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Abstract

Deliverable 11.3 provides a detailed description of the NeXOS Advisory and Stakeholders Board. This document constitutes a baseline, at the onset of the project, for the management, procedures and interaction with NeXOS ASB. Because this is a variable and flexible consulting organ within NeXOS it is important to highlight that this document represents its status at the moment of writing and presenting deliverable 11.3. Future improvements and adaptations may be expected, aligned with an increase in the number of ASB members and related levels of specialization as well as functions in the project.

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1. OBJECTIVES OF THE ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDERS BOARD

The Advisory and Stakeholders Board (ASB) is international in character, with members from European and non-European countries, including representatives from industry, SME organizations, potential end users, academia, the Science and Technology user communities and European agencies and institutions. The ASB will provide independent external advice on scientific, technical, legal and economic issues relevant to the project and, in particular, will provide valuable business guidance in order to increase the potential commercialization of the final products/developments. The ASB will enhance information exchange, share good practice and receive feedback with regard to the feasibility and adaptability of NeXOS developments. Furthermore, this board will contribute to the dissemination of the project results to the relevant communities and actors in ocean observation, marine and maritime monitoring, fisheries management and other relevant marine/maritime activity sectors.

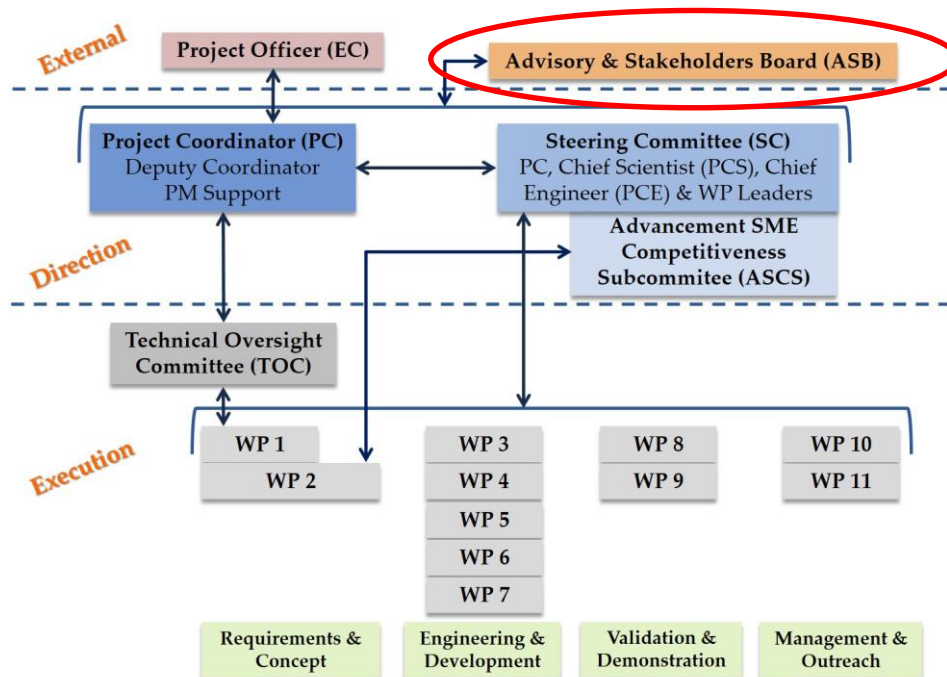


FIGURE 1.1: PROJECT DECISION LEVELS AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

2. MEMBERS DUTIES

The participation of representatives from European and international organizations will foster an exchange of information between the SC and representatives of international S&T programmes and projects. The members of the ASB will participate in workshops and other project meetings as needed. Participation will be primarily by electronic means. ASB Members will be regularly informed about the progress of NeXOS and selected members may be invited to attend General Assembly meetings.

Advisory and Stakeholders Board members will be contacted individually or as a group for advice on the project progress and for the review of targeted project deliverables. Advisors with specific expertise will be selected by the Steering Committee depending on necessities. Project Work Package leaders may propose their need for specific advice internally, which would then be studied and redirected by the Project Management Team to targeted advisors.

3. MEMBERS BENEFITS

Being a member of the Advisory and Stakeholders Board allows members to network with project partners and stakeholders at yearly meetings and workshops, as explained below. They will be informed on the project progress on a regular basis, through periodic newsletters and targeted email exchanges. Travel costs of advisory board members invited to meetings will be covered. Conditions with regard to maximum amounts may apply.

4. MECHANISMS OF INTERACTION WITH THE PROJECT

The ABS will be chaired by the Project Coordinator and co-chaired by WP 10 leader (Dissemination and Outreach). It will report to the SC. Information exchange will be through NeXOS newsletters (per e-mail), e-mailing request for advice, e-mailing request for review, webex teleconference invitation. For easier identification, the subject of all e-mail communications will start with "NeXOS". For in-depth contacts to the project members and exposure to NeXOS developments, face to face meetings will be possible during general assembly meetings planned on a yearly basis.

5. PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND STEERING COMMITTEE

The management layer of the project organization consists in several interconnected elements (Figure 1.1) with different roles and responsibilities. The highest element in the decision hierarchy is the Steering Committee, formed of work package leaders and the coordination team, which meets every half year. The Steering Committee takes decisions for the project and thus a smooth mechanism for a coordinated communication with the ASB members is advisable. The chosen mechanism is that members of the Steering Committee may agree on a request from a project partner for advice with the project coordination, who will direct them to specific advisors, or to the whole board as appropriate. This will be formalized by an email from to the ASB member/board, cc to the Steering Committee.

6. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

General Assembly (GA) Meetings are conducted yearly in order to allow face-to-face meeting and work interactions between all members of the consortium. Selected representatives of the Advisory and Stakeholders Board will be invited to participate in these annual events depending on the focus of the meeting. Specific sessions may be conducted, as appropriate. Minutes of Advisory Board meetings will be taken by Project Management Support and circulated to all meeting participants.

7. ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDERS BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Relevant developers and end-users, from governmental agencies and other public organizations, leaders of complementary programs, activities and related industrial sectors, may be invited to participate on the NeXOS Advisory and Stakeholders Board.

TABLE 7.1 CURRENT NEXOS ASB MEMBERS

Organisation/Project	Person/Position	Interest/Role
	Patrick Farcy JERICO Coordinator	Requirements End-user of NeXOS for European Coastal observatories EUROPE
	Patrick Poupon Pôle Mer Bretagne	Marine and Maritime Cluters, competitiveness FRANCE
	Paul Holthus World Ocean Council Executive Director	Industrial Consortium. Requirements. End-user of NeXOS for ocean sensors. INTERNATIONAL
	Douglas Au MBARI Director of Engineering	R&D In-situ sensors Sensor Interoperability Testbed for OOI USA
	Pr. Pinxian Wang School of Ocean and Earth Science Tongji University	Scientific Seafloor Observing systems CHINA
	Daniel L. Rudnick SCRIPPS Institution of Oceanography	Coastal waters GLiders USA
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	Rune Garen Rolls-Royce Marine	On-line monitoring technologies Ship designs and equipments
	Svein Rune Havila Shipping ASA	Environmental monitoring Offshore logistics