

Establishing governance structure

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1. Executive Summary

The ODYSSEA project held its opening conference in the city of Kavala, Greece June 6–8, 2017. As part of the meeting, the governance structure was officially established and confirmed by the consortium. This is noted in the Kick-off meeting protocol (D12.1) and detailed below.

2. ODYSSEA Governance Structure

The ODYSSEA governance structure was officially established as detailed in the DoA and was confirmed at the kick-off meeting by the Consortium. The internal structure is as follows:

- Project Coordinator – responsible for the project vis-à-vis the EC
- General Assembly – the ultimate authority in the project
- Project Executive – responsible for the daily management of the entire project
- Block Leaders – responsible for supervising the progress of workpackage blocks
- Work Package Leaders – responsible for the daily management and implementation of each Work Package
- Task Leaders – responsible for the daily management and implementation of each task

External to the Consortium:

- Advisory Board
- International Stakeholder Forum

Specifically, and by name:

A. Coordinator

Prof. Georgios Sylaios (**DUTH**) functions as the project Coordinator (CoCo).



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B. General Assembly

The General Assembly is comprised of:

- The Coordinator, Georgios Sylaios (**DUTH**)
- The RTD Manager, Ghada El-Serafy (**Deltares**)
- The Innovation Manager, Yann Bernard (**CLS**)
- The Capitalisation and Capacity Building Manager, Menelaos Hatziapostolidis (**DUTH**)
- The Administrative Manager, Simon van Dam (**AP**)
- A senior representative nominated by each partner not otherwise represented

C. Project Executive

The Project Executive is comprised of:

- Georgios Sylaios (**Coordinator and Chairperson**)
- Ghada El-Serafy (**RTD Manager**)
- Bernard Yann (**Innovation Manager**)
- Simon van Dam (**Admin Manager**)
- Menelaos Hatziapostolidis (**Capitalisation and Capacity Building Manager**)
- Bracha Ehrman (**Project Manager**)



D. Workpackage Leaders

The Workpackage Leaders are as follows:

| WP | Workpackage title | WP Leader |
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| WP1 | Ethics | Georgios Sylaios (DUTH) |
| WP13 | Marine Data Availability and Integration | Davide A. Garcia (Sapienza) |
| WP2 | Setting up ODYSSEA Observatories | Georgios Sylaios (DUTH) |
| WP3 | Designing ODYSSEA Platform | Adelio Silva (Hidromod) |
| WP4 | Operational Modelling | Nikos Kampanis (FORTH) |
| WP5 | In-situ Monitoring | Laurent Berguery (Alseamar) |
| WP6 | Platform Development, Operation & Maintenance | Nicolas Granier (CLS) |
| WP7 | Big Data Management & Tools Development | Assaf Schuster (Technion) |
| WP8 | ODYSSEA End-user Services | Ghada El Serafy (Deltares) |
| WP9 | End-Users and Policy-makers Involvement | Lauren Weatherdon (WCMC) |
| WP10 | Capacity Building in North African Countries | Daniel Cebrian (RAC-SPA) |
| WP11 | Dissemination, Visibility & Communication | Simon Keeble (Blue Lobster) |
| WP12 | Project Management | Menelaos Hatziapostolidis (DUTH) |

E. Block Leaders

Block Leaders were also established to coordinate the four blocks of workpackages.

- Block 1 WG Observatories set up (WP1-3); led by Georgios Sylaios (**DUTH**)
- Block 2 WG Data Collection (WP4-5); led by Athanassios Tsikliras (**AUTH**)
- Block 3 WG Services (WP6-8); led by Ghada El-Serafy (**Deltares**)
- Block 4 WG Impact (WP9-12); led by Lauren Weatherdon (**WCMC**)



F. Advisory Board

ODYSSEA Scientific and Technical Advisory Board comprises of seven members, each with unique experience and expertise in specific topics related to the project:

