



## **Report - draft**

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

George Petihakis opened the meeting (directly following the Board meeting on the morning of that day). The agenda was adopted.

### **2. Adoption of the last meeting report and actions update**

George Petihakis ran through the January 2019 meeting report. One action is ongoing:

January Action (2): The Chairs of the TTs, WGs and ROOS, together with the office must find a mechanism to cooperate (i.e. through regular chairs interactions, workshops, etc). This must be further discussed at the next GA in May. As a first exercise, it is necessary to map the various links between ROOS, TTs and WGs (Vicente Fernandez and Glenn Nolan in liaison with the Chairs, report progress at GA2019).

Further to the EuroGOOS member benefits survey and the Board and Chairs action from the January 2019 meeting, a dedicated workshop will be organized to come up with a toolbox to foster integration across the EuroGOOS activities (task teams, working groups and the ROOS).

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### **3. Office updates and projects**

Glenn Nolan and the office team presented the activities report and project updates.

Regarding the new project proposals there was a question about the office staff capacity. Glenn Nolan answered that the current budget is built on the current financial situation; should new proposals be granted the office is considering growing by about two full time equivalents.

Regarding the completion of the ENVRIplus project, it was asked if EuroGOOS will maintain its role as member of the BEERi (Board of Directors of Environmental Research Infrastructures). Glenn Nolan explained that this was indeed the plan; even if the BEERi is not funded, it is strategic for EuroGOOS to remain active and attend meetings (approx. two per year).

The BG7 EuroSea proposal was discussed and the need for EuroGOOS to take a more active role in future strategic proposals from the outset. It was noted, however, that in EuroSea EuroGOOS was able to involve a big number of its members, ROOS and task teams, and played a central role in the proposal drafting.

The meeting discussed how to better involve the ROOS in the strategic discussions. It was suggested that the office should be more proactive in involving the ROOS chairs when a call of a strategic EuroGOOS interest is launched.

#### **4. EuroGOOS Strategy**

George Petihakis informed the meeting about the progress of the strategy preparation. The first brainstorming took place at the joint Board and Chairs meeting in January 2019. In early April, a small team, composed of the EuroGOOS chair, vice-chair and the office, met with a strategy development consultant to finetune the high-level objectives put forward in January. On 2 May, a subset of the Board and Chairs discussed these outputs (a bigger meeting wasn't possible due to the holidays period constrains).

Glenn Nolan presented the outcomes of these discussions, which addressed the EuroGOOS main mission, bold steps (high-level ambitions), and values. The meeting exchanged their views on those, and the office took note of the suggestions.

The Assembly will brainstorm further during a world café on 8 May facilitated by an external expert. Upon the agreement on the mission, bold steps, and values, a EuroGOOS strategy drafting team will be formed to prepare a more detailed roadmap outlining realistic and concrete steps to take in the coming ten years.

The meeting agreed that the successes of EuroGOOS in its 25 years of existence should form an introduction to the strategy. The discussion followed on the challenges, e.g. the need to sustain successes (often not possible without a dedicated funding). The inclusion of global policies, e.g. the UN Agenda 2030, in the strategy was also mentioned.

It was discussed to have a flyer or a postcard explaining the EuroGOOS mission and vision, once the strategy is ready. In addition, the office is planning to release the strategy as a glossy dissemination brochure.

#### **5. Challenges within ROOS, WGs and Task Teams**

Chairs were invited to present their short reports. The meeting noted that the integration workshop planned in late 2019 or early 2020 will be crucial to come up with an efficient interface and guidelines of interactions across the EuroGOOS activities for a stronger joint action, representativeness and impact in Europe and globally.

With regards to the FerryBox task team, Andrew King mentioned that the task team had been developed bottom-up and now needs more top-down management and leadership to grow and improve further. He also mentioned the success of the last FerryBox workshop in Genoa in April 2019. It brought together 66 attendees including several private companies, as well as the ICOS carbon network (also working on ships of opportunity). The problem of engaging regional conventions was discussed. Next event of relevance for the Task Team will be OceanObs'19 where there will be a booth for the Norwegian Ships of Opportunity programme. The task team will be located close to the EuroGOOS booth in the European capacity area that EuroGOOS is trying to coordinate at OceanObs19.

