

Expression of Interest

Proposal Managing Editor – Part B

HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-04: A stronger Global Ocean Observing System to enhance Europe's strategic autonomy, climate resilience and biodiversity assessments

Issued by EuroGOOS on behalf of the prospective consortium.

Status of this notice

This expression of interest is issued in anticipation of the publication of the HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01-04 call, expected in October 2026. It is conditional: should the call not be published, or should its scope, budget or timetable change materially, this process may be amended, paused or withdrawn without obligation on the part of the consortium. Interested parties are invited to register now so that a managing editor can be appointed promptly once the call is confirmed.

Background

A consortium is being assembled to submit a proposal to the forthcoming NATURE call, an Innovation Action with an indicative EU contribution of EUR 50 million, aimed at strengthening the European contribution to the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS). The consortium is coordinated by GEOMAR, jointly forming a convening team with NOC, and Ifremer, IOC-GOOS providing scientific and strategic direction and EuroGOOS coordinating engagement across the European operational observing community and engagement with Member States. A roster of experts from across the consortium will contribute to planning and drafting of the various work packages.

The role

The consortium seeks an experienced individual or organisation to coordinate and manage the writing of Part B, the technical narrative, through to submission. The appointee will give structure and pace to a distributed group of expert contributors and assemble a coherent, compliant and competitive proposal. The appointee will work to the scientific direction set by the convening partners. Content authority remains with the coordinators; the appointee is responsible for coordination and editorial delivery.

Scope of work

- Establish and maintain the drafting structure, master document, version control and contribution tracking.
- Coordinate the roster of contributors, allocate drafting against the work-package structure, and hold contributors to schedule.
- Edit contributions for coherence and consistency and integrate them into a single narrative.
- Ensure the proposal meets every expected outcome, scope element and evaluation criterion, and complies with page limits, templates and eligibility conditions.
- Keep the Part B narrative aligned with the Part A budget, partner list and effort tables, working with GEOMAR.
- Manage the writing timeline against the deadline, flag delivery risks early, and report progress to the coordinators.
- Prepare the proposal for internal review, incorporate feedback, and deliver a submission-ready document.

Reporting

The appointee works in close coordination with the consortium coordinators: IOC-GOOS (scientific and technical direction), GEOMAR (administrative and legal coordination, Part A) and EuroGOOS (community and Member State engagement), and work is remote. Expert contributors across the various Work Packages are located across several European countries.

Expected expertise

- A track record of coordinating or editing successful Horizon Europe or Framework Programme proposals, ideally large collaborative Innovation Actions or Research and Innovation Actions.
- Strong editorial and writing skills in English, able to shape technical input from many contributors into a single, persuasive narrative.
- Sound command of Horizon Europe evaluation criteria, proposal templates and eligibility rules.
- Proven delivery to a fixed submission deadline under time pressure, coordinating distributed contributors.
- Competence in document and version management for multi-author documents.
- Familiarity with the ocean observation, marine science and/or GOOS landscape.
- Experience with the Part A / Part B interface in the EU submission system.

Engagement

Applications are welcome from individual consultants and from organisations. The engagement runs from appointment, anticipated shortly after publication of the call, to submission in the first quarter of 2027. Applicants are invited to state their availability and propose a day rate or flat fee for the process.

How to express interest

Please submit a short statement of suitability (maximum two pages), a curriculum vitae or company profile, evidence of a relevant track record where confidentiality permits, a statement of availability, and an indicative total fee.

Send expressions of interest to **info@eurogoos.eu** by **2nd Oct**. Shortlisted candidates may be invited to a short interview. Appointment is conditional on publication of the call and on the consortium proceeding to submission.