

HOW TO JOIN US?

- Membership is open to all **EU Member States & Associated Countries**.
- Applications must be formally **submitted by a national authority** (e.g. ministry or government agency).
- Countries may apply for participation either as a **Member** or as an **Observer**, depending on their level of preparation.
- To stimulate a bottom-up process towards membership, the status of **Candidate Country** can be allocated upon application by national research institution(s). This up to 3-year pathway allows to participate in activities of Euro-Argo ERIC while receiving assistance to build up a national Argo programme and to prepare a formal membership application from the ministry.

Read the full process to apply

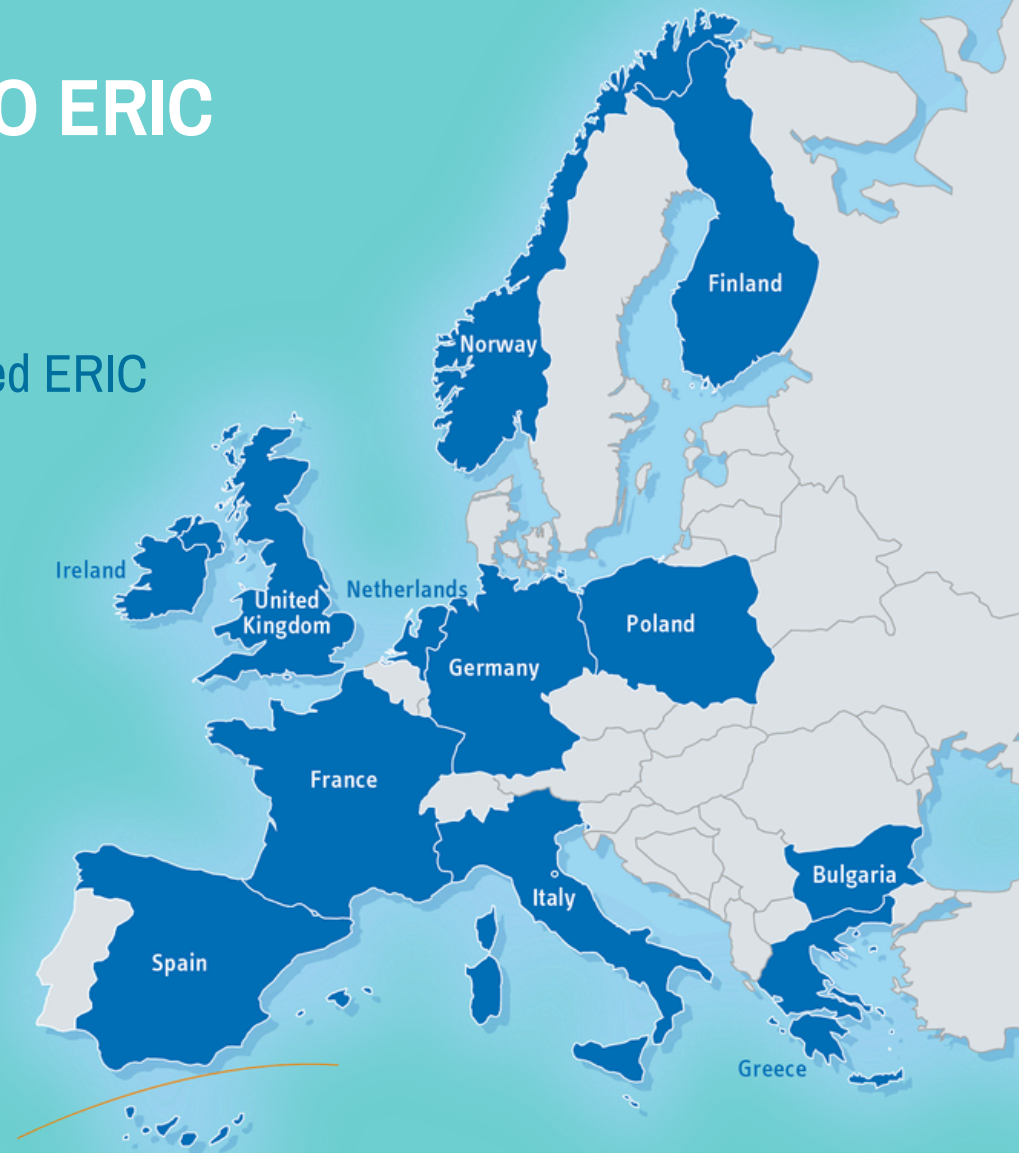


Rights & obligations of Members, Observers and Candidate Members

Member	Observer	Candidate institution(s)
Minimum financial contributions per country		
30 k€ annual fee	10 k€ annual fee	10 k€ annual fee
Float deployment yearly obligation		
3 Core floats or equivalent during 5 years	1 float during 5 years	–
ERIC Council voting rights		
Yes	No	No
Participation in the ERIC Management Board		
Yes	Yes	On a consultative basis, without voting rights

