

## BOOS General Assembly Business meeting 2022 (14 December 2022, 14:00-16:00 CET, online)

The meeting was chaired by BOOS Chair Jun She, DMI.

Participants: representatives from 17 partners (BSH, DMI, EPA, FMI, GEOMETOC, Hereon, IMGW, IOPAN, IOUG, IOW, KU, LVGMC, SMA, SMHI, SYKE, Taltech, UL) joined the business meeting. Apology from Marie Maar (AU), Thorger Bruning (BSH), Joanna Stenev (HEREON), Michael Neumann (IOW), Patrick Gorringer (SMGI) and Taavi Liblik (TalTech). No response from EMI.

EuroGOOS Office (Inga Lips and Alicia Blanco) are invited to join.

### 1. Approval of agenda and appointing a rapporteur

The agenda was approved with no changes, Jun She was appointed as a rapporteur

### 2. Vote on change of BOOS logo

Background: recognizing that ROOSs are EuroGOOS regional systems, and there is a need to make this reality visible and both ROOSs and EuroGOOS are promoted, especially in an international environment, EuroGOOS has proposed to change the present ROOS logos. The proposed new logos are shown in Fig. 1.

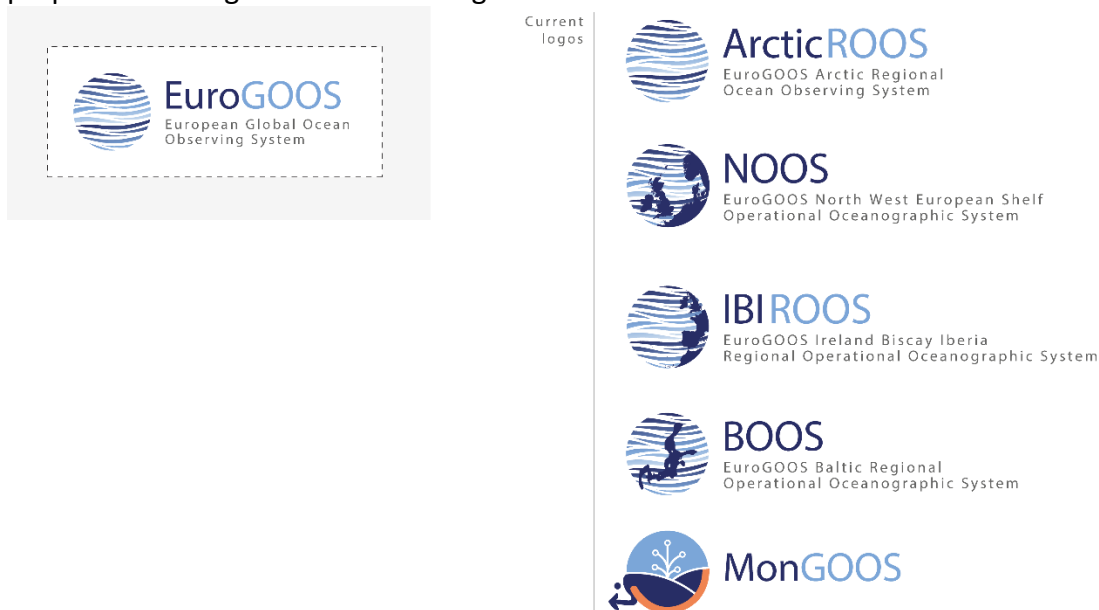


Figure 1. New ROOS logos proposed by EuroGOOS.



Figure 2. Current BOOS logo

Current BOOS logo is shown in Fig. 2. BOOS STG received the request from EuroGOOS Office and suggested this vote to the BOOS General Assembly.

### Discussions:

From EuroGOOS side, Alicia (Communication officer) and Inga Lips (Director) explained the benefits of this change and answered questions from BOOS partners.

