

# Progression of plans for ECOMF

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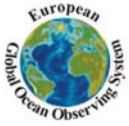
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## We discussed ECOMF in Sopot

- An initiative to propose a « GMES solution » for a marine core service, when GMES enters its operational phase
- A European « Centre » to take over the core service functions, experienced in MyOcean & MyOcean2
- An initiative born within the EuroGOOS community, part of its strategy, and willing to be useful to its members

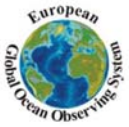




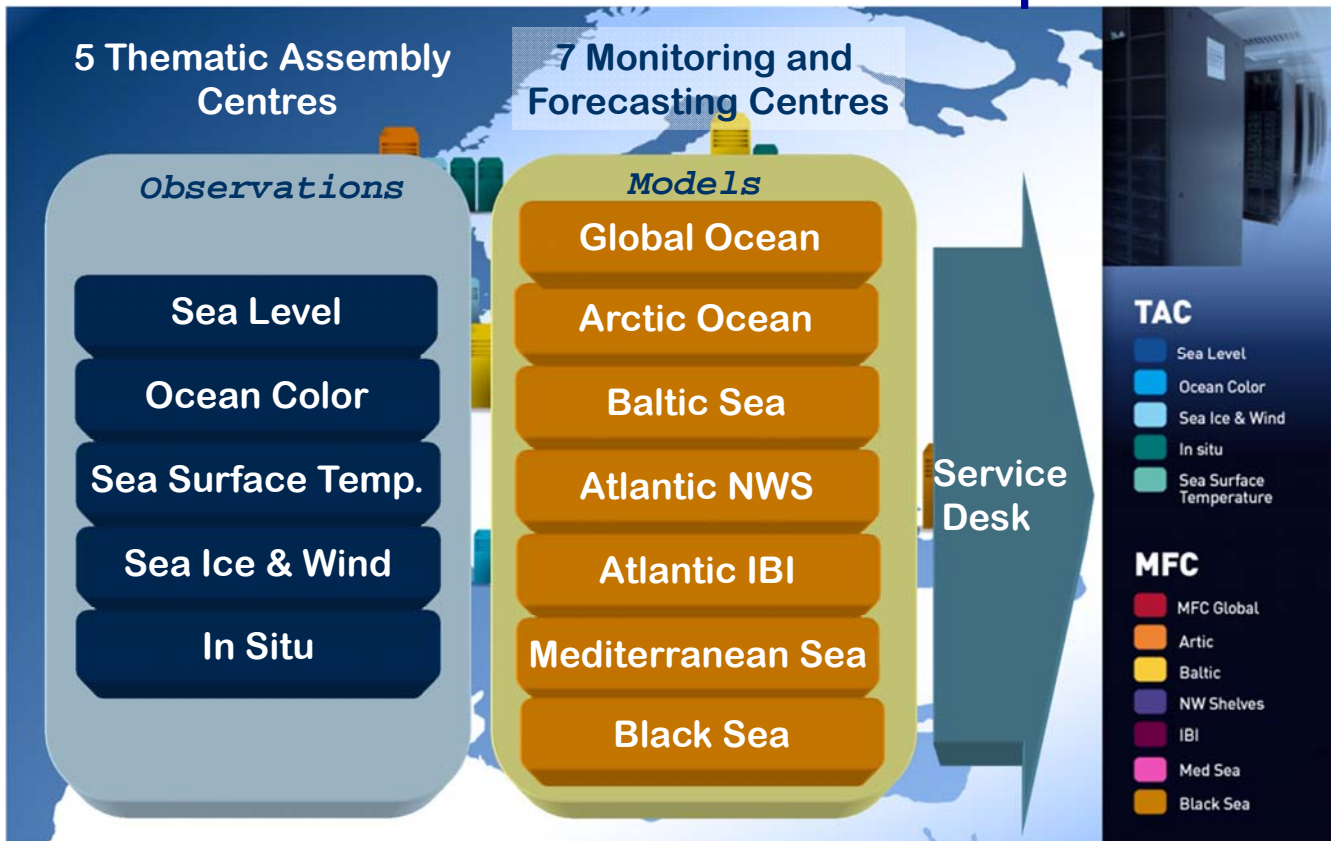
# ECOMF, a plan for 2015



- 2011: ECOMF emerging
  - The ECOMF process is kicked-off
  - MoU signed by 14 core partners, committed in the design phase
  - First design & cost studies
- 2012: ECOMF design
  - Scope, service content, implementation options, legal form,
  - Links with stakeholders, funding schemes, governance
- 2013: ECOMF implementation
  - Assuming that GMES funding scheme is known, progressive implementation of ECOMF ; arrangements with EC and stakeholders
- 2014: ECOMF ready for transition
  - End of MyOcean2, transition to GMES operations



# ECOMF, to take over the marine service core components



# ECOMF, prepared by and discussed with



ECOMF design group



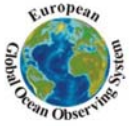
MyOcean Advisory Committee



EuroGOOS members and MyOcean partners

# Lessons learnt from our last discussion in Sopot

- **ECOMF is part of the EuroGOOS strategy to influence and contribute to the 'GMES solution' for operational oceanography**
  - Build the ECOMF plan within the EuroGOOS strategic lines
- **If this is normal to form a 'design group' with a limited number of partners only, it is critical to ensure full & 2-way communication with all EuroGOOS members**
  - EuroGOOS chair and director are permanent invitees of the group
  - Organize progress reports and working sessions with members
- **In the design of ECOMF, and in the way the initiative is presented today, it is important to explain and show better the strategic partnership between ECOMF and EuroGOOS members ('national centres')**
  - Explain why ECOMF is an opportunity, not a threat for national centres
  - Work on the added value for EuroGOOS members, and ownership



## Actions taken since the EuroGOOS meeting in Sopot

- Framework : The short-term situation is secured
  - MyOcean2 negotiation successfully closed
  - Contract under signature ; transition MyOcean/MyOcean2 in April 2012
- Communication: The ECOMF initiative is promoted and discussed
  - Members of EuroGOOS: Sopot meeting
  - Marine scientists: Future of Op. Oceanography conference, Hamburg
  - Top management or senior rep. of European Agencies (EEA, EMSA, ECMWF, Eumetnet, Eumetsat, ESA, EC, EuroGOOS), MAC meeting
  - Members of the GMES Bureau
  - Top management of BSH, CLS, CNR, DMI, HCMR, Ifremer, INGV, Mercator Océan, met.no, Met Office, MHI, NERSC, Puertos del Estado, SMHI
- Working group: The MoU is under signature
  - The MoU establishing a working group to design ECOMF is established, now circulating amongst the 14 partners to be signed



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## Conclusion



- The initiative is kicked-off
- 2012 will be critical
  - ECOMF Plan and milestones under preparation
  - Link with EuroGOOS schedule is important



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