



8th MedGOOS Assembly

6th March 2008, Athens

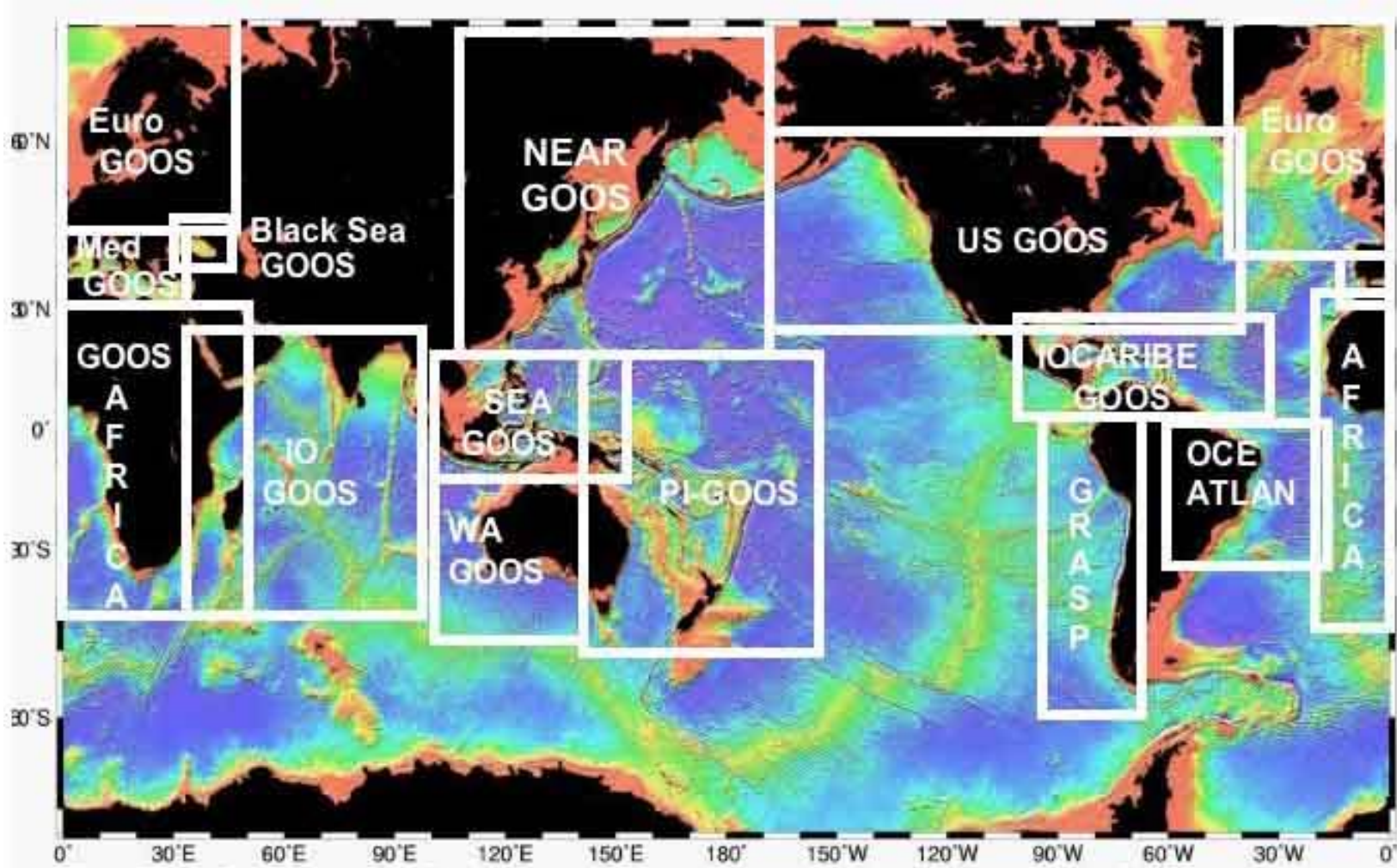
Report from the Chair
Kostas Nittis



Key points

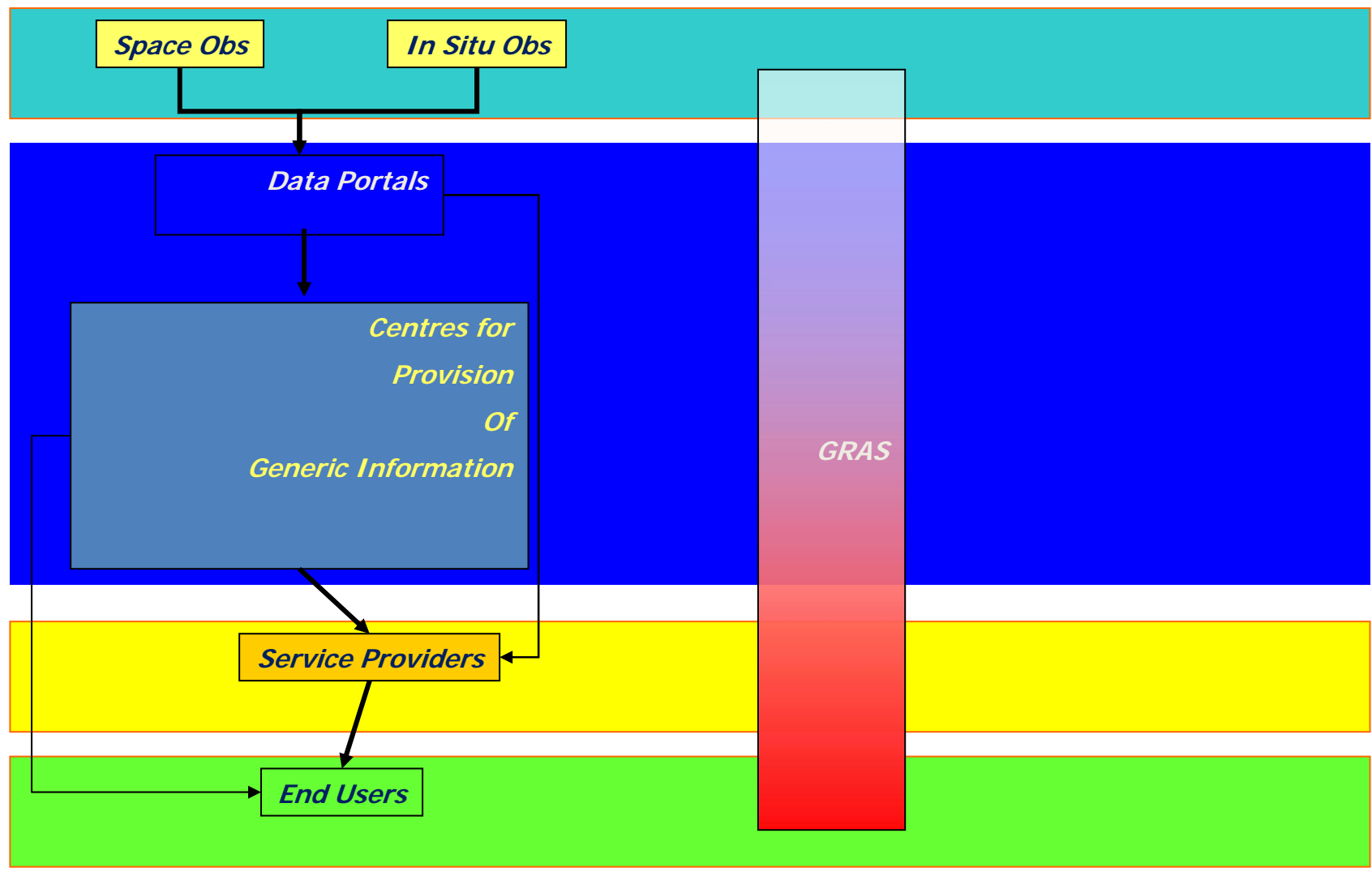
- Collaboration with EuroGOOS – MOON
- GOOS umbrella: IGOOS, GOOS regional Council
- Framework: GEOSS (int.) – GMES (eur.)
- Policy context: Maritime Policy (Marine Strategy, Barcelona Convention)
- Activities 2007: MP consultation, Mediterranean Tsunami network, GEO workshop
- Future activities: Focus on capacity building, jointly with MOON, need to have a common view (members)

