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EU Policy Context and Developments – OceanEye and more

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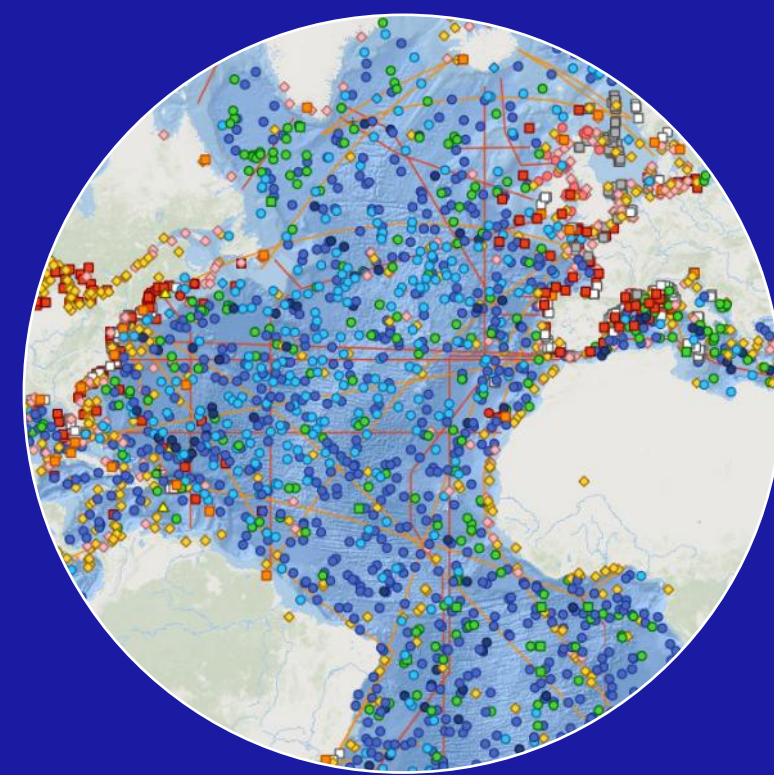


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The OceanEye Communication



EU governance: supporting the European Ocean Observing System



International dimension



The operational and industrial dimension



Strategic
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skills, culture and
societal ownership

Access to finance and investment



EU governance – supporting the European Ocean Observing System

As part of the Ocean Act proposal, establish a governance structure for European in-situ ocean observation

- to ensure the coordination of in situ ocean observation and support its governance at EU level

- to provide an effective interface between the in-situ ocean observation and the other components of the overall system,

- to provide a structured dialogue with users and stakeholders from the public and private sectors.

Integrate existing European marine knowledge assets in a European digital ocean system



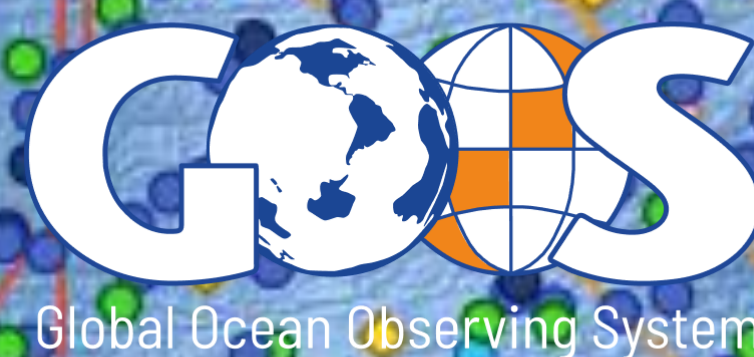
The international dimension

Launch of an International Alliance co-led by the European Union, Canada and IOC-UNESCO to support the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)

Cf Annex for the International Alliance's strategic objectives and more specific examples of possible contributions

Strategic partnership with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission.

Support global capacity development



The operational and industrial dimension

Support the further development of the European Digital Twin Ocean (DTO) so that it is fully operational at the latest by 2030.

Set out priorities for ocean observation in the Ocean and Water research and innovation strategy

Ensure the links across policies and instruments – Water Resilience Strategy

Strengthen the investment journey, from fundamental research to innovation and scaling up





Strategic partnerships, education and skills, culture and societal ownership

Proactively build strategic partnerships to strengthen the coherence and global impact of ocean observation.

Further mobilise philanthropists, promote social engagement and enhance international visibility, particularly through common branding

Develop a strong educational, cultural and outreach dimension, that bridges science, entrepreneurship, art, education and society.



Access to finance and investment

€50mil for GOOS support (observing equipment++)

€12mil for EMODnet for Global

€30mil for OO technologies European Innovation Council

The next multiannual financial framework could help support the objectives of the OceanEye initiative, in particular through the proposed European Competitiveness Fund (ECF).

The Commission calls on the Member States to increase their support for ocean observation and align national budgets with EU priorities, ensuring stable funding for improved long-term observation series.



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