

### **EuroGOOS Products Working Group**

The purpose of this working group is to identify the ways in which EuroGOOS can through operational oceanography provide generic support for marine environmental policy delivery and in the case of the European Marine Science Strategy meet the known needs for implementation.

#### **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.

#### **Approach**

- Establish a working group comprised of ROOS's and members willing to participate
- Agree a work plan that identifies, tasks, responsible persons and timescale for delivery
- Identify the specific role(s) that operational oceanography can play in supporting wider policy delivery and products that can support implementation of the MSFD either directly or indirectly (e.g. improve the evidence base for assessments through provision of additional observations, provide information on climate driven change that can influence the outcome to assessments of Good Environmental Status (GES), provide information on the prevailing oceanographic and biogeochemical conditions, use models to optimise monitoring strategies);
- Work with members of ROOS's to identify a set of agreed information products relevant to the known assessment needs for determining GES in their regions;
- Create the products agreed with ROOS members using the appropriate data and model results;
- Make the products available to targeted end users using a variety of approaches (e.g. ROOS websites, WG-OOFE website, presentations to meetings, reports and other publications) and seek feedback on the products including policy users;
- Report to EuroGOOS on role of operational oceanography in supporting marine policy delivery and the options for product delivery.