



EuroMarine call for 2019 Steering Committee (SC) candidates

1 Overview

EuroMarine opens on 15 Nov. 2018 a call for candidates to join its Steering Committee (to be partially renewed every year from 2016 on). Three positions are open for 2019. Candidates are invited to fill in and return the 2019 SC candidate form to secretariat@euromarinenetwork.eu by **31 December 2018**. The General Assembly (GA) will vote for candidates during its 30-31 Jan. 2019 meeting in Cádiz (Spain). While their term officially starts in July 2019, the new SC members will be invited to attend the SC meeting that will be held on 31 Jan. 2019 afternoon after the GA meeting, and to participate in any SC online meeting or email exchanges prior to the start of their term.

2 Background information on EuroMarine Steering Committee

2.1 Composition

The EuroMarine Steering Committee (SC) is in principle composed of: (a) 15 elected members; (b) the Consortium Chair(s), who is (are) ex-officio member(s). Following an exceptional bootstrap procedure agreed upon during EuroMarine 2014 kick-off meeting, the Chairs proposed the initial (2014-2016) SC composition to the GA after a call for candidates. The GA subsequently adopted the following SC renewal procedure during its 2015 meeting:

Decision 7. The GA decides:

- ▶ (1) to give the current SC 2 full years to work (it will not be changed before July 2016);
- ▶ (2) starting in 2016, to renew 3 SC members (1/5th of SC members appointed by the GA) per year (or more in case of withdrawals), which makes possible a complete SC turnover in 5 years;
- ▶ (3) to give SC members a 2-year mandate, renewable twice (6 years at most; which is compatible with the initial SC formation procedure and renewal starting in 2016)
- ▶ (4) that the selection procedure for new SC members shall consist in the following steps
 - (a) call for candidates (possibly including incumbent SC members at end of 1st or 2nd mandate); when relevant, the call shall specify for the information of the GA which disciplines, skills, gender, age groups, geographical regions, or organisation types are deemed as necessary in order to achieve or preserve diversity and multiple balances in the composition of the SC;
 - (b) candidates provide a motivational statement and information on their relevant background as well as on criteria retained important for a balanced SC
 - (c) GA representatives (informed of priorities and invited through the call to preserve multiple balances in their choices) elect candidates (preferably ranking them)
 - (d) when deemed necessary and under the control of the GA, Chairs may apply some corrective measures to the outcome of the election (e.g. following ranking but skipping candidate(s) causing severe unbalance);
- ▶ (5) that, in order to safeguard the EuroMarine budget, organisations contributing to the budget above 10 k€ could be assured of being represented in the SC (this currently only concerns one of the 55 Full MOs)

In 2018, the SC decided to provisionally retain 17 elected members in 2018 and 2019, so more members could participate in its working groups. It will submit revised SC renewal rules to the General Assembly during its upcoming 30-31 Jan. meeting.

The latest, current SC composition is available online at:
<http://www.euromarinenetwork.eu/about-us/organisation-and-governance>.

A complete list of past and current SC members is available at:
[http://www.euromarinetwork.eu/membership/individuals-with-role?f\[0\]=field_select_em_role%3A42](http://www.euromarinetwork.eu/membership/individuals-with-role?f[0]=field_select_em_role%3A42)



Figure 1. 2018 organisational chart and SC composition (also showing individuals who left the SC in July 2018)

2.2 Duties

According to EuroMarine Consortium Agreement, the SC:

- prepares meetings, proposes decisions and prepares the agenda of GA meetings
- delivers implementation objectives to the Secretariat and the Legal Entity
- monitors the effective and efficient implementation of the Network
- reports to the General Assembly.

It is notably in charge of:

- Adopting and revising the procedure to select successful proposals submitted to EM calls
- Pre-approving activity reports
- Forming working groups
- Forming the Advisory Board – if and when deemed relevant.

