SeaDataNet AISBL

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Objectives of the Organization

According to its <u>statutes</u> , *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.*

SeaDataNet is a light organization aiming mainly at promoting our common endeavours. It isn't its purpose to take over, as it is now, the operational role of the various SeaDataNet partners

Objectives of the Organization

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.*

Why SeaDataNet AISBL?

- The EU Commission wanted for a long time to be able to talk to "SeaDataNet" through a unique entity, not via Beneficiaries of projects

- This is also the case for other "high level" bodies (ENVRI-BEERi, ESFRI, EMB…)

- We need to show that we are not only a project-based initiative and that there is a strong will to support the sustainability of the infrastructure, its services and the delivery of high quality marine data through this channel.

The stronger the Organization, the stronger the message

➔ **become a member!**

How to become a member?

- Organizations that signed the "SeaDataNet Exploitation Agreement" at the end of the SDN 2 project are automatically admitted as a Member upon notification of their written request for affiliation addressed to the Organization (sdn-aisbl-board@seadatanet.org).

- Other organizations must apply according to the rules of procedure. Only organizations can become member, not individuals.

"Operational" membership is granted once the annual membership fee is paid to the organization, official membership after formal decision at the next GA.

Admission guidelines and criteria

Agencies, institutes, SMEs and other organisations fulfilling public tasks in the field of oceanographic data management, processing or dissemination, or providing dedicated solutions for this purpose, with a strong current or planned involvement in the Seadatanet infrastructure, tools and/or services, may apply to become a member of SeaDataNet AISBL.

An Institution may be admitted as member, if it supports the aims and objectives of SeaDataNet AISBL. The application shall be submitted in writing, describing the tasks and activities, indicating the status of the Institution and its relations with other marine institutions in its home country.

The head of the applying Institution will be invited to attend the next General Meeting to present his/ her institution before the meeting takes a decision.

Status of the membership

- ✓ 21 full members from 21 countries

- ✓ 2 members sent their membership application letter and should pay their first membership fee very soon

- ✓ 4 other organizations informed of their willingness to join soon

Status of the membership

Organisation	Country	Organisation	Country
RBINS	Belgium	IOLR	Israel
ULiège	Belgium	OGS	Italy
VLIZ	Belgium	LHEI	Latvia
IO-BAS	Bulgaria	IMBK	Montenegro
IOF	Croatia	MARIS	Netherlands
ORION	Cyprus	IMR	Norway
ICES	Denmark	IOPAN	Poland
MSI	Estonia	NIMRD	Romania
IFREMER	France	RIHMI-WDC	Russia
TSU-DNA	Georgia	NIB	Slovenia
AWI	Germany	CSIC	Spain
HCMR	Greece	SMHI	Sweden
MFRI	Iceland	INSTM	Tunisia
MI	Ireland	NOC-BODC	UK

	21 Full members
	2 Members (1st fees still to pay)
	4 In preparation
	1 Observer
	14 organizations missing !

SeaDataNet AISBL formal activities

1st Ordinary General Assembly (12 Feb. 2019)

✓ Took place immediately after the signature of the Statutes by the two founding members, IFREMER and IRSNB-KBIN
✓ Decisions were taken to start the effective working of the association

2nd Ordinary General Assembly (18 May 2020)

✓ Decision to urge members of SDC to join the Association
✓ Decision to update the statutes (+ foresee remote participation to GA)
✓ Approval of the financial report for 2019 and budget for 2020
✓ Representation of the AISBL on the board of EGI

How will the membership fee be used?

- No other income foreseen for the moment

- The membership fees will mainly be used to cover

  - the establishment costs (~1500€)

  - the administrative support for the official accounting

  - some operational costs (stamps…)

  - promotional expenses (after *SeaDataCloud*)

  - insurance for the member of the Board

  - …

- Currently, 5,530.00€ available (contribution to publishing cost of final SeaDataCloud paper?)

Work of the Association - 2020

✓ Proceed with administration (correspondence, 2nd GA organization and reporting, membership fees of members, official submission of the financial report, website updates)

✓ Invitation to all organizations having signed the exploitation agreement to join asap was sent in June 2020, with several reminders (before the end of SDC project)

✓ Discussion with ICES to define the best framework for cooperation

✓ To Do: Adapt statutes

✓ To DO: Plan, if needed/possible, an extraordinary general assembly

Message to take to your boss

On May 18th, 2020, the second General Meeting of the Association decided to actively **encourage partners of the SeaDataCloud project to** **become members of the Association** before the end of the project

By enlarging the numbers of members committed to the Association, we also want **to show** the reviewers of SDC2 project **that our large consortium is a self-structured and united network!**

The more members we will be, the more weight the SeaDataCloud2 proposal will have!

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