

## EuroGOOS AISBL Secretariat

### 2014 Report of Activities

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## 1. Transition to EuroGOOS AISBL

### Update on progress

- EuroGOOS AISBL has been fully established during 2013. All assets of the old EuroGOOS have been transferred from SMHI, including the late member fees of 2013 that arrived in early 2014. The 2013 membership fee from one member is still pending.
- SMHI continues to support the ongoing EuroGOOS projects (PURE and EMODnet-Physics). The negotiation regarding the secondment of P.Gorringe has been completed and the new agreement will be effective as of 01-07-2014.
- Up to now (May 2014) 27 members of old EuroGOOS have signed the relevant declaration and are thus considered members of EuroGOOS AISBL (including the two founding members). The National Institute of Biology of Slovenia (NIB) was appointed new member during the AM of 2013. 8 members have not yet signed the declaration.

### New website

The new EuroGOOS website (<http://eurogoos.eu>) went live at the end of March 2013. It has been developed with a professional and dynamic look and has incorporated aspects of social media (twitter). Members have been encouraged to use the page for promotion of their projects and activities by sending material on events, news, publications etc to the Secretariat. To that, a “product of the week” section featuring EuroGOOS member products has been established and has a distinguished place in the website.

In short, the new website:

- is professional, dynamic (not-static), clean and modern. It follows the feel of the new logo and EuroGOOS corporate style.
- informs visitors about EuroGOOS activities at a glance
- informs visitors about members’, their news, activities and their products
- is easy to navigate
- includes (or shall include) more graphics & videos
- provides links to already available members’ products
- is appealing to new/prospective members
- links to the Organisation’s social media
- is mobile-friendly

## 2. Interaction with other Initiatives - Institutions

### GOOS GRA

- Following the 6<sup>th</sup> GRA meeting that took place in Hawaii on 14-16<sup>th</sup> May 2013, the interaction with other regional alliances is taking place through periodic teleconferences. The latest teleconference was on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. During the meeting the group exchanged information on activities at different regions and the action list has been updated.
- The GOOS Office promotes webinar series, a monthly opportunity to hear about activities and topics of interest to the GOOS community, and to interact with the speaker. The first topic was “Deep Ocean Observing Strategy: A GOOS Project” presented by Dr Eric Lindstrom, GOOS Steering Committee co-chair and NASA Programme Scientist. GOOS Project Office is preparing a strategy map for GOOS to define the architecture, data systems etc. Draft ready for July.
- Regarding open action, the focus will be on the global modelling inventory for this year. The template is prepared by EuroGOOS based on the old SEPRISE questionnaire.
- P.Gorringe reported on the progress of pushing European data to the ODP: some minor metadata issues to solve, current discussions with ODP people on the functionality and readiness of the ODP system.
- An informal meeting of GRA’s will be organized during the 7<sup>th</sup> EuroGOOS conference where many of GRA chairs are expected to participate.

### EMODnet Secretariat

- The EMODnet secretariat has been recently (2013) established in Ostend, hosted by the Flemish Government (Innovocean site). Since the beginning EuroGOOS has established a good working relationship with the new secretariat staff.
- The EMODnet Secretariat has been commissioned (MARE/2012/15) to provide high-level coordination and technical skills to support (i) the monitoring of EMODnet projects; (ii) the dissemination of their results, and (iii) the analysis of user feedback and statistics. The EMODnet Secretariat will also oversee the development of the EMODnet central portal as a common gateway to provide access to all seven thematic portals and as a vehicle for additional data services. The overarching aim is to develop a more effective, efficient and fit for purpose EMODnet.
- EuroGOOS has collaborated with the EMODnet secretariat to prepare a joint workshop during the European Maritime Day (Bremen 19-20 May 2014). The title was “From marine observations and data to information, knowledge and blue growth: towards an integrated end-to-end European Ocean Observing System (EOOS)”

### Copernicus Marine Service - ECOMF

- The EuroGOOS Secretariat has been invited and participated to all ECOMF meetings. E.Buch attended the meeting of 22 Nov 2013 and P.Gorringe the meeting of 27 March 2014.
- The role of EuroGOOS has been reconfirmed as an advisory and coordination body with emphasis on the implementation of the ECOMF Strategic Partnership. It has been decided that it is important to have this work finalized soon and especially clarifying the tasks and benefits (data delivery, uptake, validation etc).
- It was also suggested that EuroGOOS can play an important role on User uptake to make link to national governmental institutions (EuroGOOS and ROOS members) as well as the private sector in which EuroGOOS members also can play a role.
- Finally, it was agreed that EuroGOOS will play an important role and chair the Advisory Committee of ECOMF.
- In March 2014, Mercator has responded on behalf of ECOMF to the call for EoI of Copernicus. The results of the call will be discussed under other agenda items.

