



# Uncrewed Surface Vehicles (USV) Network Initiative in support to EOOS: The EuroSea Project



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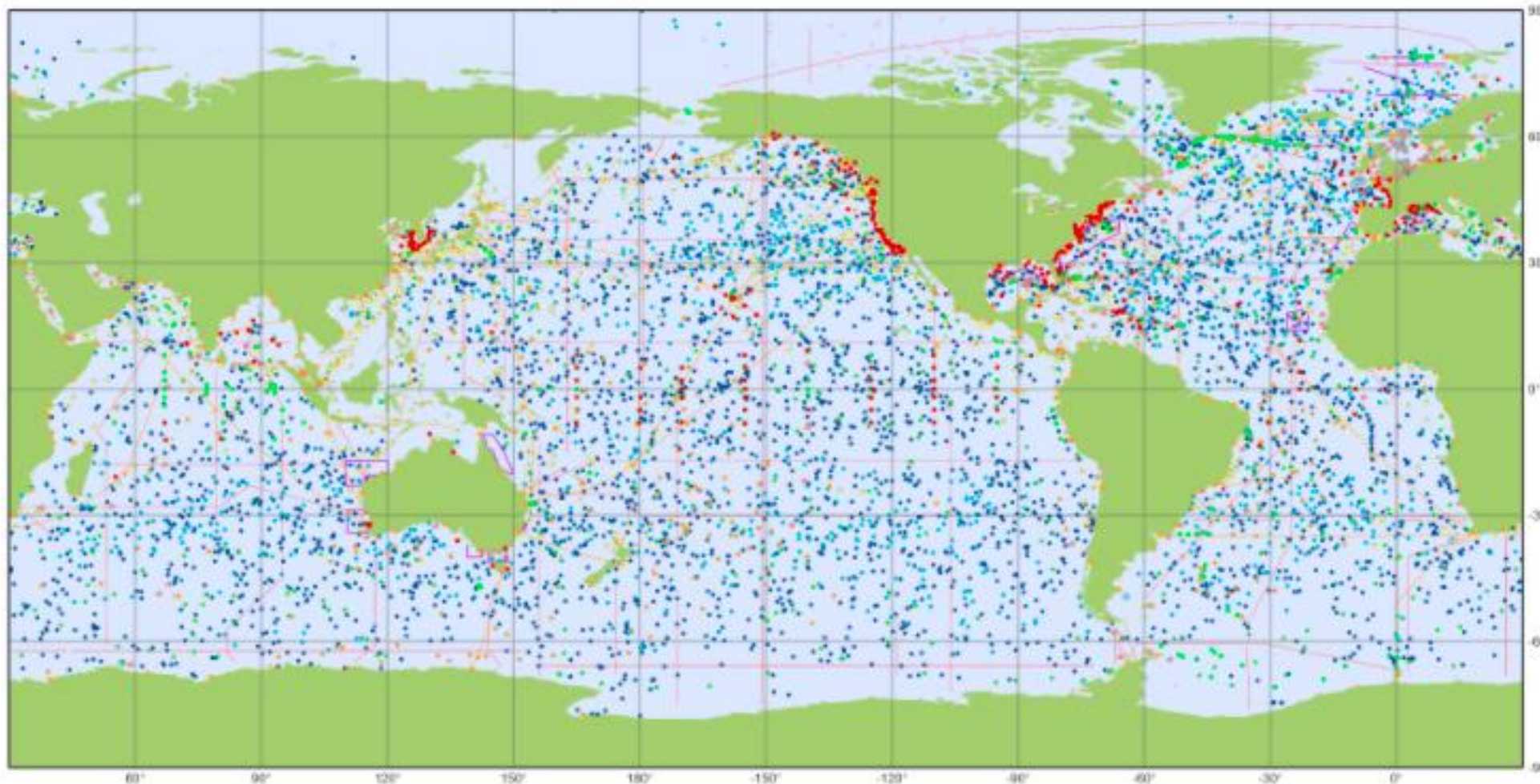




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## Global ocean observing system

In situ operational platforms monitored by OceanOPS

January 2022

### Mobile systems

- Core floats - Argo
- Deep floats - Argo
- Biogeochemistry floats - Argo
- Underwater gliders - OceanGliders
- Drifting buoys - DBCP

### Fixed systems

- Polar buoys - DBCP
- Animal borne sensors
- ▲ Tsunameters - DBCP
- Offshore platforms - DBCP
- Moored buoys - DBCP

- Ocean reference stations - OceanSITES

- Sea level gauges - GLOSS
- High Frequency radars

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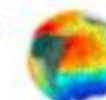
### Ship based measurements

- Manned weather stations - SOT/VOS
- Automated weather stations - SOT/VOS

- Radiosondes - SOT/ASAP

### Reference lines and areas

- Repeat hydrography - GO-SHIP
- eXpendable BathyThermographs - SOT/SOOP
- Sampled sites - OceanGliders



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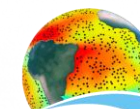


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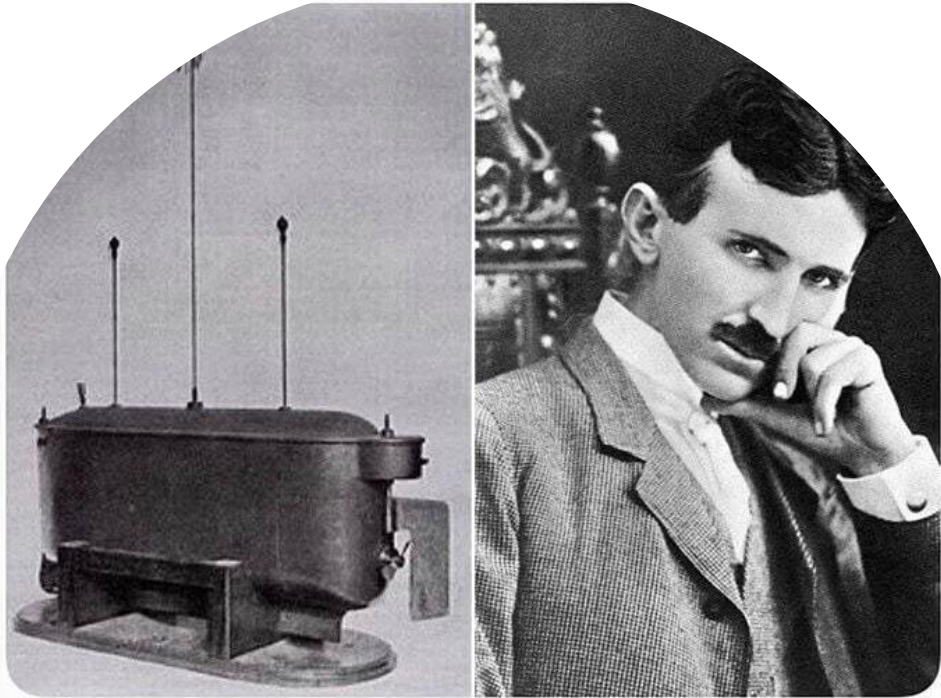


