

## EUROFLEETS BENEFICIARIES

- French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (Ifremer), France
- Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research (AWI), Germany
- National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (OGS), Italy
- Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO), Spain
- Hellenic Center for Marine Research (HCMR), Greece
- Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), UK
- Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), Portugal
- Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology (MPIMM), Germany
- National Research Council (CNR), Italy
- Institute of Marine Sciences - Middle East Technical University Turkey (IMS-METU), Turkey
- National Institute of Marine Geology and Geo-ecology (GeoEcoMar), Romania
- Marine Institute (MI), Ireland
- Institute for Marine Resources & Ecosystem Studies (IMARES), Netherlands
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- University Bremen - Center for Marine Environmental Sciences (MARUM), Germany
- Marine Information Service (MARIS), Netherlands
- EuroOcean Foundation (EuroOcean), Portugal
- Tallinn University of Technology (TUT), Estonia
- Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ), Belgium
- Institute of Marine Research (IMR), Norway



# Eurofleets

Towards an alliance  
of European research fleets

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**Goal:** Aiming at bringing together the European research fleets to enhance their coordination and promote the cost effective use of their facilities.

**Project acronym:** EUROFLEETS

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**Number of Beneficiaries:** 24 Institutions

**Number of Vessels:** 18

EUROFLEETS is a European Union 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme (FP7) Research Infrastructures project, involving 24 marine research institutes, universities, foundation and Small/Medium Enterprises (SME's) from 14 European and 2 Associated Countries, covering all eco-regions.

EUROFLEETS overall objective is to bring together the European Research Fleets operators and/or owners, to enhance the coordination and cost-effective use of the vessels and equipment in order to support the most efficient provision of essential research support services for the monitoring and sustainable management of the ocean, and enhance access to the European research vessel fleets for all European marine scientists.

EUROFLEETS aims, through its three activities - Networking Activities, Trans National Access and Joint Research Activities, to:

- Define a common strategic vision for European research fleets and associated heavy equipment (e.g. underwater vehicles as ROV and AUV);
- Promote a more cost-efficient use of the existing European Ocean/Global and Regional class research vessels and develop their interoperability capacities;
- Facilitate sharing of knowledge and technologies across fields, and between academia and industry;
- Promote “greener” and more sustainable research vessel operations;
- Provide all European scientists with access to high performing research vessels and equipment on sole condition of scientific excellence;
- Foster joint and coordinated development of European research vessel fleets in terms of capacity and capabilities.

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