### JPI-Oceans

- The collaboration between EuroGOOS and JPI-Oceans - Joint Programming Initiative “Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans” ([www.jpioceans.eu](http://www.jpioceans.eu)) has been ongoing since mid-2013.
- During the previous year, EuroGOOS had participated to consultation meetings of JPI-Oceans, with emphasis on “Marine Research Infrastructures”. EuroGOOS had stressed the importance for a long-term marine monitoring strategy & capacity in Europe to cover both research and societal/ policy needs (MSFD, MSP, CFP etc). This idea was well received by JPI-Oceans. Also because the idea of a European Ocean Observing System (EOOS) has been proposed since 2010 by the Ostend declaration and has been also endorsed by the EC working group on Marine Research Infrastructures.
- In March 2014, following an invitation by JPI-Oceans, EuroGOOS and JPI-Oceans met at the JPI-Oceans Office in Brussels. Both sides presented their activities and involvements, as well as goals and aims for the short, medium and long term. JPI-Oceans are very keen to see the concept of EOOS taking shape; they are also in favour of a potential governing role EuroGOOS could have in EOOS, but also for EuroGOOS to pass all the experience of co-ordination at regional level. A very important initiative of JPI-Oceans was presented: the work of EurOcean and JPI-Oceans in collecting the marine infrastructures information in one database, see here: <http://rid.eurocean.org/>. Following a short EuroGOOS presentation, JPI-Oceans was very interested in our 2014-18 strategy and the activities of the working groups. JPI-Oceans has been invited to attend the open days of the annual meeting 2014. A JPI-Oceans abstract to the 7<sup>th</sup> EuroGOOS Conference in October should be also expected.

## SEAS-ERA

- SEAS-ERA is an FP7 overarching marine research EraNET, a follow up of the MarinERA project and the other marine EraNETs (AMPERA, MariFISH). It networks the national marine research funding agencies of Europe and aims to develop common strategies and joint funding opportunities.
- EuroGOOS had interacted with the project through its Secretary General that had represented in the past the Greek national funding agency as well as one of the stakeholders that were invited in the relevant meetings (fora) and consultations. The EuroGOOS Secretariat attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum earlier in 2014.
- The Strategic Research Agendas that were developed by the project have identified the issue of ocean observing infrastructures as one of future priorities.
- The mapping of marine research infrastructures have identified the need for an increased coordination especially for the observing systems. The project has endorsed the concept of EOOS and proposes that EuroGOOS undertakes a leading role in its development.

## Sea For Society (SFS)

- SFS is an FP7 research project under the theme Science in Society. The project engages stakeholders, citizens and youth in an open and participatory dialogue to share knowledge, forge partnerships and empower actors on societal issues related to Ocean. In doing so, the project aims to develop and enrich the concept of "Blue Society", preparing at the same time mechanisms for cooperation.
- EuroGOOS is engaged with SFS through the Secretary General that has been invited to the Steering Committee of the project and the Blue Society Expert Group.
- During 2014 EuroGOOS participated in one teleconference meeting. The strategy of EuroGOOS is to promote the importance of ocean observations and services and include this message in the key messages of the project. Also to embed the idea of ocean information for citizens into the Blue Society concept.

## 3. Working Groups

### SAWG

Following the relevant decision of the annual meeting of 2013, a call for a new chairperson of the SAWG was issued. The Board meeting of 5-6 February 2014 approved the nomination of Jun She (DMI) as the new chairman of the group. The membership of the group is currently under revision.

## TPWG

Following the relevant decision of the annual meeting, a call for new members of the TPWG has been issued. The following nominations were received and approved by the Board meeting of 5-6 February 2014.

Urmas Lips (MSI)  
Rajesh Nair (OGS)  
Stefania Sparnocchia (CNR)  
Marco Picone (ISPRA)  
Henning Wehde (IMR),

## EPWG

Following the relevant decision of the annual meeting, a call for new members of the EPWG has been issued. The following nominations were received and approved by the Board meeting of 5-6 February 2014.

Einar Svendsen (IMR)  
Roberto Sorgente (CNR)  
Cosimo Solidoro (OGS)  
Giulietta Rak (ISPRA)  
Irene Lake (SMHI)  
Jan Reissman (BSH)

More details will be available through the reports and presentations of the WG given during the meeting.

## 4. Participation to external projects

### GMES-PURE

The GMES-PURE project (Partnership for User Requirements Evaluation, <http://www.gmes-pure.eu/>) is an FP7 Coordination and Support Action, aiming to support the EC in capturing current and emerging requirements of users of Copernicus marine and atmosphere services. It is a 2-year project that started on 1 January 2013. It is coordinated by EUMETSAT and partners are FMI & RAL (atmosphere service) as well as EuroGOOS (marine service).

