

## European GOOS National Focal Point Meeting

at the EuroSea Symposium on Ocean Observing and Forecasting  
Friday 22 September 2023, 09:30 – 13:00

The Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and EuroSea have joined forces to organise the first meeting of the European GOOS National Focal Points (NFP) meeting at the EuroSea Symposium on Ocean Observing and Forecasting.

The EuroSea Symposium will take place on September 21 – link [here](#) – and the **European GOOS National Focal Point Meeting** will take place the following morning, Friday 22 September 2023 from 09:30 – 13:00.

The EuroSea Project has supported the development of a European Ocean Observing System (EOOS), and in this context the GOOS National Focal Points have played an important role as members of the EOOS Operations Committee.

GOOS has recently updated the Terms of Reference of the GOOS National Focal Points (NFPs) to recognise the strong role that NFP can play to connect ocean observing at the national level towards fulfilling the vision of the GOOS 2030 Strategy, as well as providing feedback to GOOS on national priorities.

As the EuroSea ocean observing partners and community gather in Paris for the Final Symposium, this is an opportunity for the European National Focal Points to both join the Symposium and also meet to discuss the development of the NFP Role, EOOS and European ocean observing actions and priorities, and interact with the GOOS Team.

We anticipate this regional meeting would include the following:

- Interaction (Q&A) with GOOS leadership across Panels, Observation Coordination Group (OCG), Ocean Decade Programmes
- Reporting national ocean observing in Europe and role GOOS NFPs in reporting to IOC
- Leveraging the Ocean Decade at national level for ocean observing
- EOOS and the next steps and priorities in Europe in coordinating ocean observing

## Draft Agenda

Friday 22 September 2023 – 09 30 to 13:00 CEST

### 09:30 – 10:30 **Session 1 Opening**

- 1.1 GOOS Update and status of GOOS NFP
- 1.2 Brief outline on current actions from the GOOS Team: Climate and Physics, Biogeochemistry, and BioEco Expert Panels, the Observation Coordination Group  
Q&A

### 10:30 to 11:00 **Session 2 National structures**

- 2.1 Establishing National GOOS Committees
- 2.2 Developing national connections and interaction with ocean observing value chain - NFP to speak briefly on developing connections and status of ocean observing value chain, challenges, success and case studies.

11:00 to 11:20 Coffee Break

### 11:20 -12:20 **Session 3 Communication & Reporting**

- 3.1 Communication & Outreach – preview of National Focal Point communications materials
- 3.2 NFP annual reporting – practicalities, how to leverage existing reporting, visibility and value.

### 12:20 to 13:00 **Session 4 GOOS NFP Panel European Integration**

- 4.1 Integration of Ocean Observing in Europe – next steps EOOS and Operations Committee, other European Projects, needs and challenges of effective coordination within the European ocean observing system.

13:00 Concluding remarks