EURO-ARGO ERIC

- **12 Members**
- **35 nodes**
- **A well-established ERIC since 2014**



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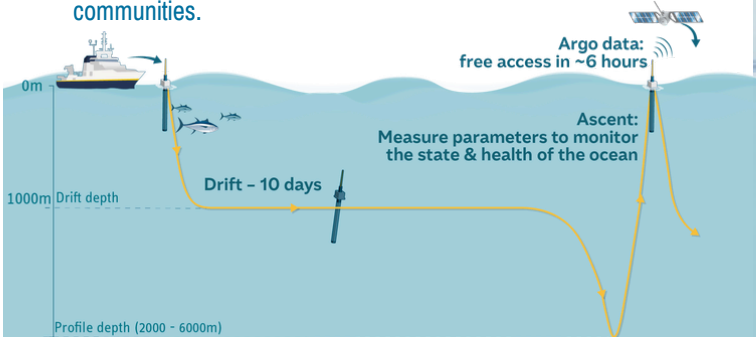


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WHAT IS EURO-ARGO ERIC?

Since 2014, Euro-Argo ERIC has been taking the pulse of the ocean to better understand and predict its role in the climate system and its health. The ERIC is a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) encompassing now 12 EU Member States and Associated Countries that has been set up to coordinate and strengthen the national Argo programme. Together, we provide the European contribution to the scientist-led International Argo programme established in 1999, which is a major component of the ocean observing system, and deliver free & open quality-controlled data to the research (climate and oceanography) and operational (e.g., Copernicus Marine Service and meteorological services) communities.



EURO-ARGO ERIC STRATEGIC GOALS

Euro-Argo ERIC works towards the full implementation of the European share of OneArgo, the integrated global, full depth and multi-disciplinary ocean observing array, at the horizon 2033. OneArgo will transform the existing core Argo array – which tracks the upper ocean physical state – to one that has truly global reach, including the polar oceans and marginal seas, extending to the full ocean depth and including ocean biogeochemical measurements.



WHY JOIN EURO-ARGO ERIC?

Euro-Argo ERIC is a meeting point for Argo scientists and operators across Europe. The ERIC facilitates collaborations, exchanges on strategy, expertise & best practice, the development of common resources, and the provision of mutual support between its members. Participating in the ERIC allows to develop, strengthen and expand your own national Argo programme, and increase its visibility. It provides tools and opportunities to reach out to research and operational user communities as well as national and European policy makers. At global level, your commitment contributes to ensuring the resilience and sustainability of the International Argo programme. Most importantly, Euro-Argo is a joint endeavor: being member of the ERIC allows you to impact on its development and to contribute to shaping the European OneArgo strategy while aligning with your own needs.

1. Joint services & material

- data management through Data Assembly Centres (DAC) and Global Data Assembly Centres (GDAC)
- guidelines and best practice
- training activities
- science/user meeting
- educational material
- communication & outreach material
- coordinated communication

2. Operations

- centralised float procurement making use of the ERIC's VAT exemption
- floats testing
- coordinated deployments
- coordinated at-sea operations & monitoring activities
- coordinated float recovery

3. Technological & further developments through joint European projects

- developments related to floats, sensors and data processing
- diversification of sensors' supplier base
- float recovery strategy

4. Outreach & policy making

- collaborations with other research infrastructures and components of the ocean observing system
- interactions with operational users, chiefly the Copernicus services
- coordinated national and European advocacy



SUCCESS STORIES

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Denmark joined as a Candidate in 2022 and is working towards national support for full membership. The Euro-Argo ERIC is an excellent facility, efficiently coordinating and guiding European activities both globally and within the consortium. It also acts as a knowledge hub bringing new members up-to-speed and ensuring that new developments are shared and harnessed to strengthen the European contribution to Argo.

Colin Stedmon, DTU Aqua, Argo Denmark

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Poland was among the founding countries of Euro-Argo ERIC. Initially joining as an Observer, we applied for full membership in 2023. This step reflected the growing importance of Argo as a standard tool for monitoring the Baltic Sea. As a full Member, Poland now plays a more active role in shaping the consortium's activities, while also strengthening the Argo Poland network and fostering new collaborations.

Waldemar Walczowski, IO PAN, Argo Poland

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Join a committed community that champions open sharing of ocean science. Our web services, like float monitoring and data selection tools, reflect Argo's open-access values. By becoming a member, you help improve this collaborative model and you contribute to the provision of in situ data that ensure progress in ocean research and marine operational services.

Yann-Hervé De Roeck, DG of the Euro-Argo ERIC

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