

Geo-Seas —a pan-European marine geoscientific e-infrastructure

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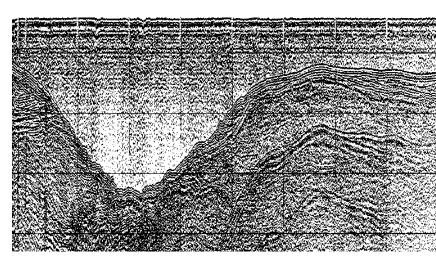






What is Geo-Seas?

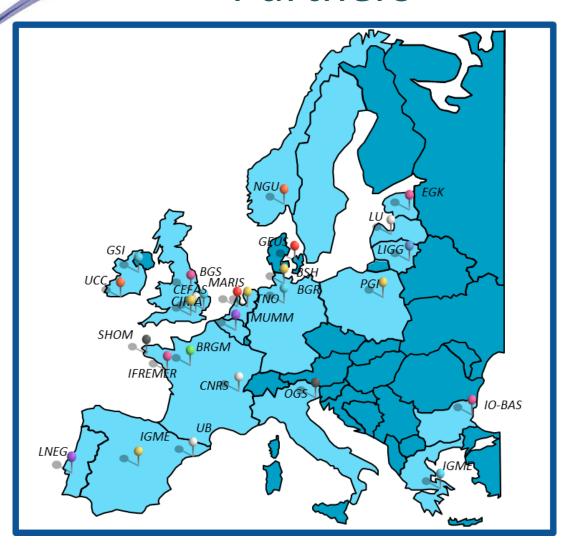
- European Commission funded FP7 collaborative project creating an einfrastructure for sharing marine geoscience data
- Integrated Infrastructure Initiative (I3)
- DG-CNECT directorate
- 1st May 2009 until 31 October 2012
- 28 partner organisations from 17 European maritime countries







Partners



Belgium (MUMM)

Bulgaria (IO-BAS)

Denmark (GEUS)

Estonia (EGK)

France (IFREMER, BRGM, CNRS,

SHOM)

Germany (BSH, BGR)

Greece (IGME, NOA)

Italy (OGS)

Ireland (GSI, UCC)

Lithuania (NRC-IGG)

Latvia (LU)

Netherlands (MARIS, TNO, EU-

Consult)

Norway (NGU)

Poland (PGI)

Portugal (LNEG)

Spain (IGME, UB)

United Kingdom (NERC, CEFAS, CIRIA)



Objectives

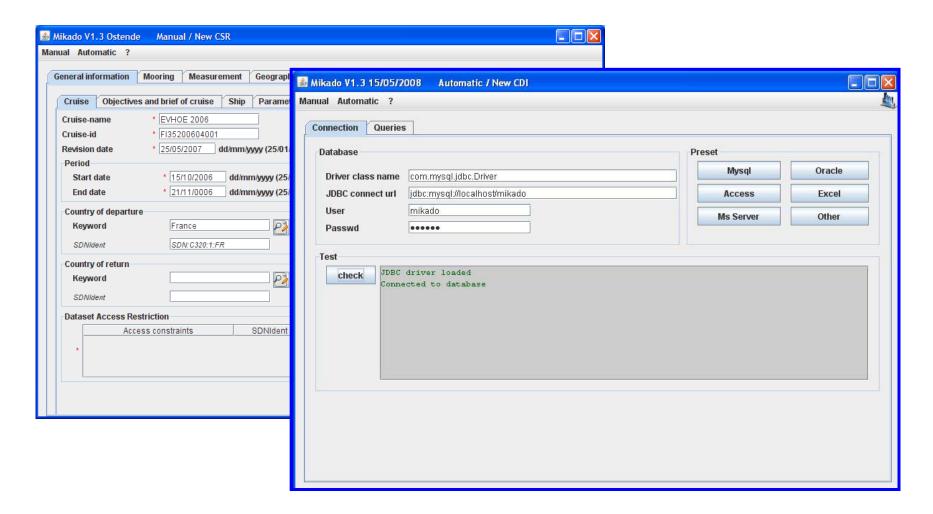
- Creation of a unified marine geoscientific data e-infrastructure across Europe
- Improve users ability to discovery, locate, and assess and download federated marine geological and geophysical datasets
- Provide direct user-access to harmonized marine geological and geophysical metadata and data in common, standard formats via a single portal.
- Underpin key European Directives such as INSPIRE, MSFD etc and global framework programmes e.g. GEOSS (Global Earth Observation System of Systems) and GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security)



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 - Centralised metadatabase : Common Data Index (CDI)



Metadata generation tool: MIKADO





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Agreed data types and formats

Bathymetry (tracking)

Bathymetry (gridded & swath)

Borehole

Borehole (images)

Seismics (digital data)

Seismics (scanned images)

Seismics (navigation)

Side scan sonar

Images

Maps (data products)

