

Advisory Board Comments on the SDN2 Plenary Meeting, Rhodes, 2012 (and 2013 updates)

We applaud the progress that you have made.

(2013 - even greater progress creating infrastructure, populating holdings, making improvements)

One concern is that only 5 of 11 countries are fully operational a full 6 months after the target date.

(2013 update?)

We are pleased to see the developing cooperation with MyOcean.

We are impressed with the work accomplished under EMODNet. This demonstrates SDN2 capability for a long term, sustained data system for Europe.

Broadening global participation in vocabularies and standards is important for the future of SDN2.

We look forward to hearing about progress in submission of standards to IODE.

(2013 – participation grows significantly, with ODIP and other projects)

We encourage SDN2 to develop documentation and guidelines that describe procedures to be followed.

User Panels are very important.

We look forward to broader communication activities and results.

We recommend high level progress reports.

(2013 - nice progress with periodic emails with charts, and IMDIS presentations)

We suggested a time stamped table on deliverables and targets met or late, a table of nodes presently operating and those yet to come on-line.

New issues in Lucca, 2013:

1. Is it true that some partners may have contributed no datasets this year?
How can that be explained?
2. Can we document the effectiveness of serving the needs of the end user communities? Statistics on the number of downloads? Tool and vocab usage? Which nations and communities are downloading? Mobile apps?
3. We need a few compelling use-case scenarios from that demonstrate how SeaDataNet serves:
 - the research community (students as well as faculty)
 - the planning community
 - the public
4. We could use a list of critical topics of concern for the upcoming project review phase