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Introduction to the 20th ERVO meeting

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- 1. In 2017 the Executive Committee was reduced from 8 to 6 persons. The new committee is now composed of: Klas Lackschewitz (Chair), Lieven Naudts (Vice Chair), Olivier Quedec (previous Chair), Per Nieuwejaar, Aodhan Fitzgerald and Juha Flinkman. Dre Cattrijsse, Erica Koning, Giuseppe Magnifico and Juanjo Dañobeitia have left the committee. The ERVO ExCom met in Hamburg on 07/03/18.**
- 2. Giuseppe Magnifico has prepared a new table with ERVO ExCom representatives in Marine Research Initiatives/organizations to identify some ERVO “thematic specialists” in order to organize an efficient ERVO lobbying.**
- 3. EurOcean manages the ERVO budget (300€/year/country), the Chairman and Vice Chairman act as treasurer.**
- 4. Based on the initiative of the MI a new Eurofleets+ project proposal was submitted.**
In this project, some subjects are “connected” to ERVO: TNA, regional bartering, procedures... ERVO has encouraged the EUROFLEETS+ proposal with a letter of support.
Aodhan Fitzgerald will give a presentation with more details tomorrow morning.

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5. **ERVO strategic paper.** ERVO and the European Marine Board (EMB) have started a new collaboration to update the EMB Position paper 10 on Ocean Research Fleets (2007) which was prepared by the Ocean Research Fleets Working Group (OFWG).

The objective is to publish this paper via the Marine Board. This paper should be connected and phased with the *Eurofleets+* project proposal (role of ERVO in the new landscape...). This paper should also be connected with the Eurofleets 1 & 2 projects legacy and take into account proposals/products of the these two projects. Compared to the 2007 document, the EMB paper will mainly have a focus on:

- polar and deep oceans
- deployment and recovery of large infrastructures

As a first step, at the end of 2017, the EMB secretariat and ERVO have prepared a “Terms of Reference” which provides the following details:

- The main objectives of activity
- The type of end product envisaged
- The kind of expertise needed and how it should be selected
- A timeline for implementation an publication of the paper (publication foreseen spring 2019)

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Per Nieuwejaar has been nominated as the chair of this working group. Valerie Mazauric is co-chair and Lieven Naudts as ERVO co-chair is one of the WP leaders.

The ERVO ExCom has agreed that the EMB position paper is and needs to stay strongly related to ERVO & EF+. Furthermore, ERVO should be the most important group within this work, since ERVO initiated the process and are most knowledgeable (12 out of 17 WG members).

Lieven N. will give a more detailed presentation on this before lunch.

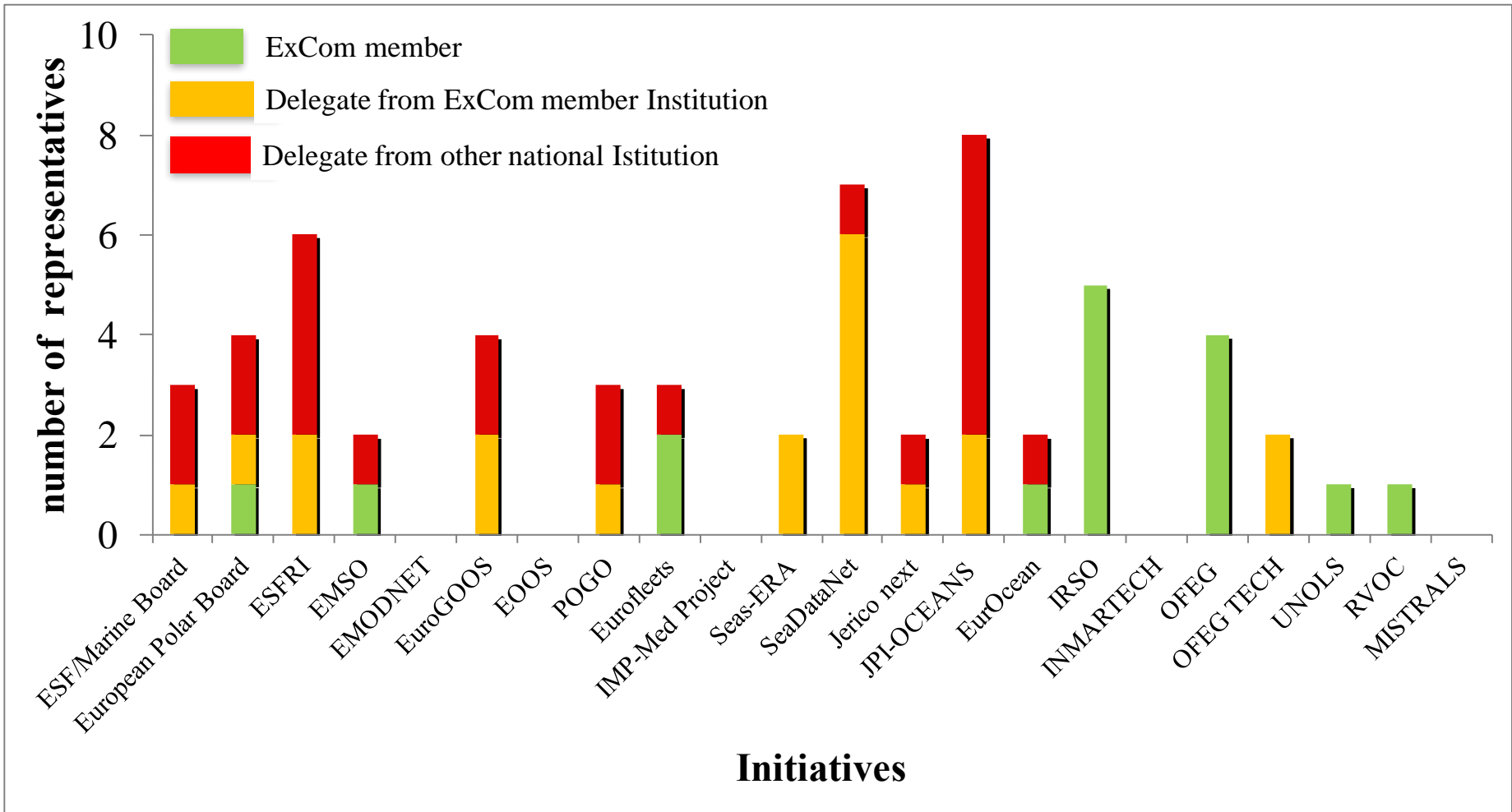
- 6. Based on an initiative of Giuseppe Magnifico the ExCom members have decided to submit an abstract for the 2nd JPI Ocean Conference in Lisbon on 26 October 2017 presenting the work and results of the ERVO group. Dennis Lisbjerg has participated as ERVO representative in order to discuss them with a qualified audience.**
- 7. ERVO has been added to the list of the invited parties for the EuroMarine working group on research infrastructures.**

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