

# ECOMF Strategic Partnership & Action Plan

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# The Nicosia Declaration

- European national agencies and institutes that deliver operational oceanography services:
  - **Commit to:**
    - Establish relationships and sharing of capacities between the GMES Marine Service and its provision through ECOMF and the MS institutions that provide operational oceanographic services **by creating the “ECOMF Strategic Partnership”** in collaboration with EuroGOOS

# The Nicosia Declaration

- European national agencies and institutes that deliver operational oceanography services:
  - **Agree to:**
    - Develop and promote a common understanding:
      - of the **respective scopes of the GMES marine and national services**  
regarding **the contribution of partners to global and regional observing systems**
    - Define the **rules for dissemination of products and services between the European and National levels**
    - Develop a strategy for the **evolution of the GMES Marine Service and national public services products**
    - Promote **career opportunities and mobility for highly skilled marine scientists and engineers**
    - Define and implement a common communication and outreach strategy

# ECOMF Strategic Partnership

An alliance between the future European Centre for Ocean Monitoring and Forecasting-ECOMF, implemented to deliver the GMES Marine Service and the national institutions that deliver to the public operational oceanography services

- in collaboration with:
  - EuroGOOS and its members
  - ROOSes and their members
- Aims to jointly develop and promote the operational oceanography services and information in Europe, in order **to better comply with the requirements of their generic and key users, to improve their quality and performances and to prepare their evolution according to the state-of-the-art of ocean monitoring and forecasting.**
- **In order to promote this partnership the partners will establish a joint Action Plan**

# Action Plan

- **Involvement of the ECOMF Strategic Partners in the ECOMF preparatory activities**
  - The ECOMF Strategic Partnership provides a framework for organizing and structuring exchanges between entities preparing ECOMF, EuroGOOS , ROOSes and national institutions providing operational oceanographic services.
  - Exchanges will be formalized through the set-up of an ECOMF SP Mission Group involving representatives of the 14 entities preparing ECOMF

# Action Plan

- **Issues to be addressed during the ECOMF design and implementation phase:**
  - Scopes of ECOMF and the Strategic partner services
    - The scope of ECOMF services must comply with the Strategic partner services of ECOMF – ROOSes and national centres
    - The duplication of services between the European, regional and national levels should be avoided
    - **The regional and national ECOMF Strategic partners should benefit from economies of scale induced by the European service**
  - Involvement of EuroGOOS and ROOSes
    - EuroGOOS will contribute to the upstream and downstream interfaces of the Marine Service by organizing and coordinating
      - a) the delivery of in-situ data from national operators through its ROOSes,
      - b) the uptake of the European service by national systems by delivering user requirements as well as structured user assessments.
    - EuroGOOS is also expected to have an advisory role at both technical and strategic levels in the governance scheme of the Marine Service

# Action Plan

- Involvement of national ECOMF Strategic partners in the expertise and dissemination of ECOMF information at national level
  - The national ECOMF Strategic partners should be involved in the assessment of ECOMF products and report on this issue
  - The national users should benefit from the expertise of their national ECOMF Strategic partner, either on ECOMF information or on the national ECOMF Strategic partner service information
  - The national ECOMF Strategic partners should be involved in the ECOMF user support activities
  - The national ECOMF Strategic partners should contribute to a better dissemination of ECOMF data

# Action Plan

## Issues to be addressed (cont.)

- Main issues to be addressed through the ECOMF Strategic Partnership during the ECOMF design and implementation phase:
  - Provision of observational data to ECOMF by its Strategic partners
  - R&D activities for the evolution of ECOMF and of the Strategic partner services
  - Training and outreach activities
- To be assessed and revised each year



# ECOMF MoU

- Considers the implementation of the GMES marine service through MERSEA, MyOcean and MyOcean2 projects
- Emphasizes the long history of cooperation among the principal European institutions and entities involved in building the capacity of European operational oceanography
  - Through R&D at national and EU levels
  - Within the framework of the EU GMES initiative and program
- Recalls the statement of the EU Commission Communication “Toward a Space Strategy for the European Union that Benefits its Citizens” that the current priority for GMES is to ensure that it is implemented **in partnership with MS** and fully operational by the end of 2014.