# What exactly is an Uncrewed Surface Vehicle?





# USV-tech SoA in brief...



In 1898, Nikola Tesla built a remote control boat and displayed it in Madison Square Garden. The crowd thought that he was controlling it with his mind, but a trained monkey was inside. When Tesla, in response to the crowd, decided to try to control the boat by shouting commands, the monkey was able to control it.

1898



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Country	Year	USV Name	Research Purpose & Major Achievements
USA	1993	ARTEMIS (Vaneck et al., 1996)	1) Systems test; 2) Bathymetry sampling
	1996	ACES (Manley, 1997)	1) Oceanographic data collection
	1998	SCOUT (Goudey et al., 1998)	1) Cooperative control; 2) Testbed
	1990s	Roboski (Bremer et al., 2007)	1) Surveillance; 2) Target drones
	1990s	Owls USVs (Motwani, 2012)	1) Harbor and ship security
	2000	AutoCat (Manley et al., 2000)	1) Survey of shipwreck
	2001	Spartan Scout (Motwani, 2012)	1) Port surveillance; 2) Force protection
	2003	USSV-HTF (Motwani, 2012)	1) Towing various sensors and effectors
	2005	WASP (Mahacek, 2005)	1) Stability test; 2) Bathymetric mapping
	2005	Seadoo Challenger 2000 (Ebken et al., 2005)	1) Collision avoidance; 2) Autonomous recovery
	2005	HUSCy (Curcio et al., 2005)	1) Hydrographic survey
	2008	Wave Glider (Bingham et al., 2012)	1) Data collection
	2008	Nereus (Beck et al., 2009)	1) Stability test; 2) Bathymetric mapping
	2009	SeaWASP (Furfaro et al., 2009)	1) Environmental monitoring; 2) Testbed
UK	2010	Piranha (Yang et al., 2011)	1) Reconnaissance
	2011	MUSCL (Bertram, 2008)	1) Surveillance and reconnaissance
	1990s	MIMIR (Roberts & Sutton, 2006)	1) Shallow water search and survey
	2000s	C-series USVs (Anonymous, 2014a)	1) Assets security; 2) Environmental monitoring; 3) Mining
	2000s	FENRIR (Roberts & Sutton, 2006)	1) Relay between UUV and control center
	2000s	Sentry (Murray, 2008)	1) Harbor and shore survey and protection
	2003	SWIMS (Roberts & Sutton, 2006)	1) Mine sweeping
	2003	SeaFox (Yakimenko & Kragelund, 2011)	1) Maritime security operations
Canada	2004	Springer (Naeem et al., 2008b)	1) Environment monitoring; 2) Test platform
	2008	Blackfish (Sonnenburg, 2012)	1) Harbor protection and patrol
	1983	DOLPHIN (Curcio et al., 2005)	1) Bathymetric mapping
Italy	2000s	Barracuda (Bertram, 2008)	1) As sea-surface target system
	2000s	Hammerhead (Bertram, 2008)	1) Simulating a multi-vehicle swarm threat
	2004	SESAMO (Caccia et al., 2005)	1) Environmental sampling
Portugal	2005	Charlie (Caccia et al., 2007)	1) Environmental sampling and survey
	2007	ALANIS (Bibuli et al., 2012)	1) Environmental sampling and survey
	2008	U-Ranger (Motwani, 2012)	1) Mine sweeping; 2) Harbor protection
Norway	2000	CARAVELA (Pascoal et al., 2006)	1) Oceanographic sampling; 2) Testbed
	2004	DELFIN (Alves et al., 2006) and DELFIMX (Gomes et al., 2006)	1) Oceanographic sampling; 2) Communication with UUVs
	2006	ROAZ I & II (Martins et al., 2007a)	1) Search and rescue
Israel	2006	Swordfish (Ferreira et al., 2007)	1) Environmental survey
	2008	Kaasbøll (Breivik et al., 2008)	1) Navigation and control systems test
	2008	Viknes (Breivik, 2010)	1) Multi-purpose system tests
Germany	2000s	Mariner (Breivik, 2010)	1) Environmental surveillance and sampling
	2003	Protector (Breivik et al., 2008)	1) Reconnaissance; 2) Counter-mine
	2005	Seastar (Yang et al., 2011)	1) Port, coastal survey; 2) Reconnaissance
France	2005	Stingray (Bertram, 2008)	1) Homeland security and coastguard
	2007	Silver Marlin (Bertram, 2008)	1) Surveillance and reconnaissance
	1998	MESSIN (Majohr & Buch, 2006)	1) Water ecological study
Sweden	2005	Basil (Bertram, 2008)	1) Offshore pipelines survey
	2005	MiniVAMP (Bertram, 2008)	1) Remote survey of offshore pipelines
	2007	Inspector (Yang et al., 2011)	1) Surveillance and reconnaissance
China	2002	Piraya (Yang et al., 2011)	1) Cooperative control
Japan	2010	Venus (Bertram, 2008)	1) Multi-tasks test
India	2008	Tianxiang One (Yan et al., 2010)	1) Meteorological survey
	2010	USV-ZhengHe (Yang et al., 2011)	1) Inshore marine data collection
	2000	Kan-Chan (Desa et al., 2007)	1) Study of global warming
	2004	UMV series (Bertram, 2008)	1) Ocean and atmosphere exploration
	2006	ROSS (Desa et al., 2007)	1) Oceanographic sampling

