

Malta Workshop

14 and 15 July 2026 | Valletta, Malta

AGENDA

Tuesday 14th July [\[Zoom Link\]](#)

- 08:30 Check-in
- 09:00 Opening and welcome remarks
Adam Gauci (University of Malta)
- 09:10 Snapshot of MedJICARP
Monica Demetriou (University of Cyprus)
- 09:35 EuroGOOS overview
Julien Mader (AZTI)
- 09:55 MonGOOS relevance for the southern Mediterranean
Baptiste Mourre (online)
- 10:15 EuroGOOS HF Radar Task Team overview
Julien Mader (AZTI)
Lorenzo Corgnati (CNR)
- 10:35 EuroGOOS Fixed Platform Task Team overview
Marcello Magaldi (CNR)
- 10:55 Coffee Break
- 11:25 Malta's water reality
Michael Schembri (Energy and Water Agency)
- 11:50 Turning data into decisions
Angela Bartolo (Environment and Resources Authority)
- 12:15 Framing the EOOS Technical Support Centre
Paul Trautendorfer (JPI-Ocean), Manuel Sala Pérez (EuroGOOS)
- 12:30 Lunch Break

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- 14:30 Validation of HFR-derived waves
Guiomar Lopez, Cuong Tran (HFR-TT)
- 14:45 Wave scalar, directional and spectral information from buoys
Marta de Alfonso Alonso-Muñoyerro, Nuno Zacarias and Arianna Orasi (FP-TT)
- 15:10 HFR Online Outage Reporting Tool
Guiomar Lopez (HFR-TT)
- 15:20 Drifters deployment (where, when, how many, drogue depth relevance, drift duration, and how to pair with radar totals) and data assimilation
Daniel Hayes (Cyprus Marine & Maritime Institute)
- 15:30 Preliminary results from gap-filling exercises
Fulvio Capodici, Annalisa Griffa, Mattia Codrino (HFR-TT)
- 15:50 Coffee Break
- 16:15 Round Table discussion
(chaired by Fulvio Capodici, panel: Arianna Orasi, Marcello Magaldi, ...)
- SOFAR demo (*Tom Parry*)
 - APM workflows
 - Biofouling mitigation
 - Which sensors suffer most (CTDs, fluorometers, turbidity, dissolved oxygen)
 - Drift detection (automated drift checks, reference comparisons)
 - Calibration schedules
 - Data flagging (suspect due to fouling, instrument failure, or real event)
 - Lessons from storms
 - Latency targets (near-real time, delayed mode, what's acceptable for SAR, oil spill, operational models)
- 17:00 End of Day 1
- 18:00 Social Dinner

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09:00 European HFR standard data model for surface current data

Lorenzo Corgnati (CNR)

09:30 Definition and implementation of the standard data model for HFR-derived wave data

Guiomar López (SOCIB)

10:00 Lessons and best practices from the EuroSea project

George Petihakis (HCMR)

10:30 GOOS Observation Coordination Group - Updates for HF Radar

Juliet Hermes (OCG Co-Chair)

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS

- HF Radar Task Team [\[Zoom Link\]](#)

- HFR-WG implementation (45 minutes)

Carlo Mantovani and Vania Lima

- Advanced Quality Control on HFR-derived sea surface data for the Copernicus Marine Service In Situ TAC (30 minutes)

Lohitzune Solabarrieta

- Fixed Platform Task Team [\[Zoom Link\]](#)

- Working group on cabled networks and shared challenges (20 minutes)

Marcello Magaldi, Simo Cusi

- Potential contribution to the OceanEye call (15 minutes)

Marcello Magaldi

- Co-design future FP TT actions (40 minutes)

Marcello Magaldi

12:30 Lunch

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- 14:30 Applications and stakeholder requirements.
Maritime safety, pollution, and emergency response.
Mevric Zammit (Transport Malta)
- 14:45 Westmed Initiative
Maria Cini
- 15:00 Interreg Bilateral Program
Maria Catania
- 15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:45 PARALLEL SESSIONS
- MEDJICARP [\[Zoom Link\]](#)
 - Roadmap and action plan
 - Steering committee
 - HF Radar and Fixed Platform Task Teams [\[Zoom Link\]](#)
 - Stakeholder engagement (60 minutes)
Julien Mader, Matteo Marasco, Lucía Quirós-Collazos
 - Roadmap and action plan (15 minutes)
Marcello Magaldi, Julien Mader, Lorenzo Corgnati
- 17:00 End of Day 2