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Document 2.2: Office Report on Activities

This report summarises the activities of the EuroGOOS Office in the reporting period (May 2024 - May 2025)

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1. EUROGOOS STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

The [EuroGOOS 2030 Strategy](#) sets the direction for EuroGOOS activities, supporting integrated, fit-for-purpose operational oceanography to inform policy and decision-making. It guides the work of the EuroGOOS community and underpins our contributions to European and global ocean observing efforts. The Strategy is built around five core objectives that guide the organisation's work towards a coordinated, sustainable, and impactful European ocean observing system:

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1. **Stimulate communities of practice** by fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and innovation across disciplines and sectors within operational oceanography.
2. **Advocate for a coordinated and integrated approach** to European ocean observing and operational oceanography, ensuring sustained investment and policy recognition.
3. **Strengthen and expand partnerships** at European and international levels, promoting synergies across institutions, initiatives, and stakeholder groups.
4. **Promote sustainability across the full value chain** of ocean observing and operational oceanography — from data collection and processing to services and end-user applications.
5. **Mobilise the public and decision-makers** on the critical importance of the ocean and the value of oceanographic services for society, the environment, and the economy.

During the reporting period, the terms of reference of the EuroGOOS task teams and working groups were reviewed by the Executive Directors Board (the Board), with an emphasis on assessing their relevance and timeliness in relation to the Strategy's objectives. In 2025, the Board will launch a mid-term evaluation of the Strategy to reflect on progress and inform future priorities. A discussion to initiate this process will take place at the upcoming General Assembly (GA) in Helsinki, with active engagement from the members (See Agenda Item 3). Furthermore, the Strategy provides essential background for EuroGOOS positions on key policy developments such as the EU Ocean Pact and the Commitment to the UN Ocean Conference 3 (UNOC-3) — see below for further details.

2. EUROGOOS MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY

At the 2024 EuroGOOS General Assembly, two new organisations joined EuroGOOS: +ATLANTIC CoLAB from Portugal and Met Éireann, Irish Meteorological Service. Today, EuroGOOS brings together 48 member organisations from 19 countries. The EuroGOOS membership expansion or consolidation will be discussed at the upcoming GA in Helsinki (See Agenda Item 3).

Together with the members of EuroGOOS Task Teams (TTs), Working Groups (WGs), and ROOS, the EuroGOOS direct community counts approximately 140 organisations.

3. INTEGRATION AMONG THE EUROGOOS ACTIVITIES

As part of preparations for the 2025 General Assembly, the Office conducted a member survey (8–16 January 2025) to gather inputs on key priorities, with 13 organisations from 10 countries responding (see Meeting Document 2.3 Report on Members Survey on GA Co-Design). A central theme emerging from the responses was EuroGOOS Integration, which was ranked the highest priority by respondents (84.6%).

This topic focused on enhancing alignment and joint priority-setting across the EuroGOOS governance structure, particularly among WGs, TTs, and ROOSs. Members called for improved coordination mechanisms and more structured communication to define clear, collective objectives and avoid duplication of efforts. Suggestions included:

- Regular, targeted meetings between WGs, TTs, and ROOSs;
- Networking and cross-regional collaboration opportunities;
- Clearer articulation of each group's contributions within the broader system.

In addition, integration of systems and data was flagged as a related priority area. This includes improving interoperability between marine data services and European Research Infrastructures (RIs), strengthening links to the EU Digital Twin Ocean, and exploring shared projects and advancements in data assimilation, machine learning, and quality control.

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These insights underline a strong member interest in greater internal cohesion and strategic alignment, ensuring that EuroGOOS functions as a well-integrated and collaborative system across all operational layers. A dedicated brainstorming session is organised at the upcoming GA and Helsinki (See Agenda Item 2). Related brainstorming sessions will be held on the membership strategy and EOOS (See Agenda Item 3).

4. EUROPEAN MARINE SCIENCE-POLICY INTERACTIONS

EU Ocean Pact

On 20 January 2025, the European Commission issued a call for evidence for the European Ocean Pact. In co-design with the EuroGOOS members, the Office developed a response (submitted in February 2025), emphasising the importance of improving policy coherence and creating a unified framework for ocean-related policies. EuroGOOS highlights that marine knowledge, supported by continuous ocean observations, is essential for effective policy implementation and monitoring.

