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The future of ERVO

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- 1. The Executive committee will be reduced from 8 to 6 persons. The new committee will be composed of: Klas Lackschewitz (Chair), Lieven Naudts (Vice Chair), Olivier Quedec (previous Chair), Per Nieuwejaar, Juanjo Danobeitia, Aodhan Fitzgerald (for one year), Juha Flinkman (new member). Dre Cattrijsse, Erica Koning and Giuseppe Magnifico will leave the committee (voted during the ERVO General Assembly).**
- 2. Giuseppe Magnifico is working on 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 will manage the ERVO budget (300€/year/country) and the Chairman and Vice Chairman will act as treasurer.**
- 4. Current MI initiative on a *Eurofleets* + project proposal**

In that project, some subjects could be “connected” to ERVO: TNA, regional bartering, procedures...

Questions: Which role for ERVO in the future (office of coordination for TNA, procedures management...).

Issue or not with the current ERVO status? Possibility through the ERVO/EUROCEAN agreement?

Aodhan Fitzgerald will give a presentation in more details tomorrow afternoon.

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5. ERVO strategic paper. It is proposed to start a new collaboration between ERVO and the European Marine Board (EMB) to update the EMB Position paper 10 on Ocean Research Fleets (2007) which was prepared by the Ocean Research Fleets Working Group Report (OFWG).

The objective is to publish this paper to the Marine Board. This paper should be connected and phased with the MI initiative 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, new topics should be included in that paper (new technologies, observatories...).

As next step, the EMB members requested that a more detailed proposal for updating the paper should be developed in partnership with ERVO.

EMB secretariat will prepare a “Terms of References” which provides more details

- **on 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**

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Per Nieuwejaar suggests that we should start in 2017 to develop a matrix of what type of data/information we need in order to save some time in 2018 and to have the necessary basis for describing the current situation regarding vessels, equipment etc.

We can also start to map relevant reports and papers from Eurofleets, Eurofleets2 and other projects/reports that could be a part of the information pool we use to update the report. A third area is what we want to focus on with regards to the future, e.g. EOOS, exploration of the deep oceans with regards to precious metals, gas hydrates etc, polar areas and so on in order to have a "skeleton" of an updated report ready at the end of 2017.

Per Nieuwejaar and Juanjo Danobietia are voluntaries to initiate this paper. In addition, other ERVO members will be involved in this job (ideally by specialties: policy, vessels, equipment, polar, new technologies...).