

IMDOS Annual Steering Committee meeting

Sopot, Poland, 19-20 March 2026

Hybrid format - Link : [to be added]

Objectives of the meeting

- Ensure IMDOS's work is used, **relevant and well connected with other international processes**.
- Get the **Task Teams running** and consolidate their direction.
- Get a **timeline of actions for 1yr-2yrs**.

Thursday 19 March	
9.00-9.15	Welcome remarks
9.15-9.30	Presentation of the agenda and the organization of the 2-days
9.30-10.00	Administrative / Secretariat matters
10.00-12.00	Overview of all the Task Teams <i>Each task team will give a brief summary of their 2025 activities and/or the next steps envisaged.</i> Open discussion
12.00-12.30	Presentation of the Marine Debris EOVS , progress and way forward. <i>Discussion</i>
<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14.00-17.00	Breakout groups <i>The breakout groups will be determined at the January 15th online meeting.</i> <u>Example of questions to be addressed</u> <i>What do we need? Why is it important?</i> <i>How to make IMDOS have impact?</i> <i>How to make IMDOS sustained in the long term? How to be integrated with other meetings / processes and how to position IMDOS? (IOC, UNEA, INC...)</i>

Friday 20 March	
9.00-12.30	Breakout groups - continued
<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14.00-15.00	Report back from the breakout groups
15.00-16.00	Events & Updates (Secretariat + contributors) <i>Highlight the impacts of IMDOS in 2025 and list events foreseen for 2026.</i>
16.00-16.30	Towards OceanObs'29 : planning for a white paper
16.30-17.00	Wrap-up and closing remarks