The response outlines three key areas for strengthening the EU's marine knowledge framework.

- First, it advocates for the prioritisation of ocean observing infrastructure and expertise in the Ocean Pact, stressing the need for coordination through the European Ocean Observing System (EOOS). Strengthening observation efforts across Member States, especially in coastal and transitional waters, is crucial for a fully integrated marine knowledge framework. Furthermore, recognising ocean observations as a key blue economy sector will promote technological innovation, sustainability, and competitiveness.
- Second, EuroGOOS calls for the creation of an integrated and accessible marine data ecosystem to support effective decision-making. It emphasises the importance of aligning national, regional, and European ocean observing efforts and ensuring open and FAIR data principles. Strengthening partnerships and collaboration between operational ocean observations, statutory monitoring, and citizen science will expand data collection and raise public awareness of ocean sustainability.
- Third, EuroGOOS stresses the importance of fostering ocean literacy and education for the success of the European Ocean Pact. It advocates for enhanced education in operational oceanography, technology, and data, aimed at both professionals and the general public. Engaging citizens, policymakers, and industry through targeted events and dialogues will broaden support for ocean policies.

Overall, EuroGOOS urges the European Ocean Pact to support ocean observations, marine data integration, and Ocean Literacy initiatives, all critical for advancing science-to-policy engagement, supporting a sustainable blue economy, and ensuring informed decision-making for the benefit of society and the ocean. The full response is [here](#).

EU policy-related interactions

Furthermore, the Office and the Board routinely engage with a range of European policy-related initiatives to advance ocean observation and marine knowledge. EuroGOOS collaborates with the European Marine Board and JPI Oceans in the development of EOOS. It has long-standing ties with

EMODnet, which has a permanent seat at the EOOS Steering Group, and collaborates on projects and events. EuroGOOS is also involved with the EEA and EUMETNET, supporting the Copernicus in situ component and the Copernicus Marine Service. The Office engages with the ENVRI Board on the development of European Marine Research Infrastructures (in addition to the role in the AMRIT project detailed in Meeting Document 2.5 EU Projects Overview Sheets).

EuroGOOS also maintains connections with EU4OceanObs and other international initiatives like the G7 Working Group on the "Future of Seas and Oceans". The Office also monitors initiatives such as AAORIA and AtlantOS for potential collaboration opportunities.

5. EOOS

EOOS Steering Group held meetings with DG MARE and also, on 23 April 2025, with four Directorates-General - MARE, RTD, ENV, and DEFIS - to discuss the future of EOOS and the European Commission's role in its development. The EC Ocean Observations Initiative is expected to act as a catalyst for achieving national coordination of ocean observing activities, with pilot actions envisaged to complement the needs. The EOOS [Steering Group](#), [Advisory Committee](#), and [Resources Forum](#) also held meetings to discuss the potential evolution of the EOOS governance structure. The EuroGOOS Board of Directors is actively involved in these discussions.

In February 2025, EOOS Steering Group submitted [response](#) to the EU Ocean Pact Call for Evidence, highlighting the need for effective coordination of ocean observing as a cornerstone of sound ocean governance. The response calls for the implementation of the EU Ocean Observations Initiative and the EOOS mandate to strengthen coordination within and across EU Member States and internationally. The submission also emphasised the importance of long-term strategic investments in infrastructure and operations to establish a mature and competitive European system with near-real-time observing capabilities.

Furthermore, two [National Charts](#) developed by JPI Oceans have been released as part of the EOOS Resources Forum work. They detail in situ ocean observations and monitoring responsibilities and processes in Greece and Germany, along with related downstream data flows. These charts lay the groundwork for improved coordination, gap identification, and the sharing of best practices.

6. UN DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2021-2030

EuroGOOS was endorsed as an Implementing Partner of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (Decade Implementing Partner - DIP) in early 2024. At the EuroGOOS GA in May 2024, members were engaged in a world café session to develop the EuroGOOS DIP work plan. The plan was produced by the Office and approved by the Board in Autumn 2024 (see Meeting Document 2.4 EuroGOOS DIP Work Plan).