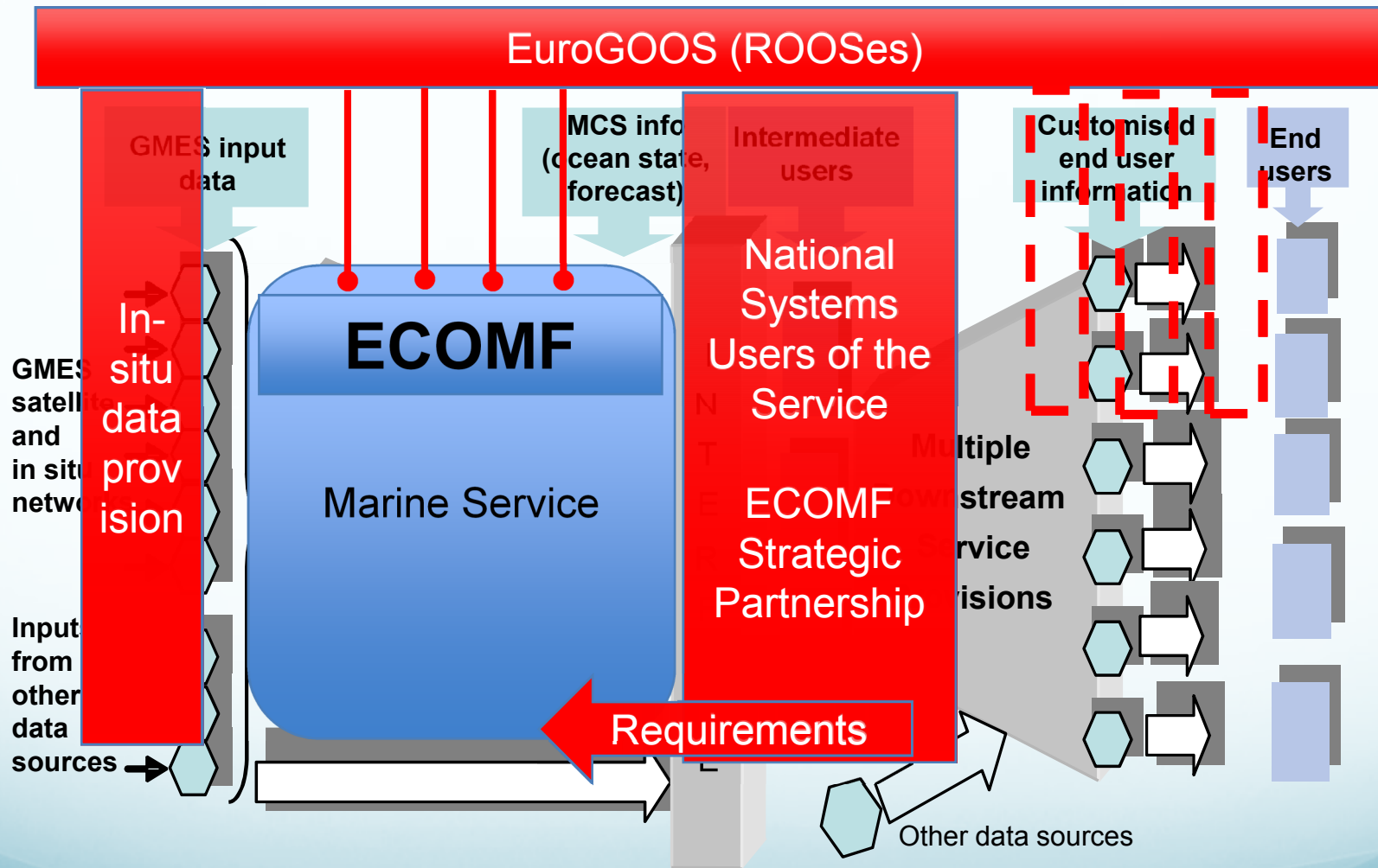
# ECOMF MoU

- EU will support the provision of a sustainable, and state-of-the-art GMES Marine Service **by contributing funds** to enhance the capacities and resources dedicated to GMES, as well as those **already existing in MS and needed for GMES service provision**
- Considers that the Parties are key players of operational oceanography in Europe and that they have been and want to be deeply involved in the suite of projects devoted to the implementation of an Ocean Monitoring and Forecasting service in the GMES

# ECOMF MoU and GMES general involvement

- The provision of GMES services shall be decentralized in order to avoid duplication while integrating at EU level the existing space, in-situ and reference data inventories and capacities of MS
- GMES marine monitoring services shall provide information on the state of physical ocean and marine ecosystems for the global ocean and the EU regional seas
- Application areas of GMES marine services include maritime safety, the marine environment and coastal regions, marine resources as well as seasonal meteorological forecasting and climate monitoring

# The above statements are applicable to the SP of ECOMF for establishing GMES Marine Service



# Action Plan

## Issues to be addressed

- An Agreement will
  - set the criteria for participation of SP in ECOMF and
  - the guidelines for allocating the roles and responsibilities of the production centers
- **The regional and national ECOMF Strategic partners should benefit from economies of scale induced by the European service**

# Comments

- MS Representatives in GMES requested from the SP of ECOMF, what will be their potential contribution in the Copernicus marine service tender.
  1. Will be too risky to go for 30-40 open tenders for each of the SP member of the ECOMF. Objections by SME to EU should be taken into account.
  2. Such a big number of subcontractors will not be allowed; tender rules.
  3. A sub-contact is for a certain limited period, not for the entire period of the Copernicus marine service-ECOMF
  4. In EMODNET chemistry 1<sup>st</sup> tender, the SeaDataNet consortium have responded to the tender with 28 SeaDataNet partners. The exclusion of the rest of the SeaDataNet partners from this tender caused the protest by the partners of the SeaDataNet being left out. As a result they did not provide their chemical data to the EMODNET chemistry.
  5. Taking this into account, the SeaDataNet consortium in the response to the 2<sup>nd</sup> EMODNET chemistry tender, took on board all the major players of the SeaDataNet Consortium (a total number of 48 partners), leaving for subcontracting only a small number of less than 10 small players.

# Propose

## 2 options for the GMES marine service tender:

1. To follow a similar strategy as the SeaDataNet consortium by justifying the role of the SP in ECOMF, so to be included in the tender proposal,
  - at least one SP of ECOMF from each MS.
  - The rest SPs of ECOMF will be subcontracted either by the ECOMF directly or by the SPs of ECOMF, who were included in the tender proposal.
  - In this way we will secure that at least one SP of ECOMF (additional to the ECOMF core members) from each MS is included in the GMES marine service. Therefore, no objection will arise from any MS on discrimination issues.
  - The rest SPs of ECOMF will be of the responsibility of the SP of ECOMF, who has entered the GMES tender to involve them via sub-contracting, the number of which for sure will not be 30-40 subcontractors.
  
2. Another option is to establish the ROOSes as legal entities via the establishment for example NGO, an easy and fast procedure.
  - In this case the for ROOSes will be partner of ECOMF tender proposal and
  - the ROOSes will be responsible to distribute the budget to its members , SP of ECOMF that will involved in the GMES marine service.
  - instead of ROOSes the role can be undertaken by EuroGOOS, but this is a centralizing approach