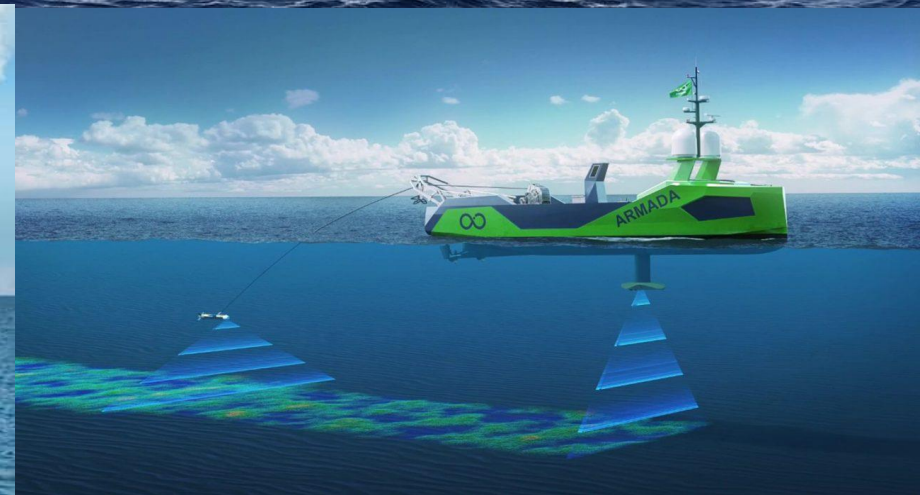




- Propulsion mainly based on electrical thrusters.
- Short-médium range endurance (hours/days) for missions near shore areas.







... USV development concept quite close to autonomous ships?



- Is USV technology also paving the way somehow for Autonomous Maritime Navigation strategy?

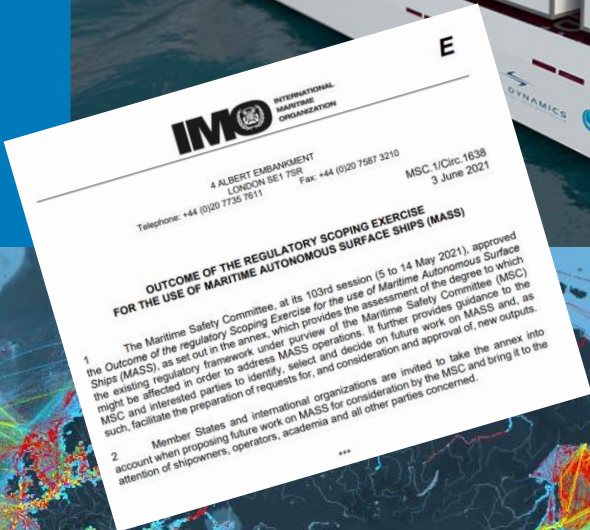
- Should USV and Autonomous Ships development strategies work under a closer and synergetic manner in some fields in order to strength MASS implementation?





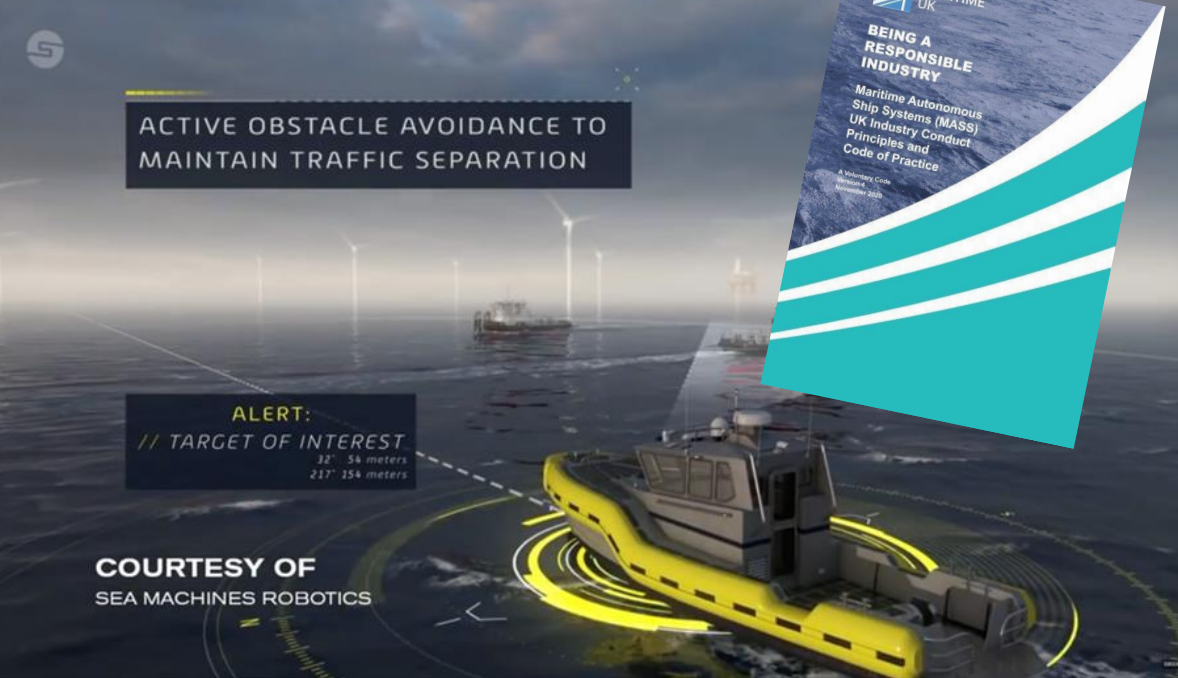
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# Autonomous ships: regulatory scoping exercise completed