- 1. Prof. Vicente Pérez Muñuzuri**, Physical Oceanographer and Meteorologist, former director of Galicia Meteorological Institute, Chairman of ODYSSEA Advisory Board. He graduated in Physics in 1988 and got the PhD in Physics in 1992, both at the University of Santiago de Compostela. He has published more than 100 papers in referred journals (SCI) and a hundred of presentations in conferences. He has been team leader of several national and international funded grants. In this moment, he is involved in projects related to nonlinear physics and geophysical fluid dynamics including meteorological and oceanographic modelling (E-mail: vicente.perez.munuzuri@usc.es).
- 2. Dr. Patrick Goringe**, Senior Operations and Technology Officer, EuroGOOS Secretariat. He joined the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute in 2002 before, in 2004, joining EuroGOOS AISBL. EuroGOOS is the European component of the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS). In EuroGOOS Patrick is the operations and technology Officer responsible for, among other things, the coordination of the five EuroGOOS Regional Operational Oceanographic Systems (ROOSs) and project manager for a number of projects related to marine data management and dissemination of data. Patrick has a unique competence of operational oceanography and its applications, its users and ocean policy issues within Europe and at a global level. Patrick has also been working in Australia coordinating real-time data for the Integrated Marine Observing System (IMOS) and drawing together diverse Australian marine datasets from a wide range of different data originators into the Australian Ocean Data Network (AODN) (E-mail: patrick.goringe@eurogoos.eu).
- 3. Prof. Aldo Drago**, University of Malta, Director of the Physical Oceanography Unit, IOI Malta Operational Center. He is the Maltese delegate to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO), to the International Commission for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean (CIESM) and the National Representative for the Committee on the International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE/IOC). He is also the National Delegate for Malta on the Joint WMO/IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography & Marine Technology (JCOMM). Since 1998, he has served as the Executive Secretary of MedGOOS (the Global Ocean Observing System for the Mediterranean) in the Malta office. He obtained his Ph.D. in Physical Oceanography from the University of Southampton in 1999 (E-mail: aldo.drago@um.edu.mt).
- 4. Dr. Dominique Obaton**, Director of the Operations and Services Department, Mercator Océan, France. Mercator Océan has been entrusted by the European Commission to implement and operate the Copernicus Marine Service since its



launch in May 2015. Dominique obtained her PhD in physical oceanography in 1994 from the University of Grenoble. Employed by Ifremer, she first worked on coastal physical modelling oceanography before joining Mercator Océan in 2004. Since 2008, she has been involved in the service to users both the Mercator Océan one, service of the global ocean model, and then the European one. Within the Copernicus Marine service, she is responsible of the service offered to users from the design to the operations and monitoring. This “on the shelf” service counts more than 9000 users beginning of 2017. She also continues to manage the bespoke Mercator Océan service of around 100 users (E-mail: dominique.obaton@mercator-ocean.fr).

- 5. Prof. Taoufik Mourabit**, Director of Science and Technology Faculty, Tangier University, Morocco. A geophysicist by training, he is a leading seismologist who founded in 1999 and presided until 2010 the North Africa Seismic Group, regrouping scientists from all over southern Mediterranean, recognized and financed by the International Atomic Energy Agency. He is also the National Coordinator of the International Research Group AMIGO (Atlantic and Mediterranean Interdisciplinary Global Positioning System Observations) which studies a wide range of interdisciplinary scientific and technical problems in the East Atlantic and West Mediterranean regions using a combined network of geodetic GPS receivers. He has published over a dozen articles in indexed international reviews and over 30 communications in International Conferences. Also, he is very experienced and involved in the design and implementation of international cooperation projects and in issues related to the strategic development of the University.
- 6. Gaetano Leone**, Coordinator, Barcelona Convention/Mediterranean Action Plan Secretariat, UNEP, Athens, Greece. He has strong and diverse experience of political and inter-organizational affairs, inter-governmental processes, leadership and management, and partnerships, especially in the field of sustainable development. Gaetano Leone graduated in Political Sciences and specialized in International Relations. In 1988, after 3 years as a manager in the private sector, he joined the United Nations. Since then, he has covered UN assignments of increasing responsibilities in several African and European countries and in the USA. These include work for several UN agencies and programmes (United Nations Development Programme - UNDP, Unicef, UN-Habitat and currently United Nations Environment Programme - UNEP), and at the World Bank. From 2010-2014, he was Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (E-mail: gaetano.leone@unepmap.gr).
- 7. Florence Descroix-Comanducci**, Executive Secretary, ACCOBAMS - Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area, Monaco, Principality of Monaco. She has a solid experience in Multilateral Relations and policies related inter-governmental



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Organizations for the environment. Florence Descroix-Comanducci obtained her Ph.D. in Biological Oceanography in 1992 from the University of Paris VI. In 1993, she joined the UN Marine Environment Laboratories of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA-MEL, Monaco) to manage marine scientific projects at first and then to lead large international technical cooperation projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America. From 2012-2013 she was the Technical Advisor for the Ambassador of Monaco, Permanent Representative to scientific and environmental International Organizations (E-mail: fcdescroix@accobams.net).