3 Eligibility - Requirements

Candidates must be affiliated to a **Full Member organisation**. They can (optionally) be different from their General Assembly (GA) representative (who in this case should nominate/endorse the candidate).

Candidates must obtain the **support of two GA representatives from other Full Member organisations** (who should express their support through a brief message to be sent to secretariat@euromarinenetwork.eu; please see the [list of GA representatives](#)).

SC Members should be ready and commit to devote part of their time to serve the EuroMarine community (see SC duties above). They should attend yearly meetings (two in January or February jointly with the GA meeting, one in September or October). They should also be active outside meetings (e.g. in working groups) and respond to Chairs and Secretariat solicitation.

Additionally, **they should obtain funds from their organisation to attend SC meetings** (as an in-kind contribution to EuroMarine; at present, the EuroMarine budget does not include a budget line for SC meetings).

4 Gaps or imbalances in SC composition

Applications are open to any eligible candidates. The SC would however welcome applications from candidates whose election could improve its representativeness and multiple balances.

4.1 Expertise

The EuroMarine network is evolving, with a legal entity now established and an increasing interest for our funding mechanism model. To ensure the right level of diversity in research areas as well as in specific skills required to manage this diverse and large network, we would welcome applicants: (a) with expertise falling under the least represented broad categories in the below table; and (b) with expertise in fund-raising activities and marine policy activities (e.g. development of the law of the sea).

In the below table, broad categories currently represented by 3 or less SC members are shown with orange and italics fonts; bold fonts are used for disciplines covered by only one SC member.

<i>Broad categories of scientific disciplines / fields</i>	<i>Other categories (tools, transverse expertise, possible domains of EM services or activities, etc.)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics and climate of the Ocean • Changing Ocean • Marine Biogeochemistry • Marine Biology • Marine Biodiversity • Marine Ecology • Marine Ecosystems functioning • Marine Bio-resources • <i>Marine Biotechnology</i> • Fisheries and Aquaculture • Coastal Systems • <i>Economics, Law, Sociology</i> • Ecosystem Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Training / Capacity Building • Mobility • Communication • Knowledge Transfer • Networking • Scientific Project Management • <i>Data</i> • Infrastructures • Expertise • Marine policies / Science-governance interface • Modelling • <i>High-throughput approaches</i> • Interdisciplinarity

4.2 Countries

The following countries (in which EuroMarine Full Member organisations should be present in 2019) are not presently 'represented' in the SC:

- Croatia (1 full member)
- Finland (2 full members)
- Greece (1 full member)
- Netherlands (1 full member)
- Norway (3 full members)
- Slovenia (1 full member)
- Sweden (1 full member)
- UK (4 full members)

4.3 Gender (Female/Male ratio)

- 2018: 73%
- 2017: 80%
- 2016: 67%
- 2014-15: 60%

4.4 Age groups

The SC would welcome an early career scientist (if able to devote part of her/his time to EuroMarine; to be nominated by the corresponding GA representative).

5 Submission of applications

To apply, please fill in the form provided on the [call for SC candidates webpage](#) and return it to secretariat@euromarinenetwork.eu by the 31 Dec. 2018 submission deadline (reception will be acknowledged).

6 Timeline

- call opens: 15 Nov. 2018
- call closes: 31 Dec. 2018
- Election: 30-31 Jan. 2019, during the GA meeting in Cádiz
- Term: 2-year term, renewable twice, starting in July 2019 (elected SC candidates are however invited to attend the 31 Jan. 2019 SC meeting in Cádiz and to immediately participate in 2019 SC activities)

7 Contact

Please do not hesitate to contact the EuroMarine secretariat for information or assistance.

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8 Further information and references

- [Call webpage](#) (which includes links to the application form, the present call text, the 2018 list of GA representatives, the 2018 SC composition): <http://www.euromarinenetwork.eu/calls/2019-SC-candidates>
- [EuroMarine 2019 GA meeting webpage](#): <http://www.euromarinenetwork.eu/GA2019>