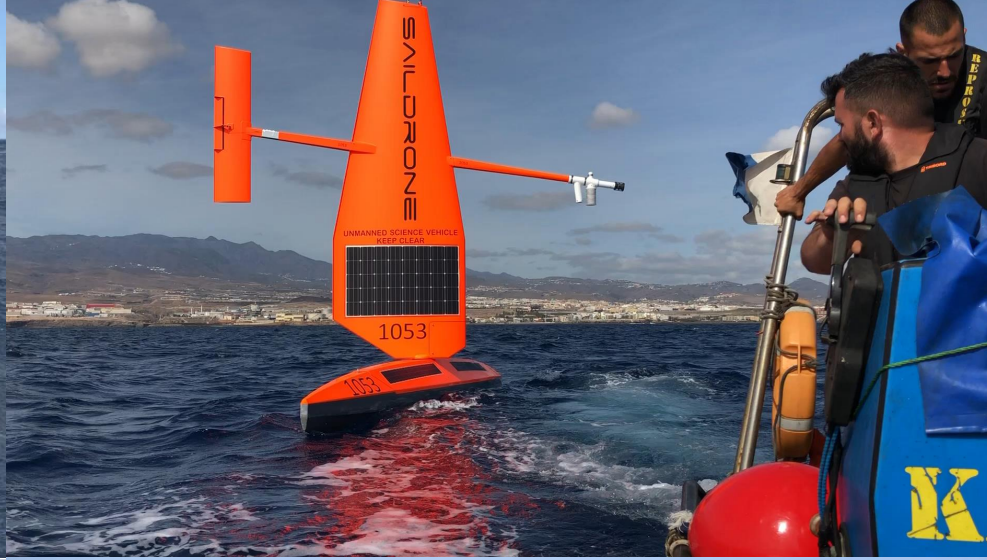


## Timeline for autonomous ships

2017	2020	2023	2025
Remote monitoring	Fully remote controlled vessel (manned) – unmanned with special approval	Gradual increase of autonomous control	Autonomous ship traffic commercial
Test areas	National pilots	Several pilots globally	Full scale testing / validation
		Domestic authority approval / certificate	Class/IMO reg. in place
International collaboration	Design requirements for autonomous power and propulsion systems Autonomous automobile commercial	Developed data transfer tech eg. 5G (limited to ferries/ports) Satellite becomes cheaper Mobility as a service "Industry standards in place"	Strongly decreased data communication Infrastructure
Ethical issues			
Development of cyber security			
Projects, IPR, competences, education			
National, IMO and global legislation development			

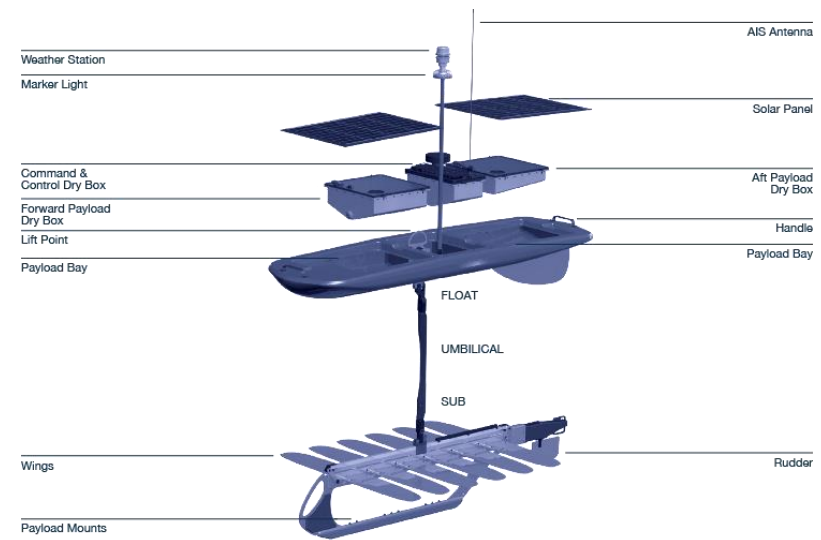
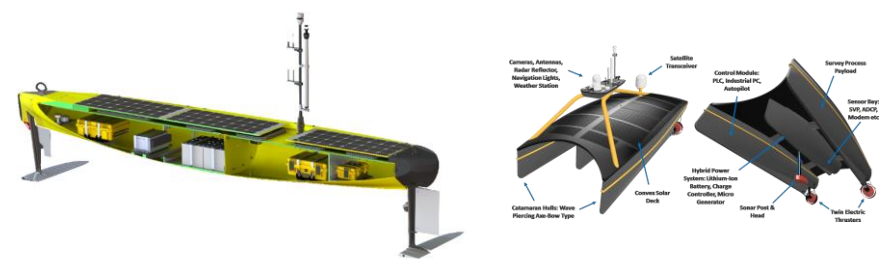




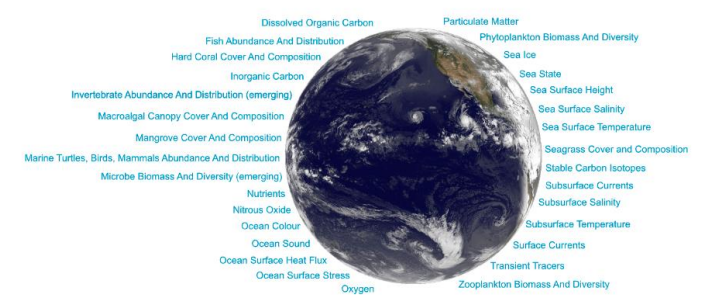
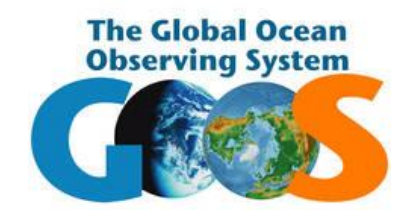


Propulsion based on **ocean-energy sources** (mainly waves, wind) and sunlight. Highly capables to increase **persistent-presence** in the ocean in a more sustainable and efficient **routine-mode operation**. Long-range (weeks/months) missions in both coastal and open-ocean areas.