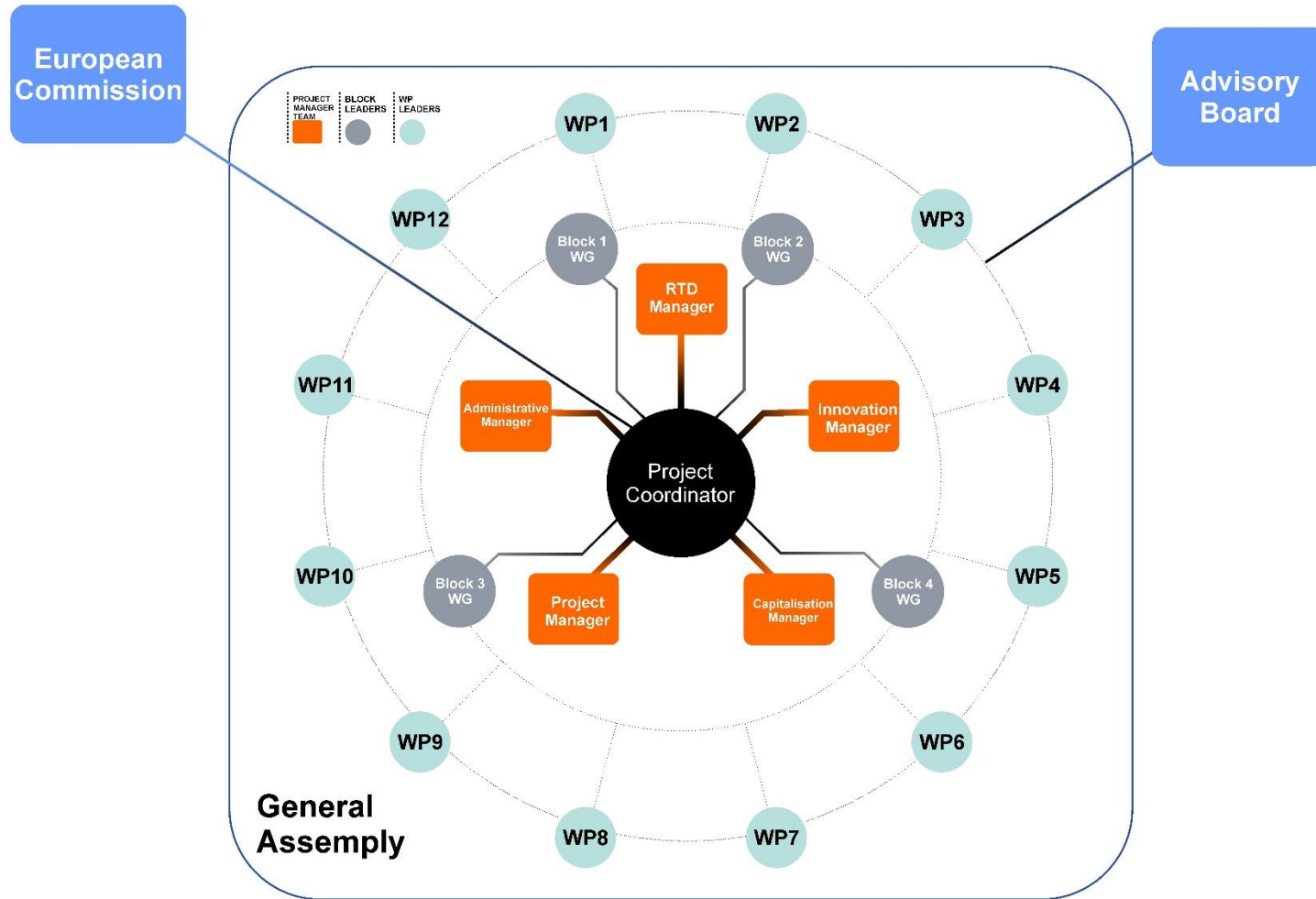


Figure 1. The Organizational structure of ODYSSEA Project.