The main activity of EuroGOOS and a major deliverable of the project was the definition of (marine) User Requirements. This was done through analysis of existing requirements (collected mainly through MyOcean and MyOcean2 projects as well as through dialogue with users) on the medium and long-term evolution of the Service. The Marine User

Requirements workshop organized by EuroGOOS at BESLPO in Brussels between 29 and 30 October 2013 was a key milestone of the project.

The first annual project review was held on 21 January 2014 in Brussels at DG ENTR. The EC was keen to learn more about the process of requirement definition developed and implemented by GMES-PURE, as well as about the user requirements database and its fate after the project has finished.

The main contribution of the Secretariat has been completed in March 2014. During the rest of the year the contribution will come from DMI. The Secretariat will continue to contribute to project meetings and relevant events.

(More info under the relevant agenda item)

### EMODnet-Physics

The EMODnet Physics project aims to provide access to archived and near real-time data on physical conditions as monitored by fixed stations and Ferrybox lines in all the European sea basins and oceans and to determine how well the data meet the needs of users.

The on-going second phase of the project aims to enlarge the coverage with additional platforms (e.g. Argo, Gliders, HF Radars etc.) and products and strengthening the underlying infrastructure. To accomplish this, EMODnet physics core consortium has asked the EuroGOOS ROOSs and ROOS chairs to play an increased and important role for ensuring full engagement of the ROOSs and European Institutes with marine data interest. To achieve its goal and to avoid duplication of work EMODnet Physics is working in close collaboration with on-going project such as MyO, SDN and JERICO.

The main recent developments concern the establishment of the EMODnet Secretariat and the meeting with coordinators of the thematic lots/portals and Sea Basin Checkpoints. A document describing the EMODnet secretariat remit is attached together with the agenda of the meeting in which EuroGOOS was represented by P.Gorringe.

Furthermore, the project has organized a meeting with Adriatic Sea institutes (Split, 3-4 December 2013) aiming to inform and to engage the Adriatic Sea observing system operators (especially from the eastern part of the Adriatic Sea) in participating and contributing with data to EMODnet Physics and the underlying infrastructure i.e. the ROOS data portals.

One recent development is the establishment of a European HF Radar group to initiate a coordinated approach to European HF radar data and link to other similar initiatives on the global scale. The group had its first meeting as a side event to the MyO Annual Meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Next meeting with the group is planned as a side event to the EuroGOOS Conference.

(More info under the relevant agenda item)

## 5. Meetings

The Secretariat, Board and ROOS-chairs have participated/will participate since November 2013/in 2014 in the following meetings (project meetings not included):

<b>dates</b>	<b>destination</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>who</b>
25-28/11/2013	A Coruna, Spain	ICES WGOOFE	P.Gorringe
16-17/12/2013	Copenhagen, Denmark	Arctic ROOS Annual Meeting	EuroGOOS Chair & P.Gorringe
29/01/2014	Brussels, Belgium	SEAS AND COASTAL AREAS INTERGROUP: European Maritime Policy beyond 2014	Y.Antoniou
5-6/02/2014	Athens, Greece	EDB meeting	Secretariat, Board, ROOS-chairs, WG-chairs
17/2/2014	Brussels (teleconf)	Sea For Society	K.Nittis
19/02/2014	Brussels, Belgium	SEAS AND COASTAL AREAS INTERGROUP: Marine and maritime research: A driver of blue growth	Y.Antoniou
19/02/2014	Ostend, Belgium	EMODnet Secretariat Inauguration	EuroGOOS Chair & Secretariat
19-20/02/2014	Ostend, Belgium	MODEG meeting	EuroGOOS Chair
25/02/2014	Brussels, Belgium	3 <sup>rd</sup> SEASERA Forum	Y.Antoniou
3-4/03/2014	Brussels, Belgium	HOPE Conference	Y.Antoniou
5-7/03/2014	Santiago de Compostella, Spain	IBI ROOS Annual Meeting	EuroGOOS Chair & P.Gorringe
11/03/2014	London, UK	Oceanology International	EuroGOOS Chair
24-27/03/2014	Athens, Greece	MyOcean2 Annual Meeting	P.Gorringe
1-6/04/2014	Bergen - Bodö (Hurtigruten)	MyO InSitu TAC	P.Gorringe
28-30/04/2014	Vienna, Austria	EGU	P.Gorringe
5-8/05/2014	Oslo, Norway	JERICO GA	P.Gorringe



7-9/05/2014	Riga, Latvia	BOOS Annual Meeting	EuroGOOS Chair & P.Gorringe
19-20/05/2014	Bremen, Germany	EMD 2014	EuroGOOS Chair, P.Gorringe, Board members
21-23/05/2014	Brussels, Belgium	EuroGOOS AM 2014	Secretariat, EuroGOOS members