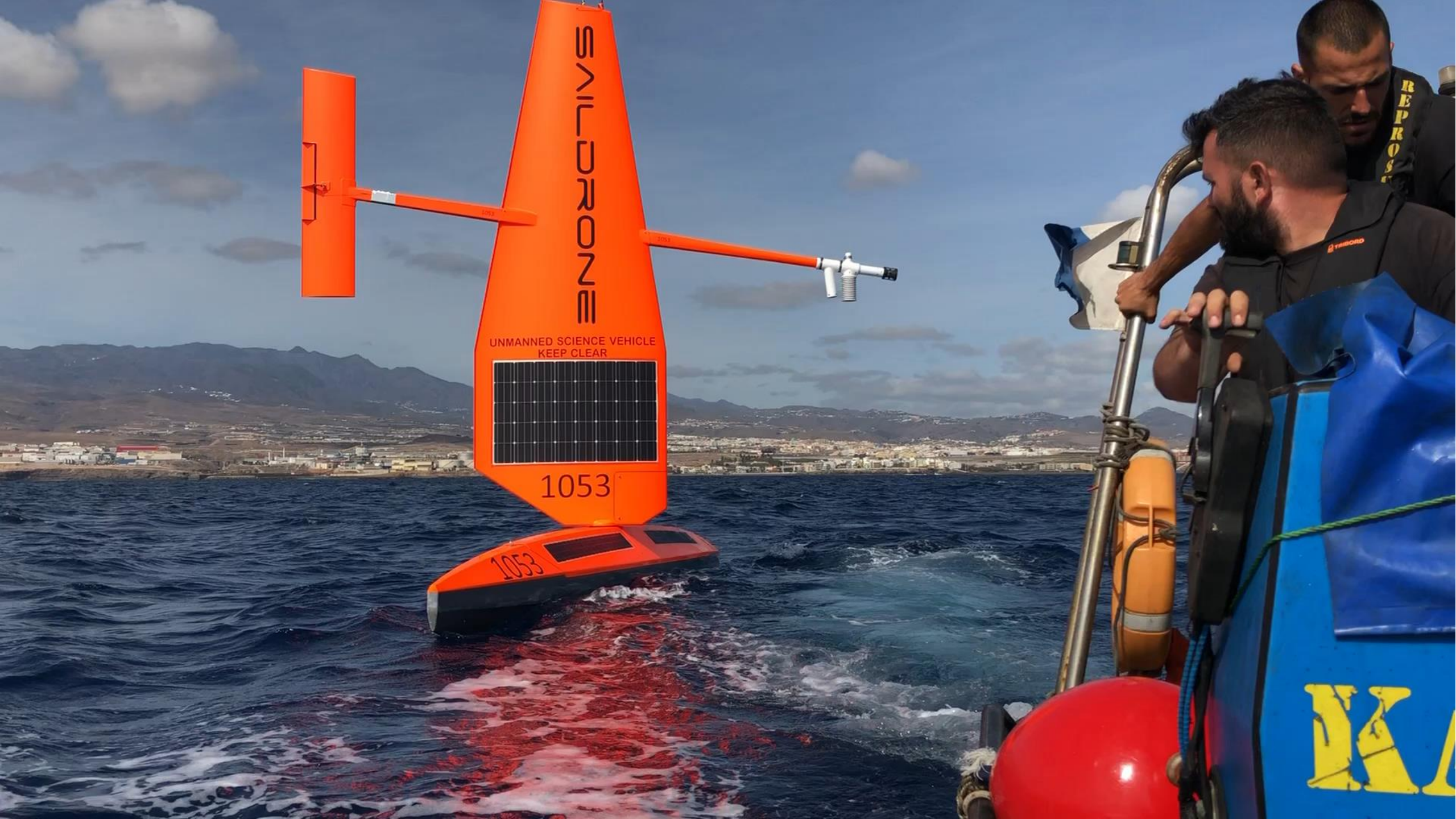




## GCOS Essential Climate Variables







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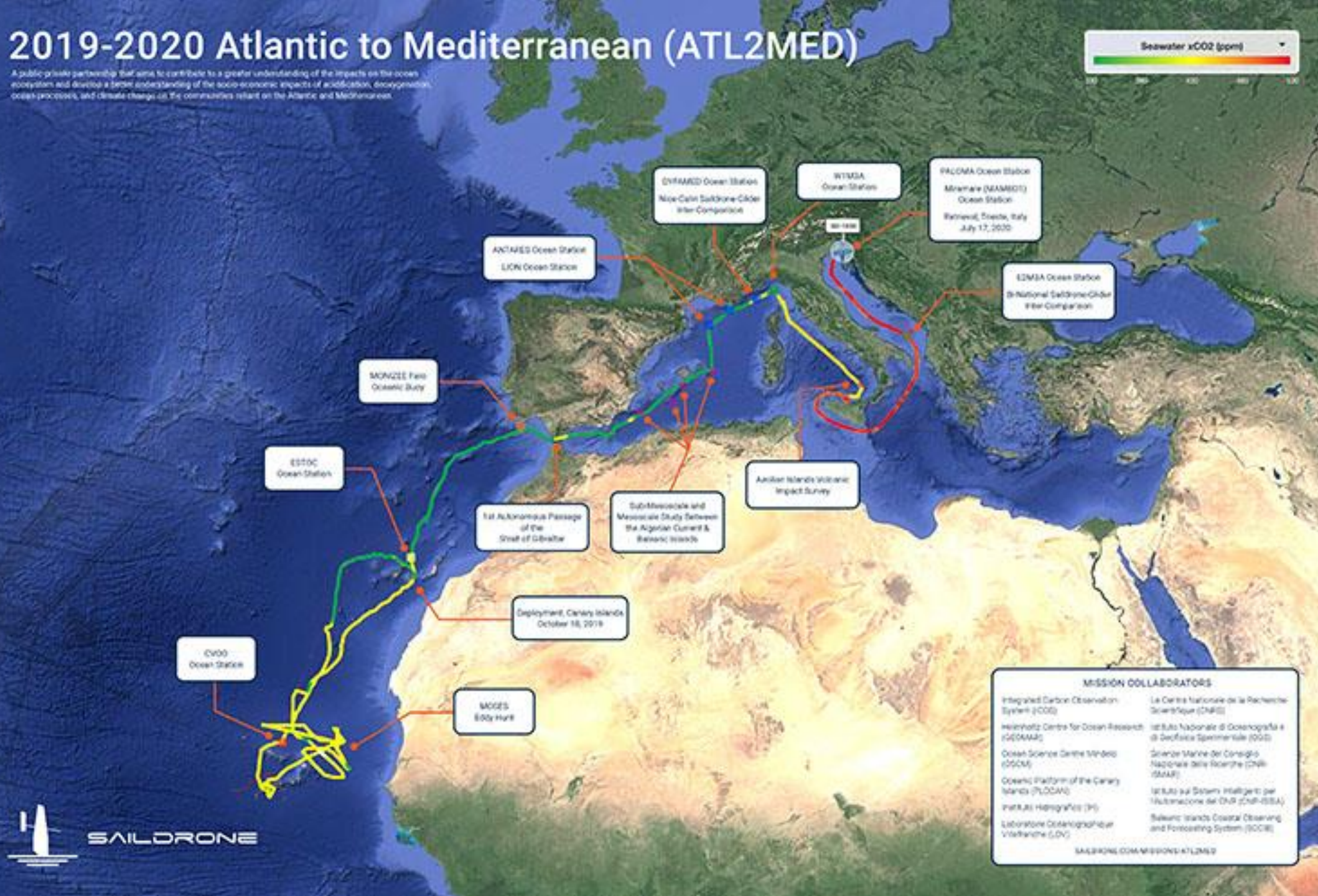
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# 2019-2020 Atlantic to Mediterranean (ATL2MED)