The EuroGOOS DIP Plan lists the following key actions:

- **Mapping & Alignment with Decade Challenges:** Map EuroGOOS activities vs. Decade challenges & gaps
- **Engagement with National Decade Committees (NDCs):** Map NDCs, GOOS NFPs, & EuroGOOS Members for enhanced awareness of national coordination structures
- **Policy & Advocacy:** Advocate for oceanography integration in policy - policy brief. Support DCO-OO in building an inclusive observing community – focus on public-private collaboration
- **Ocean Literacy:** Educational materials on operational oceanography
- **Forward-Looking Strategy:** Post-2030 strategy for EuroGOOS to continue Decade's efforts
- **Webinars & Workshops:** "Decade Cookbook" webinars for the community. EuroGOOS Integration Workshop on the Decade.

As DIP, EuroGOOS Office reports to the IOC (annually) and liaises with the Decade Coordination Office for Ocean Observing (DCO-OO) approximately every two months. The DCO-OO meetings unite several DIPs linked to ocean observing.

7. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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Engagement with IOC, IODE, and GOOS

EuroGOOS engages internationally with a wide network of organisations and initiatives, promoting collaboration and best practice sharing. The Office leadership participates in the annual meetings of the GOOS GRA Council and is involved in the biannual GRA Forum. As an official observer in the IOC Group 1, EuroGOOS is represented at meetings, while also being a DIP, leading a Decade project and being involved in several programmes. Additionally, EuroGOOS presents its data policy at IODE Assemblies and participates (through DataMEQ) in International Ocean Data Conferences, promoting data standards and collaboration. Through these engagements, the Office promotes networking and coordination, contributing to international ocean governance, research, and policy development. Members of the Office are involved in an advisory capacity in various programmes and initiatives to help gather information and promote EuroGOOS priorities (see Annex 1).

ArORA

EuroGOOS has played a key role in supporting the establishment of the Arctic Ocean Regional Alliance (ArORA), a proposed initiative to improve the coordination of ocean observing in the Arctic. As the Arctic region lacks a dedicated GOOS Regional Alliance, EuroGOOS and Arctic ROOS have provided coordination support to the ArORA Task Team since its inception. This international task team, endorsed by the GOOS Steering Committee and the SAON Board, is working towards a proposal for ArORA.

UNOC-3

The upcoming UN Ocean Conference (UNOC-3), to take place on 9-13 June 2025, has been another key opportunity to flag the EuroGOOS positions internationally. The Office, upon consultation with the Board and SAWG, developed submissions to two UNOC-3 consultations: on the development of the UNOC-3 panels (in August 2025) and on the Nice Action Plan (in November 2025).

In February, the Office submitted a EuroGOOS Voluntary Commitment to UNOC-3, subsequently released by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (see [here](#)).

In its statement submitted on behalf of its membership and summarising the priorities also outlined in the EU Ocean Pact response, EuroGOOS commits to:

- **Advance the Coordination of Ocean Observations:** Support the implementation of the European Ocean Observation Initiative, strengthen the European Ocean Observing System (EOOS), and promote global partnerships as the UN Ocean Decade Implementing Partner, improving collaboration across national, regional, and global networks.
- **Enhance Marine Data Accessibility and Integration:** Promote and implement FAIR data principles and the EuroGOOS Data Policy¹, ensuring interoperability and alignment between marine data providers across Europe, while contributing to the global marine data ecosystem integration.

¹ <https://repository.oceanbestpractices.org/handle/11329/2438>

- **Expand Ocean Literacy Efforts:** Through the *Scientists for Ocean Literacy* initiative, EuroGOOS will engage policymakers, industry, and youth in dedicated events, policy dialogues, and training programmes.
- **Support Europe's Digital Twin Ocean:** Advocate for sustained and systematic marine observational data contributions to ensure that the Digital Twin Ocean serves as a reliable tool for policy and industry stakeholders.

One Ocean Science Congress

The scientific component of UNOC-3 is developed through the One Ocean Science Congress, taking place a week prior (3-6 June 2025), also in Nice. The Office, upon approval of the Board and SAWG, developed two abstracts, which were both accepted:

- “Enhancing ocean observing infrastructures: Integrated approach to open data, innovation, and science-policy engagement for sustainable ocean futures” – will be presented as a EuroGOOS talk (oral) under Theme 10: Vibrant science to inform and support ocean action; T10-2: Research infrastructure to sustain, expand, and share ocean observations, data, monitoring, and modelling.
- “Empowering sustainable development through Ocean Literacy: the UN Ocean Decade Scientists for Ocean Literacy project by EuroGOOS” – will be presented as EuroGOOS poster under Theme 1: Integrating knowledge systems, with a focus on responsibility and respect for the ocean; T1-6 “Inclusive actions: uplifting voices of local actors, creating public awareness and increasing ocean education and literacy”.

