

# **EUROFLEETS**

Workshop for preparing applications to

**EUROFLEETS2 Regional Calls**

Young scientists and PhD students of Marine

Related Sciences

## The EUROFLEETS2 project

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EUROFLEETS2 is an EU funded project whose primary purpose is to provide fully funded access to European Research Vessels (RVs) for all European scientists and their industrial and international partners on the sole condition of scientific excellence. Projects covering all fields of marine science from environmental and biodiversity protection, to coastal zone management, geodynamics and climate change research are very welcome. To pursue this aim, 73 fully funded days of ship time on 8 Global/Ocean class research vessels and 127 days of ship time on 14 Regional class research ships will be available between 2014 and 2017 to support outstanding research projects.

A detailed description of the research vessels participating in the EUROFLEETS2 project, their technical capabilities, available scientific instrumentation and equipment, completed by a brief description of the obtainable ship time and area of operation can be found at <http://www.eurofleets.eu>.

## Workshop overview

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A preparatory workshop for the EUROFLEETS2 ship-time Calls, organized within the EUROFLEETS2 programme, will be held in Tallinn, Estonia from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

The workshop aims at supporting emerging researchers in writing competitive proposals for ship-time and providing acquaintance to the available vessels, equipment and instrumentation. The workshop specifically aims at encouraging the participation of scientists from countries with limited access to such equipment, and further developing specific strategic priorities for selecting study areas.

EUROFLEETS2 offers a unique opportunity to get fully funded access to European Research Vessels. The workshop will give European early career scientists with good ideas/projects the opportunity:

1. to take advantage of the presence of "EUROFLEETS2 personnel" for questions or concerns relating to the calls;
2. to have a meeting point for research groups which already plan to submit a proposal to the EUROFLEETS regional calls;
3. to get in contact with other colleagues interested to submit a proposal in the same area (or: to find other colleagues interested to submit a proposal in the same area).

Participation is open to European young scientists and PhD students (in the latest stage of their doctorate) in marine related sciences.

The workshop will be held over 3 days and will include both theoretical lecture sessions, presenting and explaining EUROFLEETS2 ship-time calls, and practical working group sessions. The topics covered are: Available research vessels and instrumentation; Application form; Evaluation criteria; Experience from earlier Eurofleets calls; What can go wrong (weather etc); EEZ applications and specific rules in countries etc. The group work will be devoted to the planning of research cruises including selection of necessary equipment and station network; estimates on time needed for transits and operations at stations; estimates of consumables needed; calculation of expenses of after cruise laboratory and data analyses; possible sources for funding those activities etc.

A total of 25 positions are available. The selection of successful participants will be based on the information provided in the application form. Please note that the workshop is funded through EUROFLEETS2. Accommodation at the Academic Hostel (Akadeemia tee 11, Tallinn (<https://v2.ttu.ee/academichostel-eng/main-page/>)) and meals will be paid for the participants.

Applications must be received via e-mail or post by Monday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 18.00hrs (CET). Successful applicants will be notified no later than Monday January 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Workshop location

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The workshop will be held in Tallinn (Estonia), at the Marine Systems Institute at Tallinn University of Technology (TUT), Akadeemia tee 15a, (<http://www.ttu.ee/en/?id=36744>).

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