

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER?

EuroGOOS membership is open to both public and private organizations working in the field of operational marine services and related research from any country bordering the European seas, and supporting the aims and objectives of EuroGOOS.

- Send your expression of interest describing your organization and its link with other relevant national/regional/pan-European actors to the EuroGOOS office at eurogoos@eurogoos.eu.
- If the organization is deemed eligible, the expression of interest is discussed by the Executive Directors Board who makes a recommendation to the General Assembly.
- The head of the applying institution will be invited to attend the next General Assembly meeting (held yearly, normally in May) to present the institution before the meeting takes a decision.
- Membership takes effect immediately during the same General Assembly meeting. Member contributions are required starting from 1 January following the approval of the new member.

HOW MUCH IS THE FEE?

Membership fees are paid by the organization regardless of the number of institutes from the same country already represented on EuroGOOS. Country categories are applied. Fees are approved by the General Assembly on a multi-annual basis. Contact the office at eurogoos@eurogoos.eu to request the fee for your organization.

OTHER QUESTIONS?

The office will gladly reply to any queries.

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The Benefits of Membership



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WHY EUROGOOS?

EuroGOOS, European Global Ocean Observing System, is an international non-profit association of national governmental agencies and research organisations in Europe, promoting operational oceanography. EuroGOOS operates in the context of UNESCO IOC's Global Ocean Observing System. Founded in 1994, EuroGOOS has played a leading role in improving the quality and cost effectiveness of the ocean observing services in Europe. Through its Regional Operational Oceanographic Systems, working groups and networks of operational platforms, EuroGOOS develops strategies, priorities and standards towards an integrated European Ocean Observing System, to underpin sustainable blue growth.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS?

EuroGOOS operates as both national, regional and international levels, offering its members a unique forum for collaboration, networking and new opportunities.

Nationally, EuroGOOS brings together over 100 national research performing institutes, funding agencies, SMEs and government oceanography services, via its membership and its regional oceanographic systems.

- Fostering collaboration at national level
- Creating new opportunities linking with the main national actors, spanning science and industry
- Sharing infrastructures to save costs and share benefits
- Promoting national oceanography at pan-European and global levels
- Keeping tuned in to regional and pan-European R&D and policy developments

Regionally, EuroGOOS facilitates five Regional Operational Oceanographic Systems, ROOSes. Each ROOS works in synergy with both national and pan-European networks.

- ROOS central data portals feed quality-assured data to pan-European portals, e.g. European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) and Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS)
- Establishing links in both operational service provision and data collaboration through ROOSes
- Connecting ROOSes, through EuroGOOS, to the Global Ocean Observing System, GOOS
- Responding to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, MSFD, and other directives and policies with a marine dimension
- Increasing visibility of national and regional operational oceanography efforts towards more funding opportunities, having an impact on political priorities

Pan-European partnerships facilitated by EuroGOOS promote the development of an end-to-end European Ocean Observing System, EOOS, supported by European policy and decision-makers as well as the research and operational communities.

- Setting R&D and funding priorities for operational oceanography at European level with the help of EuroGOOS strategic advisory working groups and engaging with relevant European Commission services (DG MARE, DG GROWTH, DG RTD, DG ENV, etc.)
- Opening access to marine data from dispersed national platforms via the EuroGOOS flagship initiative - operational task teams
- Building an end-to-end understanding of needs and requirements for a truly integrated pan-European framework for ocean observing
- Cooperating with leading European organisations and initiatives (e.g. EEA, EMB, ICES, etc.)
- Profiling the activities and services of our members
- Promoting operational oceanography at high-level international science policy events

Globally, EuroGOOS represents Europe on the UNESCO Global Ocean Observing System, GOOS. GOOS is a global effort to promote operational oceanography for the benefit of society, from data collection to processing and modelling to operational services (e.g. forecasts) and research (e.g. climate change). Since its establishment as the European GOOS regional alliance in the early 1990s, EuroGOOS has taken the lead in ensuring the use of best practices and fostering cooperation at all levels.

- Promoting openly available data from anywhere on Earth
- Defining the essential ocean variables, EOVs, parameters to be measured for meeting societal, environmental and scientific needs (e.g. AtlantOS project)
- Sharing expertise and building oceanographic capacities across the globe
- Promoting European leadership in research infrastructures, science and technology