- Will BOOS name changed?  
No. Acronym BOOS still refers to “Baltic Sea Operational Oceanographic System”
- Will BOOS website URL, i.e., boos.org, changed?  
Not necessarily. This will depend on BOOS decision.
- How will BOOS website maintained?  
EuroGOOS hope that BOOS website can be a more dynamic website. EuroGOOS will be responsible to maintain the BOOS website. However, implementation of the updates will need joint efforts from EuroGOOS (Alicia), BOOS web WG (Jan, Thomas and Vibeke) and all BOOS members (to provide needed information).
- How to report failures, inconsistency found in the website?  
BOOS members should report this directly to Alicia Blanco ([alicia.blanco-suarez@eurogoos.eu](mailto:alicia.blanco-suarez@eurogoos.eu)) and cc to BOOS Web WG.
- EuroGOOS will not make changes of BOOS website without consulting BOOS Web WG.  
BOOS would like to receive good suggestions from Alicia for improving BOOS website, especially best practices from other ROOSs. The suggestions can be sent to BOOS web WG and cc to STG.

#### **Outcomes:**

16 out of 17 BOOS participants voted “Yes” for the change of BOOS logo. It was also agreed that BOOS name will not be changed, BOOS URL will remain as “boos.org”.

**Action 2.1:** Alicia Blanco will make correspondent changes of boos logo.

#### 3. BOOS position towards Russia members (a STG statement will be discussed)

- Jun She presented the STG decision made in May 2022 and invited for comments:

“BOOS Steering Group Statement: as a reaction to the aggression by the present Russian government towards Ukraine, the Steering Group of BOOS calls for a temporary suspension of participation of all Russian state institutes and universities to any coming BOOS events and activities”

The statement will be published both in the "home" and also in the membership page. In the membership page, the introduction to Russian partners will be replaced by this BOOS SG statement.

- Inga Lips introduced a general approach EuroGOOS has done for ArcticROOS and BOOS websites: to hide the “Russia” and “Russian partners” in the membership pages.
- However, quite a few BOOS members have commented (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Polish and German partners) that they prefer the solution of the “BOOS STG statement”. There will be no change of Russian membership but BOOS position needs to be actively shown.

**Action 3.1:** Alicia Blanco will implement this solution in the website.

#### 4. Follow-up on the BOOS Website and call for inputs (Jan Reissmann, Jun She)

Following actions are proposed:

- **Action 4.1:** adding BOOS WG description page. An overall design should be made with a common template of information needed.

**Responsible:** BMP Chair Thorger Bruning and Laura Tuomi, together with Alicia Blanco and BOOS WebWG, and all WG Chairs

- **Action 4.2:** complete partner information (projects, publications, model products, observation products) in the google excel sheet:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kvkgAetW6\\_UOzsy1nib3QV1m5Gyf\\_5St/edit?rtpof=true](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kvkgAetW6_UOzsy1nib3QV1m5Gyf_5St/edit?rtpof=true)

**Responsible:** All BOOS partner representatives.

- **Action 4.3:** implement BOOS partner information in the BOOS website

**Responsible:** Alicia Blanco, BOOS Web WG.

5. Discussion on EuroGOOS-BOOS-ROOS relations

Jun She presented a note “**BOOS region-specific priorities and EuroGOOS Strategy 2030**” and invited for comments. The note was requested by EuroGOOS office and prepared by BOOS STG. BOOS STG realized that the first four Strategic Objects (SO) in EuroGOOS Strategy 2030 are well addressed in BOOS activities, while SO5 “Mobile public resources” is less addressed. On the other hand, key R&D goals of BOOS, especially in related climate change adaptation and ocean health are less addressed in the SOs. Inga Lips explained that SOs are very high level, while the key R&D goals can be reflected in the detailed implementation plan.

6. AOB

BOOS Annual meeting 2023 will be a face-to-face meeting, before EuroGOOS General Assembly (30-31 May). FMI has kindly offered to host the meeting.

**Action 6.1:** The STG will have a meeting early next year to decide the meeting structure.

**Action 6.2:** All partner representatives and BOOS WG Chairs, please send your presentations to Jun She.