



# Eurofleets

Towards an Alliance  
of European Research Fleets

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Eurofleets, is a European Union 7th Framework Programme (FP7) Research Infrastructures project, involving 24 marine research institutes, universities, foundation and Small Medium Enterprises (SME's) from 16 European and Associated Countries, covering all eco-regions. The project is coordinated by the French Research Institute for the Exploration of the Seas (Ifremer).

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 activity areas; Networking Activities, Trans National Access and Joint Research Activities, to:

- Structure and durably integrate, on a European scale, the research vessels interoperability and capabilities;
- Promote a more cost-efficient use of the existing European Ocean/Global and Regional class research vessels;
- 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;
- Foster joint and coordinated development of European research vessel fleets in terms of capacity and capabilities.