8. WORKING GROUPS AND TASK TEAMS

5.1 WORKING GROUPS

This section presents the Office updates on the working group activities. Updates from the working group Chairs are available in the GA meeting document 2.8 WG Chairs’ Reports.

- **Science Advisory WG (SAWG):** During the reporting period, the Office supported two SAWG webinars for the EuroGOOS Members community - on low-cost technologies and on artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML). Both webinars led to follow-up actions. A white paper on low-cost technologies is being developed by an ad hoc expert group led by a SAWG member (see Meeting Document 2.8 WG Chairs’ Reports). For the AI/ML topic, SAWG engaged with the BOOS AI WG, Arctic ROOS, and CWG to explore next steps, including the potential launch of a journal special issue on the topic, edited by EuroGOOS. The Office also supported the development of a new SAWG work plan, shaped during a brainstorming session at the March SAWG meeting. The group is meeting monthly, on average.
- **Data Management, Exchange and Quality (DataMEQ):** The Office supported and co-authored the DataMEQ submissions to the International Ocean Data Conference (IODC-III), including an abstract promoting the EuroGOOS Data Policy 2023 as a contribution to FAIR data management in the Ocean Decade and beyond. A successful DataMEQ hybrid meeting in Bologna on 13 November 2024 brought together 28 participants from major data initiatives (ODIS, CMEMS, EMODnet, IQuOD, Global Sea Level Observing System) to review the 2024 work plan and address key topics such as data traceability, AI, and cloud-native workflows. The group identified priority actions to advance data interoperability and alignment with global frameworks, including WMO Information System 2.0 (WIS2), launching pilot projects with IODE-IOC’s Ocean Data and Information System (ODIS) (e.g. using Argo data), and updating the IOC Ocean Data Publication Cookbook. Efforts will also focus on promoting data citation best practices.

- **Ocean Literacy Working Group (OLWG):** The Office co-led activities including a survey on ocean literacy initiatives across EuroGOOS member organisations and the broader scientific community. A scientific article is currently being prepared based on the survey results. Another key activity of the OLWG is its support for the implementation of the UN Ocean Decade project *Scientists for Ocean Literacy*, coordinated by EuroGOOS. A chapter co-authored by 14 OLWG experts (13 from EuroGOOS member organisations and the Office) will be published in the upcoming Springer book *Ocean Literacy: The Foundation for the Success of the Ocean Decade—Volume I: Transforming Education, Research, and Engagement*, expected to launch at UNOC-3 on 9–13 June 2025. The OLWG also supports the Office’s role in the EU4Ocean project. In line with EuroGOOS’s strategic objective to promote societal and policy engagement through ocean literacy (Objective 5), EuroGOOS is co-organising the 2025 Conference of the European Marine Science Educators Association (EMSEA) dedicated to the future of European Ocean Literacy, to be held on 17–19 September 2025 in Ostend, Belgium. The OLWG and *Scientists for Ocean Literacy* project have been featured at the OceanPredict Symposium ([poster](#)) and will be showcased at the One Ocean Science Congress in Nice ([poster](#)).
- **Technology Plan WG (TPWG):** The EOOS Technology Forum 2024 report has been prepared (September 2024) and is pending final layout for publication. While the TPWG develops the programme of the biannual EOOS Technology Forum (next edition in 2026), the group remains small and relatively inactive.
- **Coastal WG (CWG):** The Coastal Working Group is contributing to CoastPredict (UN Ocean Decade Programme) and developing the [Atlas](#) built by the OceanPrediction Decade Collaborative Centre (DCC).

5.2 TASK TEAMS

This section presents the Office updates on the task team activities. Updates from the Task Team Chairs are available in the GA meeting document 2.7 TT Chairs’ Reports.

