NEW OPERATIONAL STEPS TOWARDS AN ALLIANCE OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH FLEETS

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EUROFLEETS2 is the enhancement of EUROFLEETS(1), with the aim of **developing a pan-European distributed research fleet infrastructure** with common strategic vision and coordinated access to European marine Research Vessels and marine equipment.

EUROFLEETS2 provides fully funded days of ship-time on board **8 Global/Ocean class and 14 Regional class Research Vessels**. EUROFLEETS2 also offers **access to large equipment** such as ROVs and submersibles to carry out ship-based research activities within various fields of marine sciences.
EUROFLEETS2 promotes information sharing, identification of new collaborative frameworks, development of common software tools and innovative integration schemes. The project contributes as well to the training of young marine scientists through dedicated ship-based training courses.
With an EC contribution of 9 Million Euros, EUROFLEETS2 brings together 31 marine institutes, universities, foundations and SMEs from 20 countries.

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