GOOS Regional Alliances



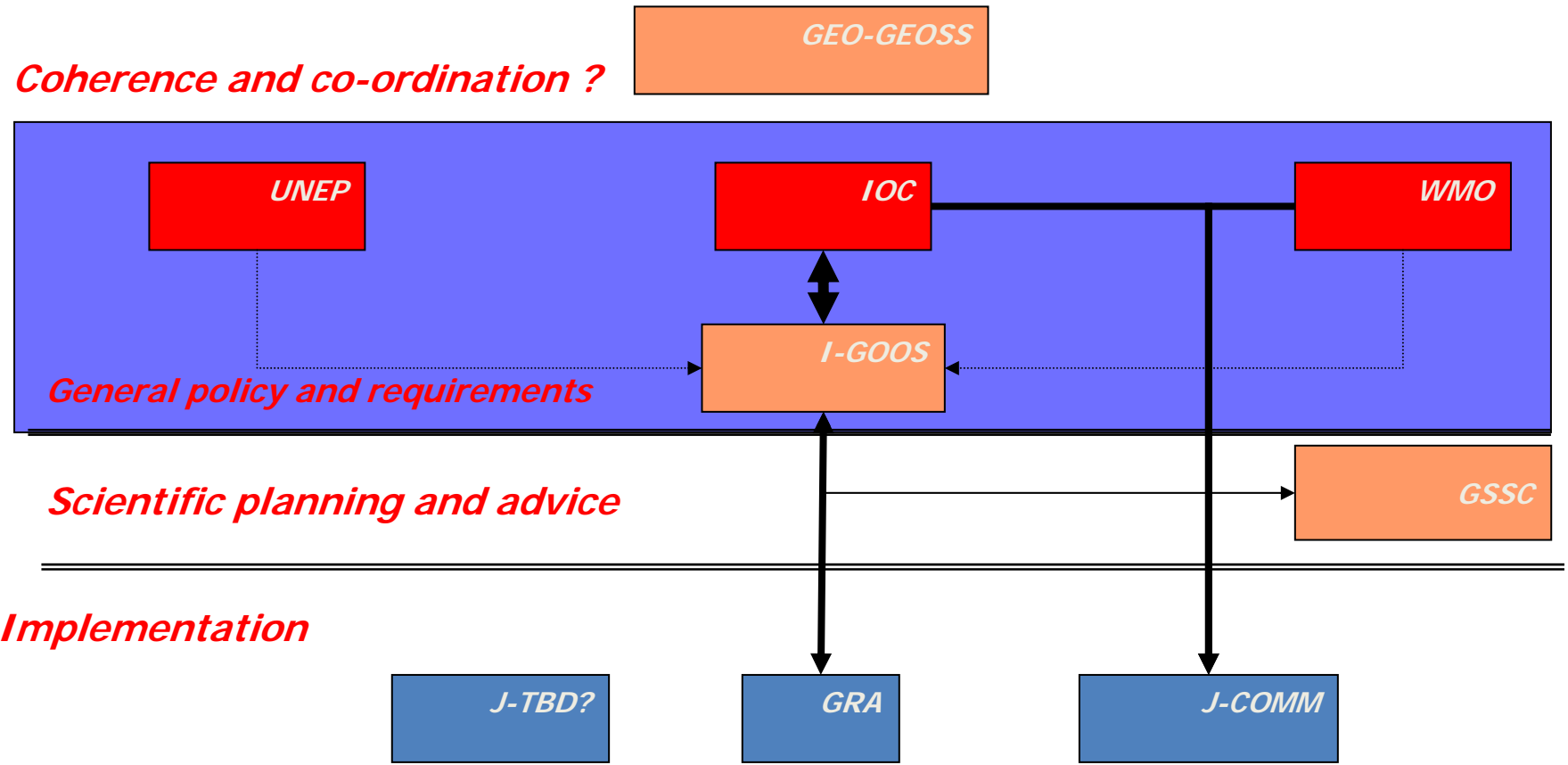


GOOS : Where are GRAs playing ?





