

## Facilitating Transnational Usage of Europe's Marine Research Infrastructure

### Half-Day Conference

November 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, 14:30 – 17:30

*Location IOPAN, Sopot, Poland*

### Background

Europe has an extensive network of marine research infrastructure which incorporates a wide range of facilities including research vessels and embarkable equipment, on-land and offshore research and test facilities in the physical, biological and chemical domain as well as numerous remote and in-situ observation facilities. Consolidation, co-ordination and more streamlined access to such facilities is being promoted at European and regional level through overarching initiatives such as ESFRI and BONUS respectively, the establishment of marine and maritime clusters and dedicated project activities to promote such usage. Infobases such as EurOcean's Research Infrastructures Database, which contains details on over 900 pieces of infrastructure also play an important role in supporting and informing transnational access via the free, publicly accessible database itself but also through its integration in projects and initiatives such as Eurofleets, MARINET II, JPI-Oceans and POGO.

### Objectives

The objectives of this half day event is to present the state of play and future trends in relation to activities promoting improved knowledge of and transnational access to Europe's marine infrastructure. Moreover it provides an opportunity to look at regional initiatives, including those taking place in the Baltic Sea Basin. It will also be a forum in which to present EurOcean's activity in relation to marine research infrastructure and provides an opportunity to discuss its role and priorities for future work in this domain.

### Expected Outcomes

Participants should have a clear vision of current activities and future trends in relation to the streamlining of access to and usage of Europe's marine research infrastructure. The event should also identify how EurOcean can continue to enhance its contribution to providing relevant information and supporting the coordination of Europe's Marine Infrastructure.

### Expected Audience

The audience will include the representatives of EurOcean members namely: VLIZ (Belgium), IFREMER (France), NAUSICAA (France), MI (Ireland), CNR (Italy), IMR (Norway), IOPAN (Poland), FCT (Portugal), FRCT (Portugal), GeoEcoMar (Romania), IEO (Spain), IOI (Malta), SUBMARINER (Baltic region), as well as representatives from research, technology and marine support organisations from the Baltic sea basin region and beyond.

### Draft Agenda

Time	Draft Programme
14:30 – 14:50	<b>Welcome and Scene Setting in the ESFRI Context</b> <i>Slawomir Sagan, Vice-President EurOcean</i> <i>Ned Dwyer, Executive-Director EurOcean</i>
14:50 – 15:10	<b>The BONUS experience of joint use of marine and maritime infrastructure</b> <i>Meelis Sirendi, BONUS Programme Officer</i>
15:10 – 15:30	<b>The SUBMARINER network and the Baltic Blue BioTech Alliance</b> <i>Anna Kaczorowska, ALLIANCE &amp; University of Gdansk , Poland</i>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:00 – 16:20	<b>JERICO and JERICO-NEXT Trans-national Infrastructures</b> <i>Laurent Delauney, IFREMER, France</i>
16:20-16:40	<b>European Research Vessels Operators ( ERVO) Group – Coordinating access to research vessels</b> <i>Giuseppe Magnifico, CNR, Italy</i>
16:40 – 17:00	<b>EurOcean’s Integrated Research Infrastructures Database (RID) adding value to marine infrastructure initiatives.</b> <i>Sandra Sá, EurOcean &amp; Marcin Wichorowski, IOPAN</i>
17:00 – 17:25	<b>Roundtable and Discussion with a focus on enhancing EurOcean’s role in relation to infrastructural information support</b> <i>Carlos Soto, IEO, Spain</i>
17:25- 17:30	<b>Wrap-up and Close of Conference</b> <i>Slawomir Sagan, Vice-President EurOcean</i>

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