

## **Report – draft**

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### **1. Opening and adoption of agenda**

Erik Buch opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. The agenda was adopted without any comments.

### **2. Status of actions and adoption of January 2016 meeting report**

Erik Buch ran through the actions from the previous meetings.

### **3. Main updates on events and activities**

Dina Eparkhina presented the updates from the reporting period (February-May 2016).

- Henning Wehde welcomed the EuroGOOS office newsletter.
- Jun She shared that he was very happy with the science policy brief published by the office on the basis of his scientific paper, co-authored with SAWG members.
- Erik Buch stressed the benefits of the office's location in Brussels, allowing attending relevant science-policy meetings and networking events.

### **4. EuroGOOS Strategy and 2016-2017 priority areas**

Glenn Nolan presented the 2016-2017 priority areas, based on the EuroGOOS strategy, and setting out priorities for the coming years. The following discussions took place:

- It is important to promote EuroGOOS also to its own members and prove the advantages of the EuroGOOS membership, including communication and lobbying for sustained observations funding;
- EuroGOOS should continue working at the EC level – as a broker among directorates-general concerned with ocean observing and marine research infrastructures. EuroGOOS would play an important role fostering community-policy interface.
- EOOS was mentioned as a priority.
- Members also need EuroGOOS to identify strategic priorities and share across the community.
- The office was complemented on the website news pieces on science-policy developments used by some Board members as sources of latest information. The office communication strategy implementation was also welcome.

## 5. EOOS progress and roadmap

Glenn Nolan presented the EOOS updates. A steering group was convened in April 2016, co-chaired by Glenn Nolan and Niall McDonough, further to the recommendations of the EOOS brainstorming workshop (May 2015) organized jointly by EuroGOOS and the European Marine Board (EMB). Glenn Nolan also ran through the main EOOS priority areas discussed at the 1<sup>st</sup> EOOS steering group meeting, which will be reflected in the draft roadmap. One of the first EOOS activities will be to make an economic case for ocean observing, to back up requests for sustained funding. The IOOS report from February 2016, *The Ocean Enterprise*, was tabled at the meeting.

The following discussions took place:

- EMSO and FixO3 should be considered with respect to the EOOS framework. A contribution of EMSO to biogeochemistry was mentioned.
- EOOS should be set in a global context and interactions with GOOS were discussed.
- EuroGOOS can help promoting operational approach via EOOS. It was stressed that ROOSes provide not only physical observations, and many of them have national responsibilities to support MSFD.
- JPI Oceans Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) includes EOOS but in a general way.

Rajesh Nair presented a roadmap for the TPWG activities in line with the EuroGOOS priority areas and EOOS. Among the priorities: communication and coordination support from the office, linking with industry – much more efficient bilaterally than ‘industry in general’, and linking with meteorologists. He added that EuroGOOS should act as a strategic broker, helping start partnerships and letting them once they are established. International collaboration was also mentioned as a priority.

## 6. Ongoing EU projects and tenders: status

The EuroGOOS Office ran through the main highlights within the activities of the ongoing projects and tenders (see also the General Assembly meeting document 13.1).

The following discussions followed:

- EMODnet and CMEMS INSTAC: EuroGOOS role is in promoting all data initiatives and demonstrating integration efforts. There might be an MoU between EMODnet physics and INSTAC. Furthermore, EuroGOOS office is planning to prepare a flyer on the benefits of sharing data, for dissemination by SeaDataNet, INSTAC, and EMODnet physics.
- ENVRI: it was mentioned that link with ICOS is important for EuroGOOS.

## 7. New projects and contracts

Glenn Nolan presented two new tenders: EEA contract to support the in-situ coordination of Copernicus, and a contract with Mercator Ocean for Copernicus Marine Service. The meeting welcomed the link with EEA who do not have experience in the marine sector so EuroGOOS contribution is critical.

Other projects in the pipeline include: EMODnet Phase 3, Data ingestion, SeaDataCloud, IntarOS, and MedOS.

## 8. GEO and TT-MOWIS

Erik Buch updated the meeting on his involvement in GEO and JCOMM TT MOWIS. TT MOWIS is co-chaired by Erik Buch for ocean observations and Rabia Merrouchi, Direction de la Météorologie Nationale, Morocco, for meteorological observations.

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GEO is reviewing its projects and preparing a new multi-annual programme. The main objective of Erik Buch's participation as member of the Programme Board and observer to the GEO Executive Committee, is promoting ocean observing which is currently not prioritized by GEO. This is also the task of the Blue Planet Initiative, which is only now taking some speed and have released an implementation plan – as a GEO project in the new period. NOAA - USA and CSIRO - Australia, have together allocated 1,5 FTE to support the Blue Planet implementation.

Erik Buch showed the value chain and explained that the Blue Planet is planning to address users. US and Australia are supporting Blue Planet but there is no one from Europe. He asked the Board if EuroGOOS should step forward. Initial signs from GOOS, GEO Secretariat and EC DG RTD indicate that this will be supported by them, and funding from the EC may be available. The Chair opened a discussion on EuroGOOS as the European component of Blue Planet.

- The Board members supported the EuroGOOS involvement in GEO.
- EuroGOOS should be active throughout the full value chain.
- Blue Planet will not have enough links with users and this is a chance to show the EuroGOOS leadership.
- EuroGOOS will also help emphasise the coastal part.

**Action 1:** The Board welcomed the EuroGOOS support to Blue Planet in principle; EuroGOOS Chair and Office to investigate further including funding opportunities (Office and Chair, report at the Exec. Board meeting in Autumn 2016).