GOOS How to work



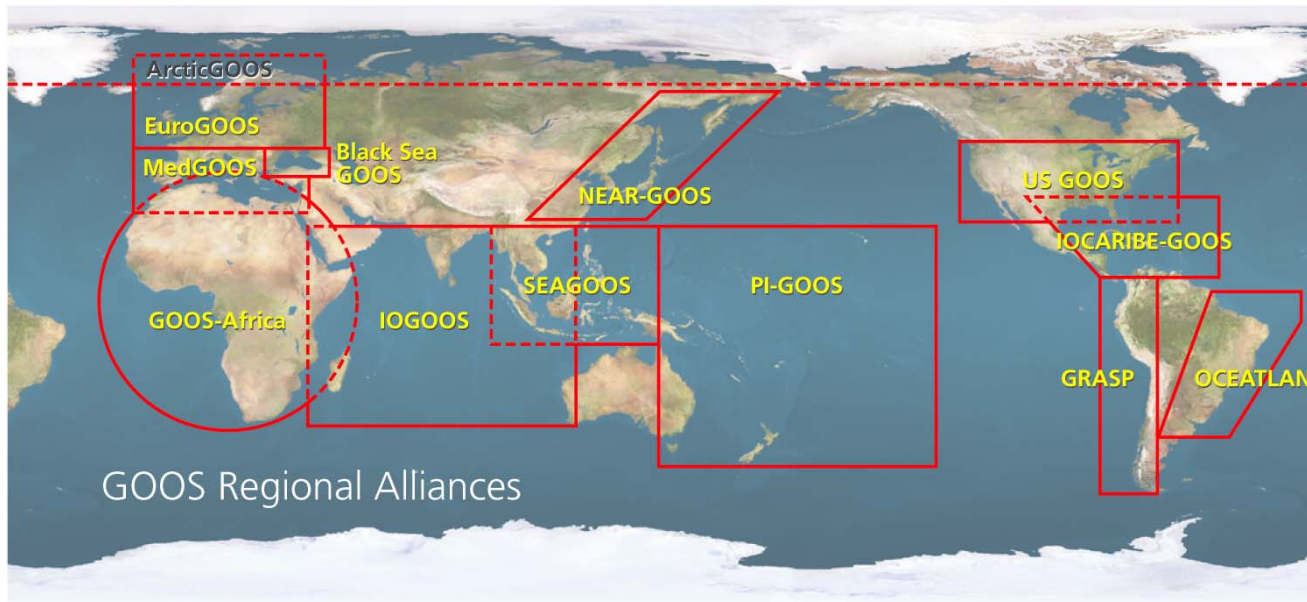


GRA collaboration - update

GOOS Regional Forum

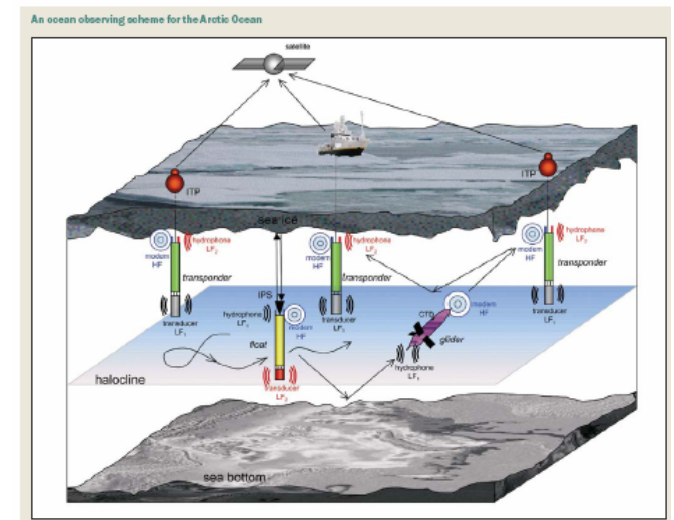
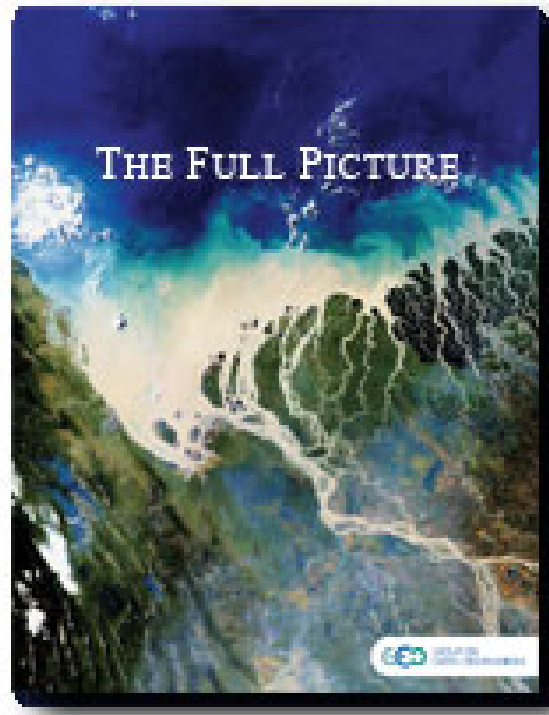
- *Athens, 2-6 Dec., 2002*
- *Nadi, Fiji, 7-9 Feb. 2004*
- *Cape Town, 14-17 Nov. 2006*
- *Guayaquil, Ecuador, Nov. 2008*