ODV

NetCDF

ODV & GeoSciML

PNG

SEG-Y

TIFF / PNG

UKOOA

XTF

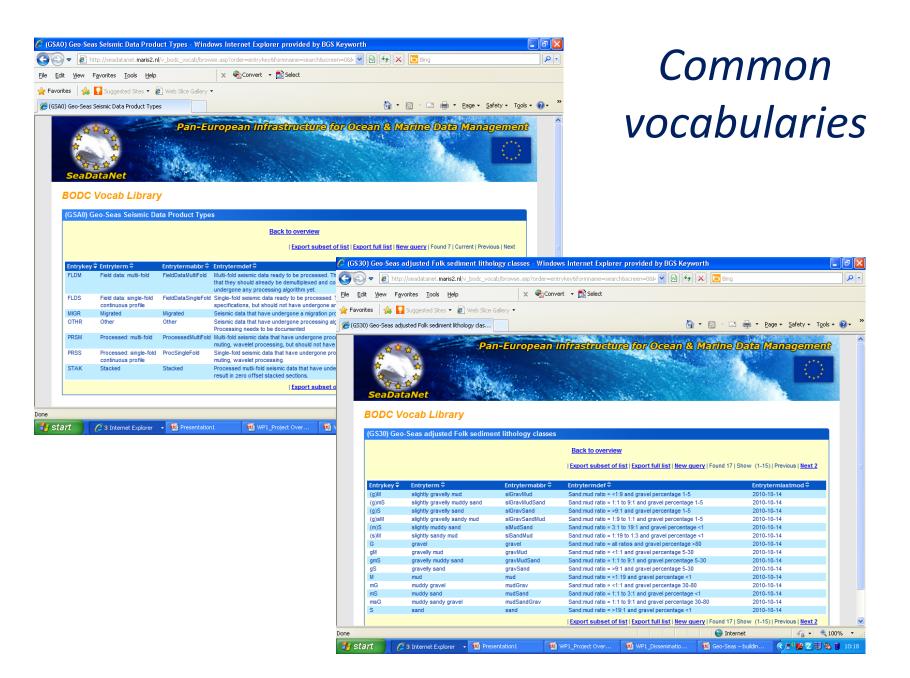
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GeoSciML



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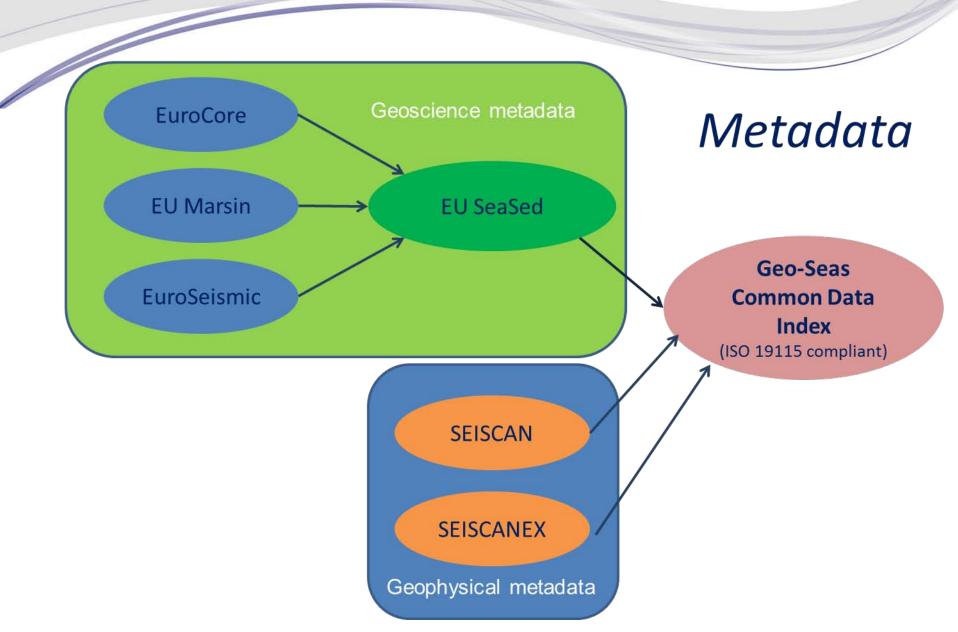
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- Use of common vocabularies and standards





- Adoption and adaption of pre-existing methodologies and technologies developed by SeaDataNet for use with geological and geophysical data types
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- Harmonisation of data formats and exchange formats
- Use of common vocabularies and standards
- Re-use of pre-existing metadata catalogues as the basis for development of Geo-Seas metadatabase





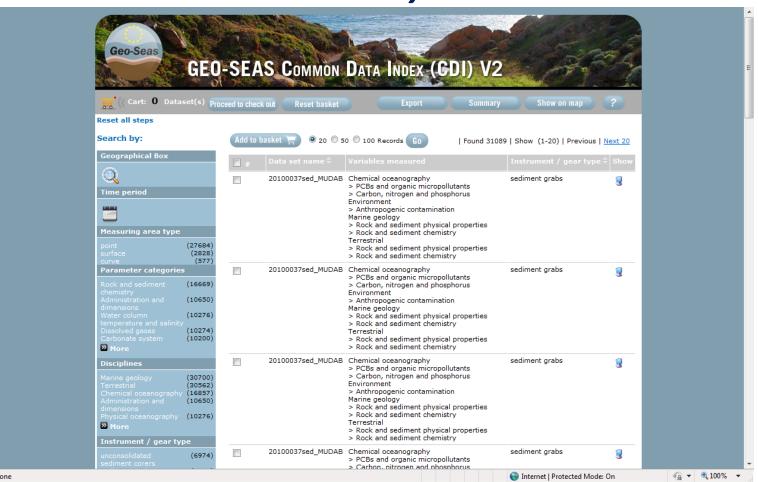


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Data delivery





Where are we now?

- fully operational data discovery and access service via the Geo-Seas portal
- 25 data centres now fully operational and connected to the e-infrastructure
- in excess of 78 000 datasets already available and increasing as additional data centres come on-line and those already on-line add additional datasets.



Key outcomes (1)

- Improved discovery and access to federated marine geological and geophysical data and data products
- Provision of software tools allowing use of geoscientific data in combination with other data in a multidisciplinary way
- Improved interoperability of geological and geophysical data with other data and data products





