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1. Introduction

This Deliverable centres on the task 5.3 "Models to achieve a shared European evaluation procedure".
This task will deal with:

* Establishing a model for a harmonised European evaluation system that can be applied to European calls;
* Disseminating this model to national, European and international agencies and initiating a discussion with these agencies or structures to adopt this model, fully or partly, for applications from European Researchers for ship-time on their research vessels.

This Deliverable addresses the dissemination of the shared evaluation system for ship-time proposals.

2. Flyer: The EUROFLEETS2 Ship time Evaluation System

The Evaluation System used in EUROFLEETS2 to evaluate ship-time proposals is based upon the best experiences from different European ship-time application and evaluation procedures. It ensures the scientific excellence of the granted proposals, as only proposals ranked as excellent in the scientific evaluation are then evaluated logistically.
The EUROFLEETS2 Evaluation System has been accepted by the RV operators of 22 European RVs, as members of the EUROFLEETS2 project. This is especially relevant as this is the first time that a European evaluation system grants ship-time on national RVs. It has been tested in 8 calls for proposals (three calls managed under EUROFLEETS(1) and five under EUROFLEETS2) and proved successful, with a total of 41 cruises (17 EUROFLEETS(1) cruises + 24 EUROFLEETS2 cruises) successfully scheduled on board European RVs.

In order to disseminate the Evaluation System used in EUROFLEETS2, WP5 designed a flyer to be distributed in printed form at different forums, conferences and meetings by the EUROFLEETS2 partners, as well as in electronic version (pdf) through the EUROFLEETS2 website and mailing lists.
The flyer resumes the steps of the evaluation process and it is highlighted by a synthetic scheme.

The electronic version of this flyer can be downloaded at http://www.eurofleets.eu/np4/72/ and also from the webpage dedicated to the Ship-time Proposal Evaluation System http://www.eurofleets.eu/np4/83/.

This flyer is a lasting legacy which is being used to promote and advertise the EUROFLEETS2 evaluation system in Europe and beyond.

The shared evaluation system developed under the umbrella of EUROFLEETS, has been proved efficient and its criteria should be used as a baseline for developing a shared evaluation for future European calls.

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alliance of European research fleets

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KEY FIGURES

Project name: New operational steps towards an alliance of European research fleets
Project acronym: EUROFLEETS2
Funding scheme (FP7): Combination of Collaborative Projects (CP) and
Coordination and Support Actions (CSA) for Integrating Activities (IA)
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Duration: 52 months
Start date: 01 March 2013
Coordinator: Valérie Mazauric and Jacques Binot, Ifremer
Number of countries: 20
Number of beneficiaries: 31 institutions
Number of vessels in EUROFLEETS2: 22
Number of pieces of research equipment: 6

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http://www.eurofleets.eu/np4/83/

THE EUROFLEETS SHIP-TIME PROPOSAL EVALUATION SYSTEM

THE EVALUATION PROCESS

The EUROFLEETS ship-time proposal evaluation system is based on the best procedures of European evaluation systems. It has been accepted by the operators of 28 European research vessels (RVs), as members of the EUROFLEETS and EUROFLEETS2 projects. This is especially relevant as this is the first time that a European evaluation system grants ship-time on national RVs. It has been tested in the evaluation of 104 proposals and proven successful, as this system ensures that only excellent proposals are granted ship time.

1. ELIGIBILITY
Upon call closure the Evaluation Office (EO) checks if proposals meet the eligibility criteria. When proposals fail to meet these, they are excluded from the further evaluation process and rejected by the EO.

2. SCIENTIFIC EVALUATION
A member of the Scientific Review Panel (SRP), expert on the respective proposal topic, is allocated to each proposal by the chair of the SRP and the EO. This SRP member accompanies the proposals and he/she is responsible throughout the different steps of the evaluation process and – if the proposal is successful – even afterwards for the cruise reporting. One member of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) participates at the SRP meetings ensuring the transparency of the evaluation process.

a) **Selection of reviewers:** The Scientific Review Panel suggests external experts to evaluate each of the proposals.

b) **Individual assessment:** The review is carried out by three external experts per proposal.

c) **Consensus evaluation:** Every SRP member reports on his/her allocated proposal and comments on the received reviews. This is followed by an open discussion where the SRP members reach a consensus.

d) **Interranking:** In a second round, the proposals are ranked and recommended for scheduling or rejected.

3. LOGISTIC EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS
Only the proposals ranked as excellent are recommended for scheduling and forwarded to the Logistic Review Panel (LRP). The LPR evaluates the proposals for their logistical feasibleness following their assigned ranking number, independently of the RV requested, and they ultimately decide which RV fits each proposal best.

4. FEEDBACK AND NEGOTIATION OF SUCCESSFUL PROPOSALS
All applicants receive a funding decision accompanied by a Consensus Evaluation Report (CER), which is prepared by the allocated SRP member. The CER is based upon the individual reviews and takes comments and judgement made during the SRP discussion into account. Proposals selected for funding start the negotiation phase to include the cruise in the respective RV schedule.

This shared evaluation system, developed under the umbrella of EUROFLEETS, has proved to be efficient and its criteria should be used as a baseline for future evaluation of European calls for ship-time.