- **Gliders Task Team:** The Gliders Task Team co-organised the European Glider Community side meeting at the International Underwater Glider Conference 2024, held on 10 June 2024 in Gothenburg, Sweden. Furthermore, a dedicated side event brought together key initiatives - EGO, EuroGOOS Glider Task Team, GROOM RI, and OceanGliders - to present their roles within the European Glider Community. The discussion focused on how these initiatives complement one another and how they can collectively support European and, to some extent, global glider operators and users.
- **Argo Task Team:** The Argo Task Team continues its support for institutions that are not yet members of the Euro-Argo ERIC. The Office participates in the group’s meetings, with the next meeting scheduled for June 2025.
- **Fixed Platform TT:** The most recent meetings were in September 2024 and April 2025. Task Team meetings have been scheduled for the rest of 2025 and the first half of 2026 with intervals of three months.
- **Tide Gauges TT and High Frequency Radar TT:** Limited information on the Office’s involvement is available at the time of reporting due to personnel gaps.

9. REGIONAL OPERATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS

In the reporting period, the Office provided support to the ROOSs as detailed below. The full ROOS reports are available in Meeting Document 2.6 ROOS Chairs' Reports.

- **Baltic Operational Oceanographic System (BOOS)**: The BOOS Annual Meeting will take place on 2–4 June 2025 in Sopot, Poland. Alongside its Scientific Workshop, working group meetings, and business meetings, the event will feature two special sessions. One, co-developed with the EuroGOOS Office and DCO-OO, will focus on public-private partnerships for data and forecasting services. The second, led by EuroGOOS Office in its role as AMRIT task leader, will seek BOOS feedback on project tools. Additionally, the BOOS website is considered for hosting under the EuroGOOS umbrella, aligning with other ROOS websites.
- **Arctic Regional Ocean Observing System (Arctic ROOS)**: The Office supported the coordination of the online workshop “AI: Showcases for Ocean and Sea Ice Applications in the Arctic”, co-organised with the Arctic Regional Team of the OceanPrediction DCC and held on 6 February 2025 (watch [here](#)). Additionally, the Office is supporting the organisation of the Arctic ROOS Annual Meeting, taking place at RBINS in Brussels on 7–8 May 2025. As part of the meeting, the Office will lead an AMRIT workshop to gather user feedback, following a similar approach to the BOOS Annual Meeting.
- **North-West European Shelf Operational Oceanographic System (NOOS)**: The NOOS Annual Meeting took place 14–16 October 2024 in Copenhagen, Denmark, hosted by DMI. The Office conducted an AMRIT workshop. Office also designed the [NOOS Strategy](#) layout.
- **Mediterranean Oceanographic Network for the Global Ocean Observing System (MonGOOS)**: The MonGOOS General Assembly took place on 1–3 October 2024 in Malaga, Spain. The Office organised an AMRIT workshop and presented EuroGOOS updates during the event. On 16 April 2025, an Extraordinary General Assembly was organised to elect a new chair, Baptiste Mourre, with unanimous approval of the present members.
- **Ireland-Biscay-Iberia Regional Operational Oceanographic System (IBI ROOS)**: Limited information on the Office's involvement is available at the time of reporting due to personnel gaps.

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10. EU PROJECTS

During the reporting period, the Office has been involved in several EU-funded projects listed below. Details of the running projects are presented in Document 2.5 EU Project Overview Sheets.

- **Advance Marine Research Infrastructures Together (AMRIT, 2024-2028)**: The project will develop tools and services for Marine Research Infrastructure operators and establish an EOOS Technical Support Centre with a helpdesk. At this stage, the Office's role is to gather user needs and feedback through dedicated workshops at EuroGOOS ROOS meetings. In October 2024, workshops were held with MONGOOS and NOOS, with further sessions planned for Arctic ROOS and BOOS in spring 2025 (as mentioned in the previous item above).
- **BioEcoOcean (2024-2028), ObsSea4Clim (2024-2028), and BioGeoSea (2025-2029)**: These three sister projects target different groups of GOOS Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs), with EuroGOOS contributing as a partner across all three - supporting networking, stakeholder engagement, and policy alignment. On 11–12 March 2025, the Office contributed to a joint clustering event hosted by IOPAN in Sopot, Poland. It brought together participants from ObsSea4Clim and BioEcoOcean, with contributions from BioGeoSea (officially launching in

September 2025). The event focused on strengthening synergies across physical and biological-ecological ocean observation, addressing integration challenges and promoting methodological interoperability. The programme included three thematic sessions on EOVS, Land-Coast-Ocean Interactions, and Marine Heatwaves, followed by a policy-oriented workshop aimed at enhancing the societal impact and policy relevance of the projects' outcomes. The summary of the clustering event is [here](#).

