 - 19 November 2020 (midnight Brussels time)

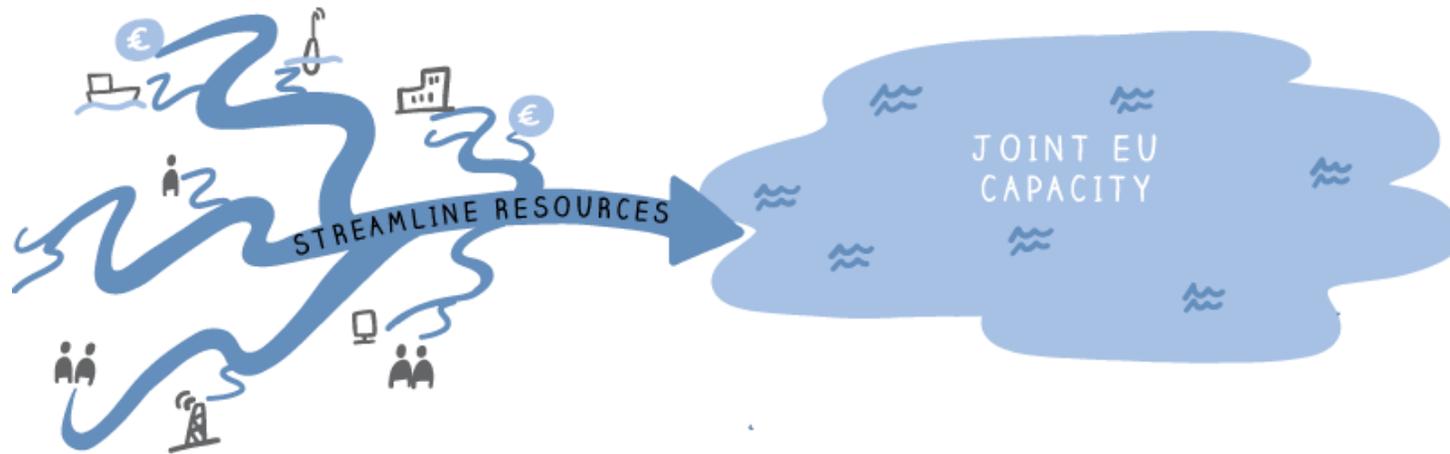
## The Commission would like to hear your views.

This roadmap is open for feedback for **4 weeks**. Feedback will be taken into account for further development and fine tuning of the initiative. The Commission will summarise the input received in a synopsis report explaining how the input will be taken on board and, if applicable, why certain suggestions can't be taken up. Feedback received will be published



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