## 9. New activities: ToR for two new task teams

Patrick Gorringer presented the draft terms of reference for two new task teams: Animal-Borne Instruments (ABI TT) and Fixed Platforms (see General Assembly Meeting Document 12.2). Erik Buch stressed that all the task teams are required to produce a work plan at the beginning of their activity.

Erik Buch reminded the meeting that EuroGOOS task teams were established to sustain and promote European networks of operational platforms. Task teams are an important building block of EOOS and their activities should align with the EOOS and EuroGOOS strategies.

The meeting discussed whether only EuroGOOS members can be part in task teams and working groups. This is not a requirement in the EuroGOOS rules, however it is important that EuroGOOS office insures a balanced membership representation in those activities. It was noted that this will also expand the EuroGOOS network and attract new members.

**Action 2:** Update the ABI TT ToR with the inclusion of the quality assurance and a potential data portal for the presentation at the General Assembly (Office in liaison with the ABI TT Chair, 26 May 2016).

**Action 3:** Ensure regional representation on the Fixed Platforms task team (Office in liaison with the FP TT chair).

**Action 4:** include the requirement for producing a work plan based on the EuroGOOS strategy (and 2016-2017 priority areas) in the terms of reference for all task teams (Office in liaison with chairs, 31 December 2016).

## 10. Revision of EuroGOOS Rules

Erik Buch introduced the proposed changes in the EuroGOOS rules which will be tabled for adoption at the General Assembly's formal meeting. The Board accepted all changes.

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Henning Wehde proposed to include a recommendation to ROOSes to follow the same procedure for chairmanship mandates (followed by EuroGOOS and proposed now for all subsidiaries). Urmas seconded – it is an issue in BOOS, after the chair is long established it is difficult to find a replacement.

Erik Buch raised a question for discussion on the need to have a vice-chair for EuroGOOS activities rather than a co-chair. Contrary to chair and vice-chair, co-chairs are at the same level of responsibility and this in some cases can lead to confusion in the split of responsibilities. It was suggested to leave this as an option but not make it mandatory.

## 11. EuroGOOS conference 2017

Stein Sandven updated the meeting about the status of the conference organization. The event is planned by the Nansen Centre and IMR in Bergen, likely in a hotel, but there is a suggestion to have it on a boat. This was discussed and the meeting agreed to have the conference at a hotel, to allow participants attend the sessions of their interest and attract high-level speakers and participants who will be unlikely to commit their time for the full three-day period on a ship.

Two last weeks in October were proposed as tentative dates and the office was asked to check the calendars of other events to avoid major clashes.

Antonio Santos Martinho shared the lessons learnt from the 2014 event. Overall it went very well. Problems were encountered only with receipts for onsite payments which were not available on time and with some participant packs missing. Erik Buch said that the office will consider the working files where feedback from the 2014 conference was recorded.

**Decision:** The Board recommended to the local organizing committee to host the conference in a hotel.

**Action 5:** Investigate stakeholder calendars for the last two weeks of October 2017 and circulate a doodle (Office and the local hosts).

## 11. Finances: 2015 closure and 2016-2017 provisions

Glenn Nolan presented the draft 2015 closure. Erik Buch noted that the underspend in 2015 should go into reserves.

## 12. Membership matters and Executive Board elections

The meeting discussed how the elections should be run on the formal day of the General Assembly.

## 14. Overview of main meeting decisions and actions

Erik Buch recapped on the actions and decisions from the meeting (see annex 1) and thanked the Board members and the office.

## **Annex 1: List of Actions agreed at the meeting**

**Action 1:** Support from the Board towards EuroGOOS support to Blue Planet; EuroGOOS Chair and Office to investigate further including funding opportunities (Office and Chair, report at the Exec. Board meeting in Autumn 2016).

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## Annex 2: Meeting Agenda

### Tuesday, 24 May, Day 1

- 14:00-14:05**    **1. Opening and adoption of agenda**  
Erik Buch
- 14:05-14:20**    **2. Status of actions and adoption of January 2016 meeting report**  
Erik Buch
- 14.20-14.40**    **3. Main updates on events and activities**
- 14:40-15:00**    **4. EuroGOOS Strategy and 2016-2017 priority areas**  
Presentation by Glenn Nolan  
Discussion
- 15:00-15:40**    **5. EOOS progress and roadmap**  
Presentation by Glenn Nolan  
Discussion
- 15:40-16:10    Coffee break
- 16.10-16:50**    **6. Ongoing EU projects and tenders: status**  
Presentations by Erik Buch and Office team  
Discussion
- 16:50-17:10**    **7. New projects and contracts**  
Glenn Nolan
- 17:10-17:30**    **8. GEO and TT-MOWIS**  
Erik Buch
- 17:30            End of Day 1

### Wednesday, 25 May, Day 2

- 09:30-10:30**    **9. New activities: ToR for two new task teams**  
Introduction by Patrick Gorringer (presentation by chairs on 26 May)  
Discussion
- 10:30-10:40**    **10. EuroGOOS conference 2017**
- 10:40-11:00**    **11. Finances: 2015 closure and 2016-2017 provisions**  
Glenn Nolan
- 11:00-11:10**    **12. Membership matters and Executive Board elections**
- 11:10-11:20**    **13. AOB**
- 11:20-11:30**    **14. Overview of main meeting decisions and actions**  
Erik Buch

## Annex 3: List of Participants

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