- **Developing Optimal and Open Research Support for the Black Sea (DOORS, 2021–2025):** The project is ending in May 2025. EuroGOOS is leading the Stakeholder Engagement and Legacy work package, with work focused on developing a stakeholder engagement strategy and coordination, collaborating with established RIs (four ERICs: Euro-Argo, EMSO, LifeWatch, and EMBRC, as well as Danubius-RI) and European data services, fostering national multi-actor forums, promoting youth engagement and ocean literacy, and developing legacy instruments and conferences. In April 2024, the Office co-developed and contributed to the DOORS Stakeholder Conference in Bucharest. In February–March 2025, the office fostered national youth engagement events in Georgia, Türkiye, Bulgaria, Romania, and Ukraine. At the end of March, the Office contributed to a high-level event at the European Parliament promoting the importance of continued EU support for the Black Sea. In April, the Office organised three webinars, in collaboration with the involved ERICs, DataMEQ, and EMODnet, on FAIR data best practices². On 5–6 May, the Office will represent EuroGOOS at the final DOORS Stakeholder Conference, and on 7–8 May at the project's final General Assembly. EuroGOOS child book 'The Ocean Is My Home' was translated into Romanian and Bulgarian through the project.
- **EU4Ocean (tender, 2022-2025):** In the reporting period, the Office and the OLWG developed a training programme for scientists to engage in ocean literacy, underpinning the OLWG's objective of promoting societal engagement as part of scientific organisations' work. The Office is employing a consultant (funded by the tender) to organize the training, which is scheduled for September 2025. Another training activity will be developed with VLIZ, a fellow Decade Implementing Partner, to engage Early Career Ocean Professionals in FAIR data management. This training is planned for October 2025 and is foreseen for realisation on UNESCO's Ocean Teacher Global Academy platform.
- **EEA COP-IDEA (2025-2026):** The project started in January 2025 with EuroGOOS leading marine task. It aims to maintain, expand and update the inventory of marine in situ datasets and assess the feasibility of and prepare a roadmap for a future data rescue activity. This task will advance the survey to allow reporting of complex datasets, facilitate response from a broad area, keep the survey open for 6 months to allow reaching out to more distinct oceanographic or environmental institutions and analyse the results/prepare a report. This will improve access to both regional and coastal marine data, essential for advancing CMEMS. The focus will be on buoy stations, and possibly FerryBox and Argo data as an additional option, to improve the assimilation and validation of CMEMS reanalysis. Development of the survey is planned for May 2025, with the survey launch for June 2025.
- **Blue-Cloud 2026 (2023-2026):** The Office is involved in the development of the Blue-Cloud Training Academy³ which offers a comprehensive space for learning how to use Blue-Cloud services to support Open Science in marine research. In addition to online resources, the Academy hosts dedicated meetings to foster the uptake of Open Science methodologies, helping researchers stay at the forefront of innovation. The Office has organised successful training sessions on FAIR data principles.

² The webinars are part of DOORS life-long training and are available to access here:

<https://training.lifewatch.eu/resources/?resource=/course/view.php?id=133>

³ <https://blue-cloud.org/training-academy>

- [FOCCUS](#) (2024-2026): The Office supports the FOCCUS project efforts to strengthen coastal forecasting across Europe. Together with partners from RBINS and MOi, an inventory of Member State coastal forecasting systems is being prepared. The OceanPrediction DCC Atlas has been used as a key information source for this work, and stakeholders have been encouraged to register their forecasting systems in the Atlas.

11. COMMUNICATION

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EuroGOOS Office updates / Newsletter

A dedicated member updates email is sent to the members at the end of each month. It also includes latest Office activities across all projects, WGs, TTs, ROOS, representation at events, and additional sections, such as stakeholder announcements and funding calls.

EuroGOOS social media

The social network with the largest number of followers is [X](#) (formerly, Twitter), with 6,834 followers. However, during this period, due to significant changes on the platform many followers have left. In response, EuroGOOS created a profile on [BlueSky](#) to diversify its presence. This move aligned with a broader audience shift, and the new profile currently has 266 followers. [LinkedIn](#) is now the main social content platform, with 1,832 followers. During this period, a campaign of weekly updates has been created, featuring relevant news or deadlines for that week.