A public-private partnership that aims to contribute to a greater understanding of the impacts on the ocean ecosystem and develop a better understanding of the socio-economic impacts of acidification, deoxygenation, ocean processes, and climate change on the communities reliant on the Atlantic and Mediterranean.



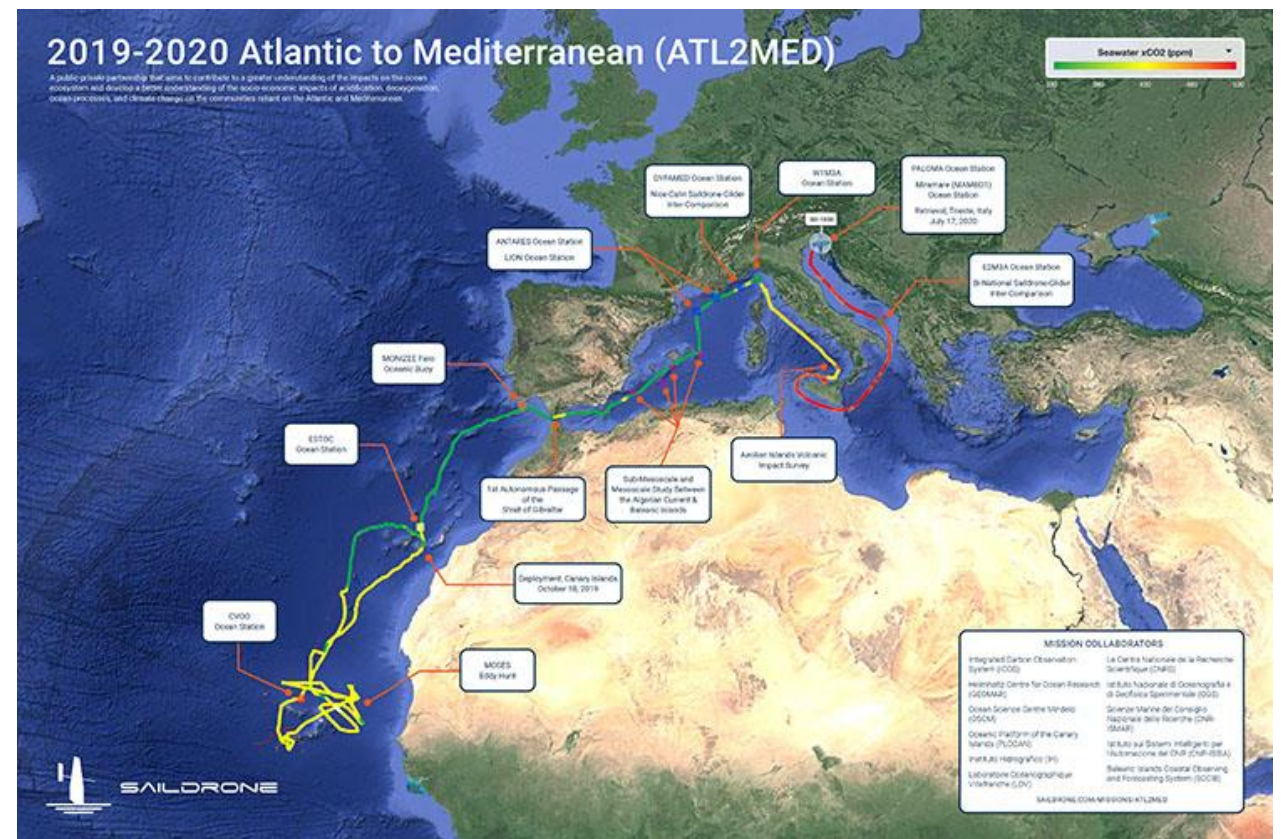
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## 2019-2020 ATL2MED Mission Stats

Mission duration	274 days (October 18, 2019 to July 17, 2020)
Distance sailed	15,015 nautical miles (27,810 kilometers or 17,280 miles) – both vehicles combined
Average vehicle speed	2–3 knots (average human walking pace)
Ocean stations visited	9
Data collected	Carbon, ( $p\text{CO}_2$ ), acidity, current velocity & direction, wind speed & direction, relative humidity, barometric pressure, air & sea temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll, wave height & period, acoustic backscatter





- Technology level (TRL) already well developed and mature.
- Huge Tech&Operational capabilities /uses.
- Wide range of applications/services for key marine and maritime sectors on ocean observing, survey, intervention, etc. already underway.
- **Clear lack at NETWORK level**
  - # Technical
  - # Operations / Missions
  - # Data/Metadata
  - # Legal framework
  - # Best Practices / Standards
  - # ...





