



# Eurofleets+ Final Conference

## Agenda

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural  
Sciences, 29 rue Vautier, Brussels

9/13/23

9:00 – 16:00



**2021**  
**2030** United Nations Decade  
of Ocean Science  
for Sustainable Development

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EUROFLEETS+, an H2020 project funded under the Infrastructures initiative, coordinated by the Marine Institute brought together a significant group of key marine research actors (in particular research vessel operators) in Europe, North America and Oceania – 42 marine institutes, universities, foundations and SMEs from 24 countries.

The EUROFLEETS+ project facilitated open free of charge access to an integrated and advanced research vessel fleet, designed to meet the evolving and challenging needs of the user community. European and international researchers from academia and industry were able to apply for several access programmes, through a single-entry system.

EUROFLEETS+ prioritised support for research on sustainable, clean and healthy oceans, linking with existing ocean observation infrastructures, and it will support innovation through working closely with industry. The project enabled access to a unique fleet of 27 state-of-the-art research vessels from European and international partners. Through competitive Calls, researchers were able to access the entire North Atlantic, Mediterranean, Black Sea, North Sea, Baltic Sea, Pacific Southern Ocean and Ross Sea. In addition to ship time, researchers also had access to new AUVs and ROVs.

In addition to comprehensive transnational access activities, the project undertook joint research in challenging and highly relevant areas, including deep ocean research and exploration, data management, and enabling future virtual access. Multiple networking activities endured robust Call processes, wide stakeholder engagement, and development of a strategic roadmap and sustainability plan. To maximise the impact of the project, EUROFLEETS+ implemented diverse training and education activities, strong management of innovation in collaboration with industry, and widespread dissemination and communication actions.





<b>Full Day conference 9.00 to 16.00 13th of September 2023</b>	
<b>Attendance by Invitation only</b>	
<b>Master of Ceremony:</b>	Niamh Flavin
<b>Venue:</b>	<a href="#">Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, 29 rue Vautier, Brussels</a>

**Morning Session**

Time CEST	Registration	
8:30 to 8:55	Registration in Main Foyer	
Time CEST	Topic	Speaker
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome address	Michel Van Camp, Director General (CEO), Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
9:10 - 9:20	Reforming European R&I and Research Infrastructures	Antonio Ventura, Research Executive Agency (In Person) Eurofleets+ Project Officer
9:20 - 9:30	<i>If we were to coordinate the oceanographic fleets at EU level, how would this work (Open Discussion)</i>	Rémy Dénos Deputy Head of Unit DG MARE A1 Maritime innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment (In Person)
9:30 - 9:40	Eurofleets+ Highlights (inc WP7&9 key outputs) and EUROFLEETS RI Next Steps	Aodhán Fitzgerald, Eurofleets+ Project Coordinator (In Person)

9:40 to 12:15 Transnational Access		
9:45 - 09:55	TNA Call Management and Logistical Management	Anneli Strobel (AWI) and Bernadette Ni Chonghaile (MI) (In person)
9:55 - 10:10	Cold Water Coral Ecosystems in the Alboran Sea OASIS (RV Pelagia & ROV Max Rover)	Dr. Claudio Lo Iacono (Recording)
10:10 - 10:25	Innovative study on regional high resolution imaging of glacier induced plankton dynamics in West-Greenland fjords (IOPD) (RV SANNA)	Wieter Boone (In person)
10:25 - 10:40	VISIT (RV Tangaroa)	Rebecca E Bell (Online)

10:40 - 11:05	<b>Coffee – with Poster Presentations – VIP Room</b> <a href="#">Online Poster Presentations</a>
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11:05 - 11:20	Deep Structure of Porcupine and Rockall Margins, PORO-CLIM (RV Celtic Explorer)	Stephen Jones (Online)
11:20 - 11:35	"Climate Dynamics and Environmental Change in the Aegean Sea during the Holocene" MYRTOON (RV Aegeo)	Andreas Koutsodendris (Online)
11:35 - 11:50	Diazotroph connectomics across Gulf Stream eddies impacts N2 fixation in the North Atlantic (FIGURE) (Atlantic Explorer)	Mar Benavides (Online)
11:50 - 12:05	The Tyrrhenian Sea & Algero-Provençal component of the Med-SHIP programme TAIPRO22 (RV Belgica)	Katrin Schroder (Recording)
<i>Additional time has been allowed to cushion against technical difficulties for online presenters.</i>		

<b>12:15 to 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch - with Poster Presentations – VIP Room</b> <a href="#">Online Poster Presentations</a>
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### Afternoon Session

<b>13:30 to 14:25 Education and Training</b>		
13:30 - 13:40	Eurofleets+ Education and Training (OGS)	Andrea Caburlotto (OGS) (In Person)
13:40 - 13:55	Floating University First Person Experience	Nil Rhodes (Recording)
13:55 - 14:10	Blue Skills Lab First Person Experience	Larissa Oliveira (Recording)
14:10 - 14:25	Learner-led science communication from the open sea: The PORO-CLIM Expedition"	Erica Krueger (Online)