EuroGOOS website

The ongoing delays in the delivery and quality of the new website led to the termination of the contract with the company overseeing the revamp. As a result, the company that regularly manages EuroGOOS domains was asked to finalise the process.

EuroGOOS communication material

With the launch of the new website, updated communication materials will be released and made available to members, chairs, and co-chairs to support the promotion of activities in line with the EuroGOOS brand. These resources will include brand guidelines, a presentation template, roll-up banners, and custom illustrations.

12. OFFICE TEAM

The EuroGOOS Office staff are employed either directly on Belgian contracts by EuroGOOS AISBL or via a service contract. All office staff are currently employed full-time. The roles and contract terms of staff are presented below:

Full-time staff:

1. Inga Lips, Secretary General, April 2020-April 2025 (service contract)
2. Dina Eparkhina, Senior Policy and Communications Officer, since June 2015 (since September 2020 on permanent contract)
3. Joseph Nolan, Science Officer, July 2022 - January 2025
4. Deniz Karaca, Science Officer, August 2022 – July 2027
5. Manuel Sala Pérez, Policy Officer, April 2025 – March 2029
6. Alicia Blanco, Communications Officer, since January 2022 (since January 2025 on permanent contract)
7. Kathleen Heymans, Office and Financial Administrator, January 2024 – January 2028

At the end of January 2025, the temporary contract of Joseph Nolan was terminated following his resignation. On 1 April 2025, Manuel Sala Perez joined the Office as a new staff member. At the end of April 2025, the service contract of Inga Lips ended upon the completion of its full five-year term.

On 10 April 2025, a candidate for the EuroGOOS Secretary General position was presented to the members at an Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting; however, the candidate was not elected following the members' vote. The process for hiring the EuroGOOS Secretary General will be discussed at the General Assembly in Helsinki.

In the interim period before a new Secretary General is selected and appointed, the Board has designated Dina Eparkhina as Acting Office Leader and Sebastien Legrand as Board Liaison.

13. EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The EuroGOOS Executive Board of Directors is composed of Chair and six members, their mandates are presented in the table below.

NAME	COUNTRY	GENDE R (F/M)	ELECTED AS BOARD MEMBER – 1 ST MANDATE	RE-ELECTED AS BOARD MEMBER – 2 ND AND LAST MANDATE	ELECTED AS CHAIR / VICE- CHAIR – 1 ST MANDATE	ELECTED AS CHAIR / VICE-CHAIR – 2 ND MANDATE
Holger Brix Chair	Germany	M	2019-2022		2021-2024 Vice-Chair	2024-2027 Chair
Ghada El Serafy Vice-Chair	Netherlands	F	2020-2023			2024-2027 Vice-Chair
Giovanni Coppini	Italy	M	2021-2024	2024-2027		
Branko Cermelj	Slovenia	M	2024-2027			
Julien Mader	Spain	M	2024-2027			
Sebastien Legrand	Belgium	M	2024-2027			
Lucie Cocquempot	France	F	2024-2027			

ANNEX 1: EUROGOOS OFFICE REPRESENTATION AT GLOBAL AND EUROPEAN PANELS

Table 1: EuroGOOS Office representation at global and European panels, May 2024 - April 2025

Organisation/Initiative/Project	Scale	EuroGOOS staff member	Role
GOOS Regional Alliances Council	Int'l	Inga Lips	Member
IOC Electoral Group 1	Int'l	Inga Lips	Observer
UN Ocean Decade Programme CoastPredict Advisory Committee	Int'l	Inga Lips	Member
UN Ocean Decade Ocean Acidification Research for Sustainability" (OARS) Programme WG Outreach & Engagement	Int'l	Dina Eparkhina	Member
UN Ocean Decade Coordination Office for Ocean Observing - Decade Implementing Partners (DIP) group	Int'l	Dina Eparkhina	DIP lead
Arctic Ocean Regional Alliance	Int'l	Joseph Nolan (till Jan.)	Member
Euro-Argo Scientific and Technical Advisory Group	EU	Inga Lips	Member
Copernicus Marine Service Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee	EU	Inga Lips	Observer
EU Project OBAMA-NEXT Practitioners Advisory Board	EU	Inga Lips	Member
EU project GES4SEAS Practitioners Board	EU	Dina Eparkhina	Member
EU4Ocean European Commission Ocean Literacy Platform	EU	Dina Eparkhina	Member

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