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**Ocean Data and Information System
(ODIS) Steering Group Meeting**

Report

9 January 2026

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1. Overview

Time: One Session – 12:00-12:30 (UTC)

Date: 9 January 2026

Participants: <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4939#participants>

Chair: Joanna Post, Head of Section

Format: Online

Webpage: <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4939>

2. Agenda

- Presentation of nominees and election of the IODE SG co-chairs

3. Election of the ODIS SG co-chairs

The candidates (all self-nominated) for the position of co-chair were presented:

- Adam Leadbetter (Ireland)
<https://oceanexpert.org/expert/20699>
- Emmanuel Soeding (Germany)
<https://oceanexpert.org/expert/46632>
- Elena Tel (Spain)
<https://oceanexpert.org/expert/17658>

Emmanuel Soeding indicated that he would withdraw his candidature if 2 other candidates could be found.

Adam Leadbetter and Elena Tel were elected by the ODIS SG as co-chairs.

The next steps will be for the co-chairs to attend the upcoming IODE Management Group meeting (Oostende, Belgium – 28-29 January 2026), after which the Chairs will convene the next meeting of the IODE SG.

Annex 1. List of Participants

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