# EuroGOOS Strategy 2030



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integrated and sustained  
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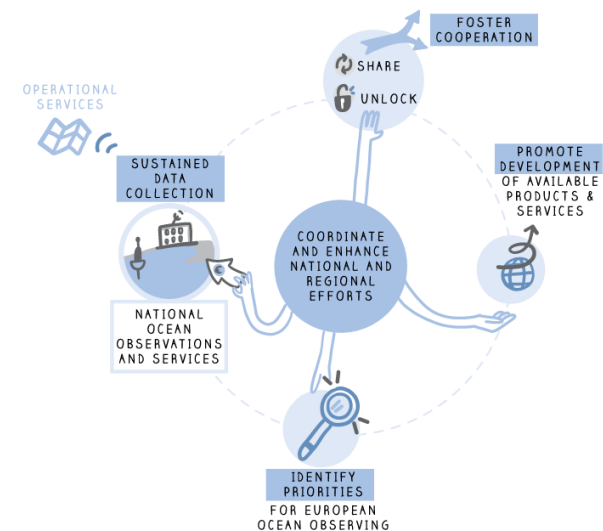
## ALIGNING, INTEGRATING AND PROMOTING EUROPE'S OCEAN OBSERVING CAPACITY

EOOS Strategy  
2018-2022

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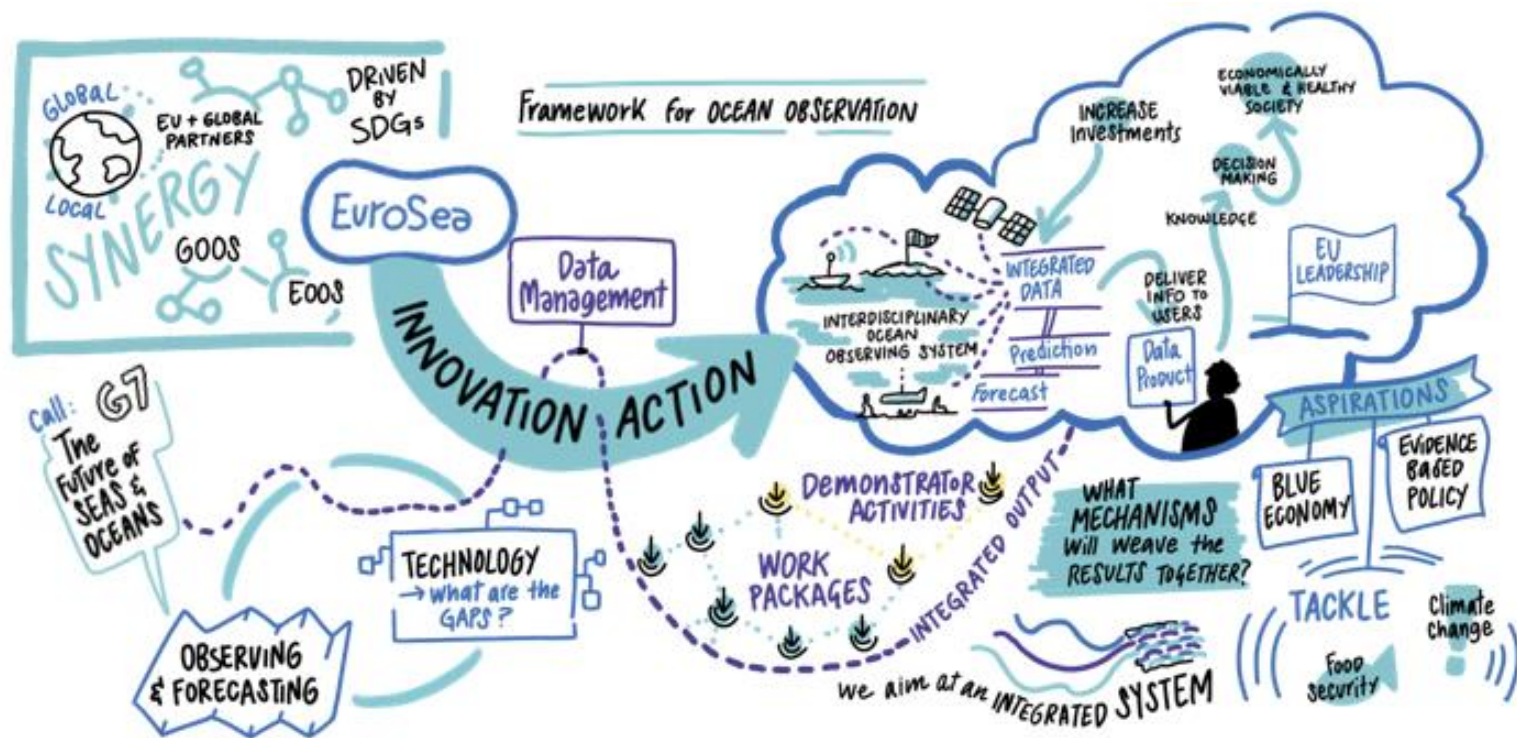




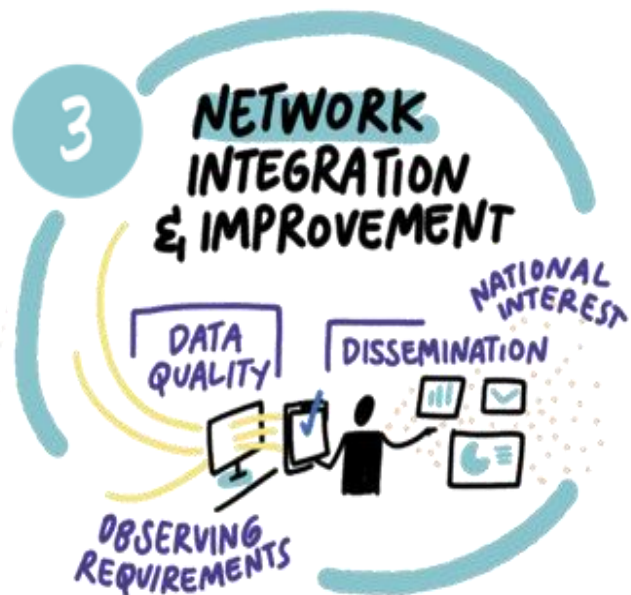
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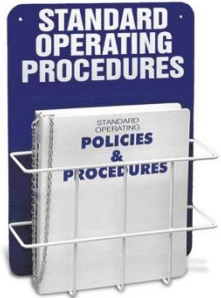
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HF Radar	HF Radar Bioscience Task Team	Global HF Radar Bioscience Task Team
Glider	Glider Bioscience Task Team	Ocean Gliders
Fixed platforms	Fixed Platforms Bioscience Task Team	OceanSITES Bioscience Task Team
Surface vehicle	in progress...	
Profiling floats	EuroArgo	Argo
Research ships	in progress...	
Commercial ships	FerryBox Bioscience Task Team	FerryBox Bioscience Task Team



