

GOOS Co-Design meeting 2026 - Agenda

Location: [5 Atlantic Quay](#) 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow; G2 8LU - United Kingdom

Zoom link: [Here](#)

OceanExpert link: [Here](#)

Dates: 20 February 2026 (1 Day) from 09:00 to 17:00

Overview

The GOOS Ocean Observing Co-Design Meeting will convene the Co-Design team, Exemplar leads, partners, and invited collaborators for a focused one-day working session. The meeting will support the advancement of the Programme and Exemplar portfolio by identifying outreach needs, clarifying support requirements, and strengthening alignment for the next steps across Exemplars, regions and with the Co-Design Programme key stakeholders, GOOS; WMO and the Ocean Decade.

The **morning session** will concentrate on Exemplar-driven discussions, gathering concrete next steps, support needs, and opportunities for collaboration. This includes sharpening outreach strategies, identifying priority gaps, and sharing lessons across case areas.

In the **afternoon**, building on the presentation of the recently completed Co-Design Vision for Policymakers Paper, the session will bring together representatives from GOOS, WMO, and the Ocean Decade for a discussion on how the programme's lessons resonate across partner mandates and where they can be operationalized through existing frameworks, initiatives, and partnerships. The intent is to move from reflection to action—articulating a shared understanding and clarifying opportunities for uptake of the lessons and recommendations emerging from the implementation of Co-Design.

Objectives:

- Bring together the Co-Design team, partners and key stakeholders to explore opportunities for expanding regional collaboration and outline concrete actions to advance implementation and coordination across regions.
- Discuss promotion and outreach activities to increase visibility of Co-Design activities and co-design concept as underlying principle as future for increased support of society's need for ocean information.
- Discuss how Co-Design lessons resonate across partner mandates and identify opportunities to operationalize and support their uptake.
- Clarify who can support what, and through which mechanisms (institutional, programmatic, financial, political) to advance the programmes co-design work.

Agenda:

Morning

1. **Welcome and Workshop Overview [9:00 - 9:10 - Bernadette Sloyan]**
2. **Regional collaboration across Exemplars [9:10 - 10:30 - Bernadette Sloyan]**

This session will explore opportunities to strengthen regional collaboration across the Exemplar, identifying areas where shared geographies, observing challenges, or user communities create natural synergies. Discussions will focus on where joint approaches could enhance efficiency, avoid duplication, and increase impact of each Exemplar.

Outcome: Identify 1 - 2 shared regional themes where collaboration adds value, emphasising connections.

Presentations:

- Coastal-Shelf-Deep sea Continuum (CSDC) Co-design as a cross-Exemplar integrator in regional scale (10 min) - Jun She
- Boundary Currents Agulhas Implementation Plan - Ann-Christine Zinkann
- Carbon exemplar on HE project - Ronnie
- North Pacific Ocean & Marginal Seas region - Cheyenne Stienbarger

Break (15 min) 10:30 - 10:45

3. Funding & support pathways [10:45-11:30 - Emma]

This session will look at pathways to resource and sustain Exemplar implementation, considering both financial and institutional support mechanisms. The discussion will share experiences from ongoing or recent funding proposals and explore opportunities to connect into existing or emerging funding initiatives.

Outcome: Identify potential calls, mechanisms to fund Exemplar implementation.

Presentations/reflections:

- BRIDGE - HE Proposal - Jun
- Horizon Europe, FUST any lessons to share...
- Fitting in with other structures - TC, MHW, OC
- Others on horizon - Vetlesen foundation, binational funds, others?

Q's after reflection

- What are any short term actions
- What are the future windows that we should monitor - are there contacts/organisations that we should be working with now?
- What lesson learnt from success/failure...?

4. Visibility & Outreach [11:30 - 12:30- Cristina]

This session will reflect on the visibility and outreach of the programme's achievements. The discussion will consider how communications, stakeholder engagement, partnerships, and events can be strategically mobilized to increase recognition, "buy-in", and support future resourcing and uptake.

Outcome: Identified outreach activities and actions included to the Work Plan 2026

Q's

- What can we do to bring more visibility to the programme, lessons, achievements and results?
- What in the Ocean Decade can we link to?
- What in GOOS can we link to?
- What can we do ourselves?