GOOS Regional Council





Publication for the 2007 GEO Ministerial in Cape Town



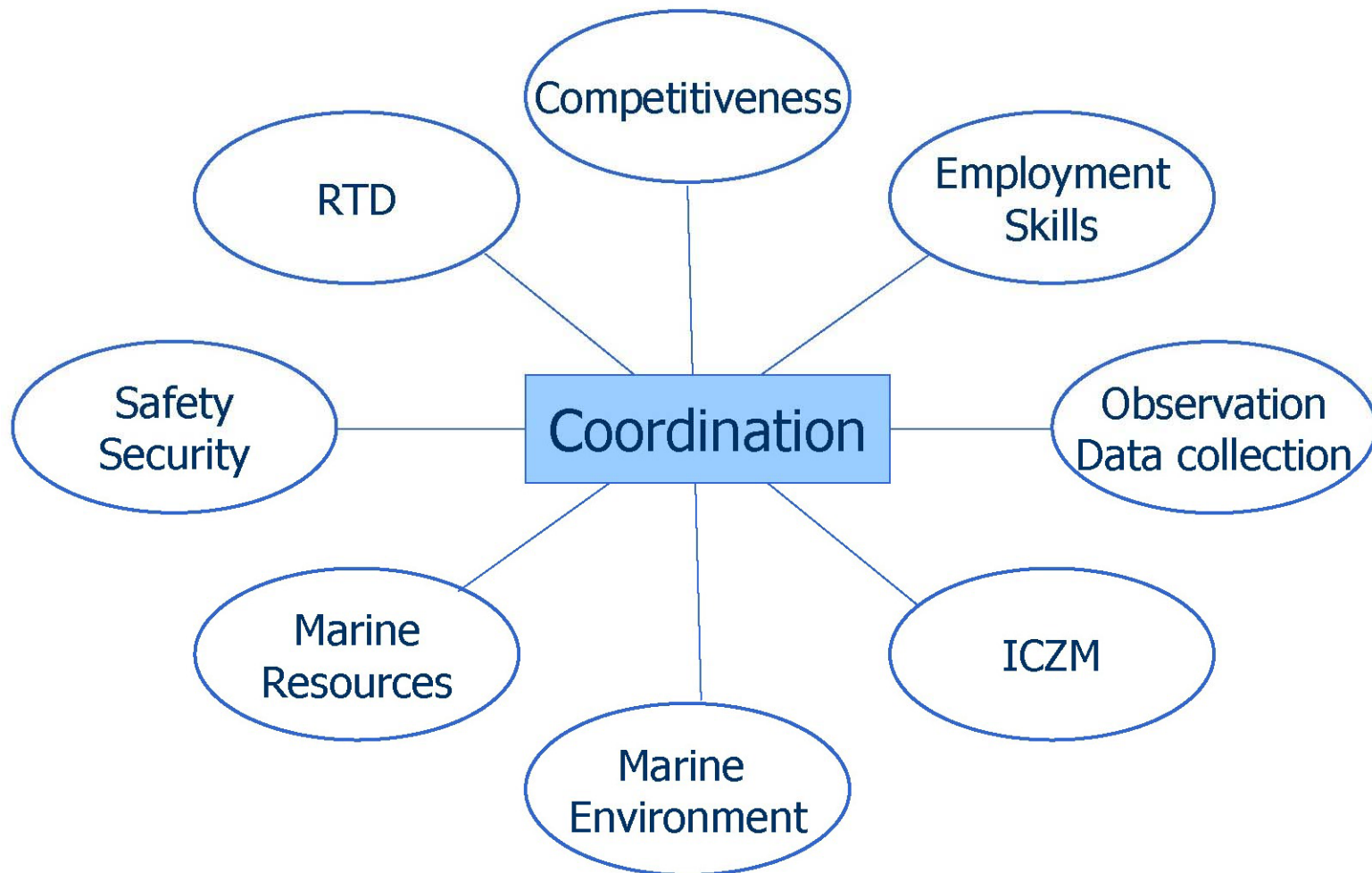


Maritime Policy

From the EC Strategic Targets 2005-2009

“the particular need for an all-embracing maritime policy aimed at developing a thriving maritime economy, in an environmentally sustainable manner. Such a policy should be supported by excellence in marine scientific research, technology and innovation”