# WP3 – Task 3.7 Autonomous Surface Vehicles Network



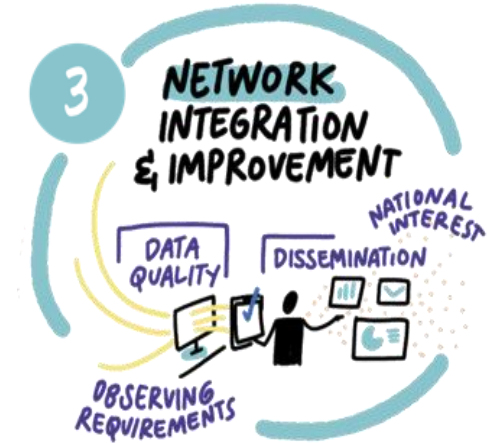
1) ASV-Network definition and roadmap addressed to cover current and future user's needs, including access to infrastructures, community roadmap monitoring, promoting knowledge exchange, enhancement and partnership worldwide with the establishment of an ASV User Group.



2) Improvements on Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for derived Best Practices (BP) implementation on operational protocols, data management, knowledge transfer, risk assessment, legislation, etc. in order to properly improve the ASV technology, contributing to the EOOS implementation plan.



3) Two workshops will be organized aiming at ASV technology - challenges, opportunities and user engagement, and ASV technology - BP implementation.



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Gathering more Knowledge for a Sustainable Use of the Ocean through a Multiplatform-Network approach based on cutting-edge Observing Technologies



## WP3 – Network Integration and Improvement

### Task 3.7

## Autonomous Surface Vehicles (ASV) Network

1<sup>st</sup> Workshop (online)  
October 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021









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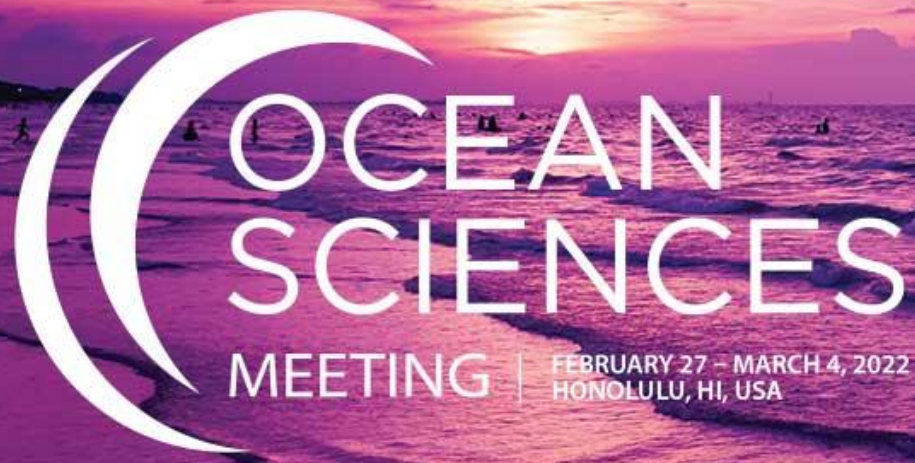
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# 1<sup>st</sup> USV WS - Main preliminary outcomes

- **Great level of interest, attendance and contribution** from current key USV-community members representing the “triple-helix” perspective (industry, academia/science and governance). Some other key members unable to attend but committed with future activities.
- The USV technology is already well developed and mature (**TRL 8-9**) in many cases.
- **Huge technological and operational capabilities** to cover in a synergistic way current ocean-observing gaps, being two of the main ones (1) to be able to monitor essential climate variables (ECV) and essential ocean variables (EOV) at the same time on an unprecedented space-time scale, and (2) act as gateway to link in real-time underwater observations with satellite platforms.
- Several helpful synergies already identified (and tested) with **other ocean-observing platforms** (fixed and mobile).
- **Wide range of applications/services for several Blue Growth sectors** on ocean-observing, survey, intervention, border security, etc. some of them already implemented in routine mode.
- Several technologies already as commercial product (important difference from other ocean-observing technologies).
- **Risk assessment and management system** is key.
- **Clear lack at network level** (main motivation to undertake this initiative under EuroSea project) from key aspects like technical -platforms and subsystems components-, coordinated operations/missions, data/metadata, legal framework (links with IMO/MASS strategy), best practices and standards, etc.





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## OT05 - Uncrewed Surface Vehicles (USVs) Technology Trends and Improvements on Observing Applications for the Ocean Decade

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 – 3:00-4:00 PM CET (Room 9) // 4:00-5:00 PM CET (Room 28)

<https://www.aslo.org/osm2022/scientific-sessions/#ot>

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*Ocean Sciences*  
March 2, 2022

## Integration and in-water testing of NOAA-PMEL's ASVCO2 (Autonomous Surface Vehicle Carbon Dioxide Sensor) into Wave Gliders and Saildrones

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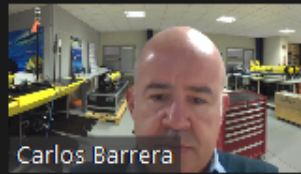



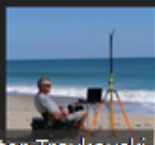
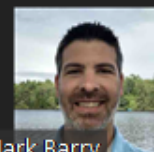
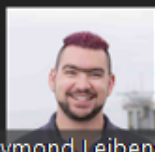
  
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# USV Developments

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