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- Similarities:
  - Annual meetings
  - For RV operators and associated persons (crewing agencies, industry suppliers of equipment)
  - Members driven
  - Similar governance: chair and vice-chair, elected for 2 years

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- Differences: ERVO
  - ERVO is the platform for the European RV operators, although the meeting can be attended by operators or interested parties from outside Europe
  - Because of the nature of RV operations in many European countries the focus in ERVO is largely on the regional fleet, including local operations.
  - The meetings are alternately in Northern and Southern Europe, if possible.

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  - IRSO is the platform for the International RV operators, including those from Europe. Last IRSO meeting: 85 persons from 23 countries.
  - IRSO main goal is to talk about global RV operations on the large ships that operate in the open ocean, but those operating regionally or locally are welcome.
  - The meetings are held alternately in Europe and outside Europe.
  - The chair – vice-chair pair is from a European and a non- European country.

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- Additional IRSO events:
- INMARTECH
  - INMARTECH is the meeting held on behalf of IRSO to offer a platform for marine technicians to meet, exchange ideas and discuss best practices .
  - Held every other year, either in Europe or in the US

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- Importance of groups like IRSO and ERVO:
- An excellent opportunity to meet other who are dealing with the same issues.
- Although many of the operators organisations work in different ways many of the problems we encounter are the same.
- It is great to know a group of people that can and will assist you when you need help. There are not many problems or issues that come up that someone else hasn't already experienced at some point.
- The groups are there to help, so don't hesitate to get in touch!

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