<b>14:25 – 14:40</b>	<b>Coffee Break - with Poster Presentations – VIP Room</b> <a href="#">Online Poster Presentations</a>
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<b>14:40 to 16:00 Eurofleets+ Work Package Activity JRA, Stakeholder Engagement and Roadmap and Legacy</b>		
14:40 - 15:00	JRA 3.1 Data Management	Dick Schaap (MARIS) (In Person)
15:00 - 15:15	JRA 3.2 Innovations for Deep Sea Operations	Arturo CASTELLON Masalles (CSIC) (On line)
15:15 - 15:30	JRA 3.3 Intelligent Robot Exploration	Rafael Garcia (UdG) (In Person)
15:30 - 15:45	WP 5 Stakeholder Engagement	Juanjo Danobeitia (EMSO ERIC) (Online)
15:45 - 16:00	WP8 Eurofleets Foresight Legacy and Roadmap	Giuseppe Magnifico (CNR) (In person)
16:00	Conference Close Aodhán Fitzgerald	



## Practical Information for getting to Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences

### Address

Museum of Natural Sciences

29 Rue Vautier

1000 Brussels

Tel: +32 (0)2 627 42 11 (Monday to Friday, between 7:30 and 17:00)

- Bus stop for coaches and school buses: 260 Chaussée de Wavre/Waversesteenweg, 1050 Brussels.
- [List of tourist coach parking locations in Brussels](#)
- Map: see [Google Maps](#) or our [printable plan](#).

We strongly recommend to use public transport. The parking possibilities are limited in the area of the Museum and our car park is very small and accessible in priority to visitors with reduced mobility (visitors with reduced mobility are asked to contact our Security Service ([security@naturalsciences.be](mailto:security@naturalsciences.be)) at least one day prior to your visit so that we can prepare for your arrival). Take a look at the important information for car and coach drivers below.

### Public transport

Find your way to the Museum by public transport (Belgian Rail, STIB/MIVB, TEC and De Lijn) with [www.belgiantrain.be/en/travel-info/current/current-departure-times](http://www.belgiantrain.be/en/travel-info/current/current-departure-times).

#### Train

Brussels-Luxembourg station is a five-minute walk from the museum (take exit 2). See the “Admissions” section above for details on Discovery Tickets.

#### Bus

Bus 38 or 95 to “Idalie” or “Luxembourg” bus stops which are a five-minute walk from the museum  
Bus 34 or 80 to “Museum” bus stop, opposite the museum

#### Metro

Line 1 or 5 to “Maelbeek/Maalbeek” station, a ten-minute walk from the museum  
Line 2 or 6 to “Trône/Troon” station, a ten-minute walk from the museum

#### Villo!

There are several *Villo!* bike rental stations near the museum. The nearest, station no. 102, is located just outside the Museum, at the base of the outside staircase, facing 229-233 Chaussée de Wavre.

### More information

For more information, please see the following websites:

- [www.belgiantrain.be](http://www.belgiantrain.be) (trains)



- [Europe by train](#) (Thalys, Eurostar etc.)
- [STIB/MIVB](#) (metros, trams, and buses in Brussels)
- [TEC](#) (metros, trams, and buses in Wallonia)
- [De Lijn](#) (metros, trams, and buses in Flanders)
- [Villo!](#) (self-service bicycles for rent in Brussels)

### Cars

#### Low Emission Zone (LEZ) in Brussels

Since January 1st of 2018, [the Brussels-Capital Region has become a Low Emission Zone \(LEZ\)](#). The regulation affects cars, vans  $\leq 3.5$  tonnes, and buses and coaches, whether registered in Belgium or abroad. If you are entering the city in a car or van, [check here to find out whether you are allowed to drive your vehicle within the LEZ](#) (Belgian number plate) or [register your car](#) (foreign number plate). If a vehicle has not been registered in advance, a fine of 150 € can be levied. If you do not meet the conditions, we remind you that there are [park-and-ride car parks on the access routes leading into Brussels](#) as well as [alternatives to the car](#). Thank you for taking part in the regional effort aimed at improved air quality!

#### Partial closing of Wiertz Street

The part of Wiertz Street near the European Parliament is closed for vehicles. As a consequence there is no direct connection anymore between Belliard Street and the Museum. You can reach us via Chaussée de Wavre.

#### Parking lots nearby

- Parking Forte Dei Marmi: Avenue du Maelbeek 61, 1040 Etterbeek
- Parking Jourdan: Place Jourdan 1, 1040 Etterbeek
- Parking Tulipe: Rue de la Tulipe 39a, 1050 Ixelles
- Parking des 2 Portes (Porte de Namur): Boulevard de Waterloo 2, 1000 Brussels

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