A discussion followed on European funding opportunities. It is rather difficult to get a European project focused only on a single observing platform (without a multiplatform approach). The FerryBox community would rather ask for national funding; EC will fund mostly the coordination of observations, not the observations themselves.

Jun She suggested it would be good to document how the FB data is being used in concrete applications and services to end users in order to showcase its utility. The importance of integrating the FerryBox data with other data, including satellite observations, was stressed.

It was also mentioned that the involvement of the EuroGOOS members in the task team activities will not be improved unless there is a continuous monitoring of the task teams' progress.

Vicente Fernandez presented the Tide Gauge Task Team updates on behalf of the Chair, Begoña Perez. The task team presented at the recent GLOSS session in Korea (see the EuroGOOS news piece on the website). The next meeting is on 20 June in Madrid, hosted by Puertos del Estado.

The Glider Task Team was discussed (the Chair was not present at the meeting). No updates have been submitted lately to EuroGOOS. As the Glider group has also been recognized as an observing network under GOOS, it may be time to discuss whether this EuroGOOS task team is needed.

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Julien Mader presented the HF Radar Task Team updates. The main activity of the group has been to follow the implementation of all data standards discussed at various Work Camps that took place organized by the group. Next step is to link HF Radar data with other platforms (multiplatform approach); the proposed EuroGOOS integration workshop is a good opportunity to explore synergies.

Sylvie Pouliquen updated the meeting on the Euro-Argo activities as part of the Argo Task Team. She explained the progress made in the past 5 years and mentioned that the Euro-Argo ERIC will go through an external validation that will assess the results achieved during this period and provide recommendations on the next 5-year plan. She also mentioned that a Euro-Argo user workshop will take place in October in Athens. Euro-Argo will also be represented at OceanObs'19. The H2020 Euro-Argo RISE project started in January 2019 aiming to enhance the infrastructure and the technology necessary to implement the extension of Euro-Argo to abyssal ocean, biogeochemistry, high latitude and coastal areas, as well as fostering the link with stakeholders and other ESFRI Research Infrastructures

The Fixed Platform and ABI Task Teams didn't send reports to EuroGOOS. At their meeting earlier that day the Board had already agreed actions to re-activate these groups.

The Coastal WG was presented by Nicky Villars (on behalf of Ghada El-Serafy). She welcomed the idea of a workshop to coordinate with other EuroGOOS activities.

Sylvie Pouliquen presented the DataMEQ WG report. Last meeting of the group was in November 2018 in Brussels where the recommendations issued in 2015 were reviewed and updated. She highlighted the progress made through H2020 projects and stressed that it is important to sustain the services developed. The dashboard data tools developed in AtlantOS are now available on the EuroGOOS website. Enhancing access and availability of BGC data was discussed. A main task of the working group would be to provide recommendations on data formats derived from all the different

projects working on data issues. DataMEQ and the office are working on a new EuroGOOS data policy based on a simplified version of the 2000 data policy.

Rajesh Nair presented the Technology WG updates. It was stressed that the group needs to engage with industry, probably through a workshop or the EOOS Technology Forum. The FerryBox Task Team community was mentioned as an example of how to engage with industry.

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Jun She presented the Strategic Advisory Working Group updates. The WG aims to give recommendations on broadening integration (e.g. biology and BGC observations), EuroGOOS strategy, and crosscutting needs among the EuroGOOS activities. The group is currently not very active and should be re-established with a new ToR and work plan, as well as a new call for members.

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Vanessa Cardin, Julien Mader, Sebastien Legrand and Jun She presented various ROOS activities. Further reports are to be submitted to the Assembly the following day.

## **6. Overview of the meeting decisions and next meeting date**

George Petihakis thanked the meeting participants and closed the meeting.

## **Annex 1: List of actions as agreed at the Board and Chairs meeting on 7 May 2019**

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