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Report on Activities for EPWG 2011

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EPWG Members and change in membership

The EPWG now has a new chair and a new start will be planned.

Terms of Reference

The EuroGOOS Product Working Group (EPWG) will provide support for the EuroGOOS members to initiate development, production and delivery of products and services needed by the users of operational oceanographic information.

EPWG reports to the EuroGOOS Board.

Suggested changes to Terms of Reference

New terms of reference are suggested:

EPWG is the focal point for members to share knowledge about future requirements for the products of operational oceanography and will seek to:

- a. Facilitate the articulation of shared views on requirements for services based on meeting identified user needs in the realms of policy, operations and science.
- b. Facilitate forward thinking in the broad field of operational oceanography services based on identified user needs. Encourage development of specific new products for current and anticipated future policy and science requirements (e.g. Marine Strategy Framework Directives, Climate)
- c. Represent and promote the shared views of EuroGOOS to the key European organisations requiring services, including but not limited to GMES, ICES, EEA, OSPAR, BARCOM, HELCOM, Black Sea.
- d. Assist coordination and cooperation amongst members, linking to other EuroGOOS Working Groups.