



## Report on EuroGOOS Products Working Group 2014

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### Terms of reference

1. Review the known and future potential of operational oceanography to support marine policy development and implementation and provide recommendations to increase the effectiveness of operational oceanography in policy support,
2. Identify, create and disseminate products in collaboration with ROOS's designed to support implementation of the MSFD in their region,
3. Seek feedback from key users on the utility of the products,
4. Provide recommendations to EuroGOOS on future products and on how EuroGOOS can provide support more broadly for policy implementation.

### Progress to date

A telephone conference was convened in April 2014. In summary the meeting agreed that a pragmatic approach as required building on current ROOS capability. The focus will be on end user needs and in particular on the requirements of the MSFD. However, where possible products would be created that may have wider interest either in terms of other policy drivers or for operational or research purposes. Working with ROOS's is regarded as essential but work in conjunction with EMODNet, ICES and relevant EU programmes such as Jerico may also be beneficial. There is strong desire of the WG to identify and deliver products related to the ecosystem well as physical variables.

### Work Programme

An outline programme of work is proposed based on the terms of reference. The numbered tasks relate to each term of reference

#### ToR 1

- 1.1 Carry out short review on operational oceanography in relation to policy development and implementation with primary focus on MSFD. This will identify the opportunities for uptake of the information and evidence created through OO in the policy cycle.
  - Report by December 2014
- 1.2 Agreed definition of Operational Oceanography
  - Text written and agreed November 2014



## **ToR 2**

Work will be carried together with ROOS's and representatives of end-users to agree a series of useful products that can be delivered within this time limited working group. They will be comprised of quick wins that will be easy to deliver in short time scale, products requiring a longer lead in time to agree and develop.

### **2.1 Initial products**

- Finalise initial product list (July 2014)
- Identify sources (August 2014)
- Agree analytical procedure (October 2014)
- Specify outputs and reporting format (October 2014)
- Agree and implement method for dissemination (February 2015)

### **2.2 Final products**

- Finalise final product list (October 2014)
- Identify sources (January 2015)
- Agree analytical procedure (March 2015)
- Specify outputs and reporting format (May 2015)
- Agree and implement method for dissemination (September 2015)

## **ToR 3**

- 3.1 Agree approach to acquire feedback from end-users (October 2014)
- 3.2 Acquire and report feedback on initial products (June 2015)
- 3.3 Acquire and report feedback on final products (February 2015)

## **ToR 4**

- 4.1 Provide recommendations to EuroGOOS on future products and on how EuroGOOS can provide support more broadly for policy implementation (June 2015)

## **Next steps**

These include broadening participation in the Working Group and finalising the list of initial and final product.