



**EuroGOOS Extraordinary
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Dear EuroGOOS member representatives,

The current Secretary General of EuroGOOS, Inga Lips, leaves the post on April 30th, 2025. The EuroGOOS Executive Directors Board has conducted a rigorous recruitment campaign to find the new Secretary General for the 2025-30 period.

As Chair of the Executive Directors Board, I am pleased to recommend Dr. Merrie-Beth Neely from Global Science and Technology, currently working for NOAA's Satellite Oceanography & Climatology Division, for the role. The EuroGOOS Executive Directors Board believe that she possesses an excellent skill set to progress the objectives of EuroGOOS AISBL in the coming years.

A short biography of Merrie-Beth Neely is provided below:

Dr. Merrie Beth Neely is a certified program manager, phytoplankton ecologist, and oceanographer holding advanced degrees from University of Tampa and University of South Florida. She thrives in roles overseeing international technical scientific programs focused on earth observation. As a scientist with a background in harmful algal blooms and oceanic, coastal, estuarine, and riverine water quality monitoring; she brings considerable knowledge of ocean observatory construction and operational management, including field sampling and laboratory analysis. Merrie Beth is an award-winning supervisor and successful research program team leader. She has a proven ability to manage significant operational budgets and demonstrates fiscal discipline, resourcefulness, and a commitment to quality in critical data-centric settings. Foremost, Merrie Beth enjoys fostering relationships and has built effective, collaborative, long-term partnerships with diverse audiences.

In line with our organizational rules, you will be asked to approve the appointment of Merrie-Beth Neely at an Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting that will take place as a hybrid meeting at the EuroGOOS office in Brussels (rue Vautier 29) on April 10th 2025 at 1:00 p.m. The registration link will be sent in the following email, along with the procedure for nominating a proxy if you cannot attend in person or online.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting in April.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Holger Brix
EuroGOOS Executive Directors Board Chair