



SeaDataNet

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SeaDataNet as a legal entity

Motivation

- Strongly recommended by the EU.
- Better visibility as Research Infrastructure.
- Capability of acting independently on behalf of the partnership, also outside the framework of any project.



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Purpose

“The Organization, which does not seek financial gain, aims to work in the collective interest of its members to improve the quality and effectiveness in the management, the processing and the dissemination of oceanographic data at national, regional and global levels.”

This frames the action of the entity. It doesn't imply any exclusivity.

Purpose

“More specifically the purpose of the Organization is:

- Promote the SeaDataNet infrastructure, tools and services and the development of underpinning science and technology;
- Foster cooperation and coordination within its Members in the field of data management, processing and dissemination ;
- Promote and coordinate the development of commonly available products and services; and
- Coordinate the contribution of the pan-European oceanographic data management community to the European Union initiatives for a better environmental status of the seas and oceans and for an improved marine knowledge in general. ”

Status

Folder distributed in July 2016:

0_AISBL_nutshell

1_Draft_SDN_aisbl_Statutes_**EN-FR**_V2

2_Internal Rules of SeaDataNet AISBL_EN_V1

3_Draft_Resolutions of the first General Meeting_**EN-FR**_V2

Status

As of today:

- 23 of the 43 signatories of the “Exploitation agreement” reacted
- 15 (34.9%) agreed with the proposed documents and procedure
- 4 ask for more information, have questions or comments.

Scientific Council of RBINS agreed to host the association
(mandatory procedure completed)



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Country	Institution	Replied
Belgium	RBINS	OK
Belgium	ULg	legal dept has questions
Belgium	VLIZ	OK
Bulgaria	IO-BAS	
Croatia	IOF	OK
Cyprus	OC-UCY	
Denmark	Aarhus University	to legal dept
Denmark	ICES	
Estonia	MSI	OK
Finland	FMI	working on it
France	Ifremer	to legal dept
France	SHOM	legal dept has questions
Georgia	TSU-DNA	OK
Germany	AWI	
Germany	BSH	
Greece	HCMR/HNODC	OK
Iceland	MRI	
Ireland	MI	to legal dept
Israel	IOLR	to legal dept
Italy	CNR	to legal dept
Italy	ENEA	to legal dept

Italy	INGV	to legal dept
Italy	OGS	to legal dept
Latvia	LHEI	OK
Malta	UoM	
Montenegro	UoM-IMB	OK
Netherlands	MARIS	OK
Netherlands	NIOZ	OK
Norway	IMR	OK
Poland	IMGW	
Poland	IOPAN	
Portugal	IHPT	
Romania	NIMRD	OK
Russia	RIHMI/WDC	legal dept has questions
Russia	RSHU	
Russia	SIO-RAS	OK
Slovenia	NIB MBSS	OK
Spain	CSIC-UTM	to legal dept
Spain	IEO	
Sweden	SMHI	legal dept has questions
Tunisia	INSTM	
Turkey	METU	
UK	BODC	OK

Revised roadmap

When	What
September 2014 – September 2015	Analysis of existing AISBL/IVZW statutes and preparation of a draft version adapted to the needs of SeaDataNet
September 2015	Submissions of the draft statutes to the Steering Committee
End September 2015	Comments on the objectives of the association from Steering Committee members.
October 2015 July 2016	Statutes V2 distributed to all signatories of the SeaDataNet Exploitation agreement for comments
End November 2015 ????	Comments from potential associates
December 2015	Statutes V3 ready for final polish by lawyers
February 2016?	SeaDataNet aisbl/ivzw created
March 2016?	First General Assembly of SeaDataNet aisbl/ivzw