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LETTER OF SUPPORT

I refer to your proposed project titled *Innovation in the Framework of the Atlantic Deep Ocean* (iFADO) for the call in the Specific Objective 1.2 “*Strengthening the transfer of innovation results to facilitate the emergence of new products, services and processes*” from Priority Axis 1 “*Stimulating innovation and competitiveness and the specific objective*”.

Herewith I would like to confirm that we are willing to support your application for the iFADO proposal.

EuroGOOS is an International Non-Profit Association of national governmental agencies and research organisations, committed to European operational oceanography within the context of the intergovernmental Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS). The core activity of EuroGOOS is the development and operation of regional operational systems. The objectives of the iFADO project are aligned with the EuroGOOS strategy 2014-2020 (<http://eurogoos.eu/download/publications/EuroGOOS-Strategy-2014-2020.pdf>).

Specifically, EuroGOOS activity is fostering the innovative development of operational oceanography products for providing knowledge-based support for fulfilling EU policies like MSFD and the assessment and coordination of monitoring programs of the different Member States. Also EuroGOOS aims to better coordinate coproduction for the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, which is the basis of the iFado strategy.

Therefore, we confirm our involvement as a final beneficiary / active stakeholder and a potential end-user of project results.

EuroGOOS welcomes the opportunity to participate in stakeholder meetings, or training activities, to gather inputs for the project and community benefit be able and to evaluate some of the final project tools, guidelines and methodologies.

Yours sincerely,

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