Lunch (1h 30 min) 12:30 - 14:00

Afternoon

5. Co-Design lessons from implementation [14:00 - 14:20 - Emma & Bernadette]

A [presentation](#) of the consolidated findings from four years of Co-Design Programme implementation, as captured in the Co-Design paper. This presentation set the scene to open the discussion with partners.

6. Discussion with partners [14:20 - 16:30 - moderated by Ann]

Following the presentation, partners will engage in a facilitated discussion on how the programme's lessons and results can be taken up or streamed into existing structures, initiatives, and coordination mechanisms within their own institutional contexts (GOOS, WMO, Decade, partners).

Break 15:15 - 15:30

7. Final remarks [16:30 - 17:00]

Timetable

Time (UTC)	Session	Objective	Lead
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome & framing	Set expectations: what decisions are in scope today	BS
09:10 – 10:30	Regional collaboration across Exemplars	Identify 1 - 2 shared regional themes where collaboration adds value	BS
10:30–10:45	Break		
10:45 – 11:30	Funding & support pathways	Which pathways are possible and available	EH
11:30 – 12:30	Visibility & outreach for the programme	Agree on concrete visibility actions linked to products and users	CM
Lunch			
14:00 – 14:20	Co-Design vision for policymakers	Present the key lessons from the Co-Design Vision for Policymakers paper to inform partner reflection and dialogue.	BS/EM/AZ
14:20 – 15:15 Break 15:30 - 16:30	Discussion with partners: Translating Co-Design Lessons into Programme Pathways	Convene GOOS, WMO, Synobs and the Ocean Decade to discuss how co-design lessons can be operationalized through institutional roles, partnerships, and priority next steps to advance programme implementation and support.	AZ/DL
16:30 – 17:00	Final remarks		EH

Outcomes:

- Agreement on 1–2 priority areas or themes where regional collaboration can be expanded across Exemplars.
- Forward plan for strengthening Exemplar activity in regions and support pathways.
- Identified outreach activities and actions included to the Work Plan 2026.
- Identified opportunities to operationalize and support Co-Design lessons and recommendations uptake with partners and supporters..

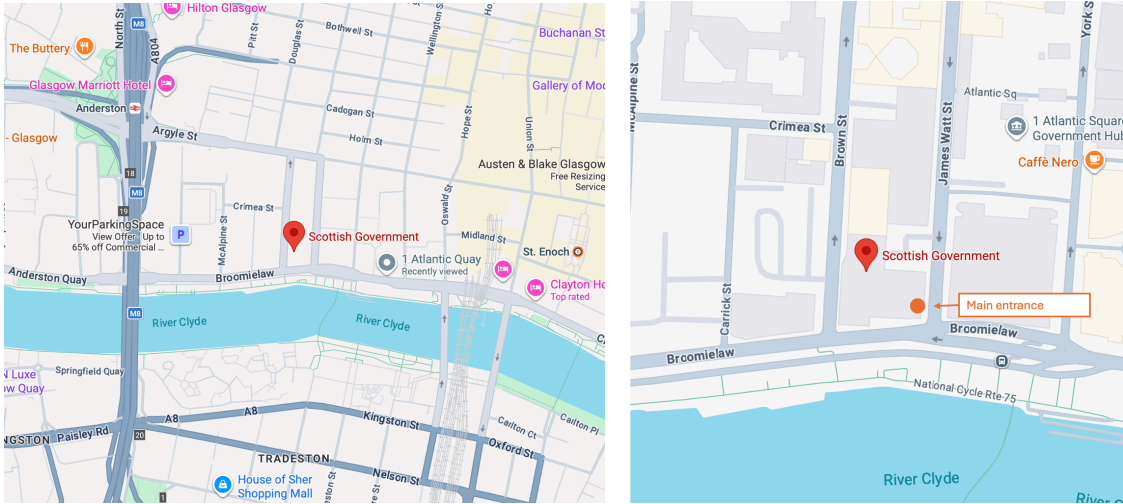
Background documents:

- [Co-Design paper](#) (to be updated)
- [Co-Design progress report 2025](#)

Location details:

Address: 5 Atlantic Quay
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Meeting room: Flemming B, AQ5



Google maps location



External view - Main entrance

Indications:

- Bring a photographic ID to show at reception on arrival
- Arrive 10-15 min prior the meeting start as attendees will need to present their IDs at the front desk
- This is a governmental building, we will need to be escorted to the meeting room, try to be on time to facilitate the guidance of the group to the meeting room.