Justification - main axes





Timetable

2005-2006	Preparation – expert groups
June 2006	Publication of <u>Green Paper</u>
June 2006-June 2007	Public Consultation
June 2007	EurOCEAN 2007 Aberdeen Declaration
October 2007	<u>Blue Book</u>
October 2007	Lisbon ERA event

Green Paper Reference to Marine Res

- Recognition of need
- Marine Research Strategy
- Marine Research Network
- EMODNet
- Atlas of the Seas
- International Collaboration
- Link to Marine Strategy



Public Consultation

- 490 contribution (MB, EuroGOOS, MedGOOS, CIESM, ICES, KDM+)
- Effort to coordinate marine research community
- Invitation by EC to organize EurOCEAN'07 (Aberdeen June 07)
- Coordination by MB
- Synthesis of views by various networks → Aberdeen Declaration
- Personal interviews



Towards a future Maritime Policy for the Union:
A European vision for the oceans and seas



Aberdeen Organizing Committee

A first partnership in Marine Science



Leadership ?



Aberdeen declaration

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Calls for urgent action by the European Commission and the Member States to further develop and enhance a **partnership** with the appropriate stakeholders to:

1. initiate in 2008 a comprehensive and integrated **European Marine and Maritime Science, Research, Technology and Innovation Strategy**;
2. establish an **adequately resourced and sustained process** to oversee the implementation and delivery of this Strategy within an holistic European Maritime Policy;
3. initiate and support the **necessary funding mechanisms**, specialised infrastructures, data collection and information management, and capacity building **essential to manage our on-going relationship with the oceans and seas.**



Aberdeen declaration

Proposed Next Steps

1. Prepare the **Strategy**
2. Setup a mechanism to **implement the Strategy**
3. Setup a coordination mechanism in FP7
4. Further promote ERA-NETs – National Programs Coordination
5. Setup **EMODN**
6. Prepare European Atlas of the Seas
7. Support other **key infrastructures** (computers, satellites ..)
8. Support for a regular (annual) European Marine Science and Technology Conference.



Therefore

- ✓ Unique window of opportunity
- ✓ Need to continue being involved in the process
- ✓ Contribute to the :
 - ✓ development of the Marine Research Strategy
 - ✓ Development of EMODNet
- ✓ Emphasizing:
 - ✓ the regional dimension
 - ✓ The specific needs for the Mediterranean
- ✓ Contacts with Comm. Borg and MP - TT



Tsunami consultation meeting

- 9-10 October 2007, IOC/UNESCO Paris
- between representatives of European Sea Level Network operator groups and projects moderated by IOC/GLOSS,
- in support of the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (NEAMTWS)
- Preparation of the ICG/NEAMTWS-IV/1 (Lisbon November 2007)



Objectives

- practical and pragmatic coordination of real-time sea level observations in the NEAMTWS region both in light of the existing real-time services and of requirements for tsunami and storm surge sea level monitoring of the NEAMTWS system
- provision of real time sea level data to warning centers
- how to advance and fund the implementation/upgrade of the proposed real time sea level
- observation network for tsunami and storm surge monitoring (deadline for initial system has been set to the end of 2007)
- collaboration associated with geographical coverage of real time sea level observing networks in countries bordering the southern and the eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea.
- **Report available at www.ioc-tsunami.org**



GEO Workshop

- **Theme:** *“Observing System Requirements for Managing and Mitigating the Impacts of Human Activities and Coastal Inundation in the Mediterranean Region”*
- **When:** June 9-13, 2008
- **Where:** Athens, Greece
- **Info:**
www.greekgeo.noa.gr/geoworkshop1/index.html



Conclusions - Actions 2008

- Continue involvement in MP process. Emphasis on EMODNet
- Jointly with MOON – EuroGOOS prepare for a possible project in 2009 under FP7. Emphasis on capacity building. Discuss on priorities
- GEO workshop - visibility
- Exchange experience – join efforts with GRAs / Forum 2008