

## About ERVO

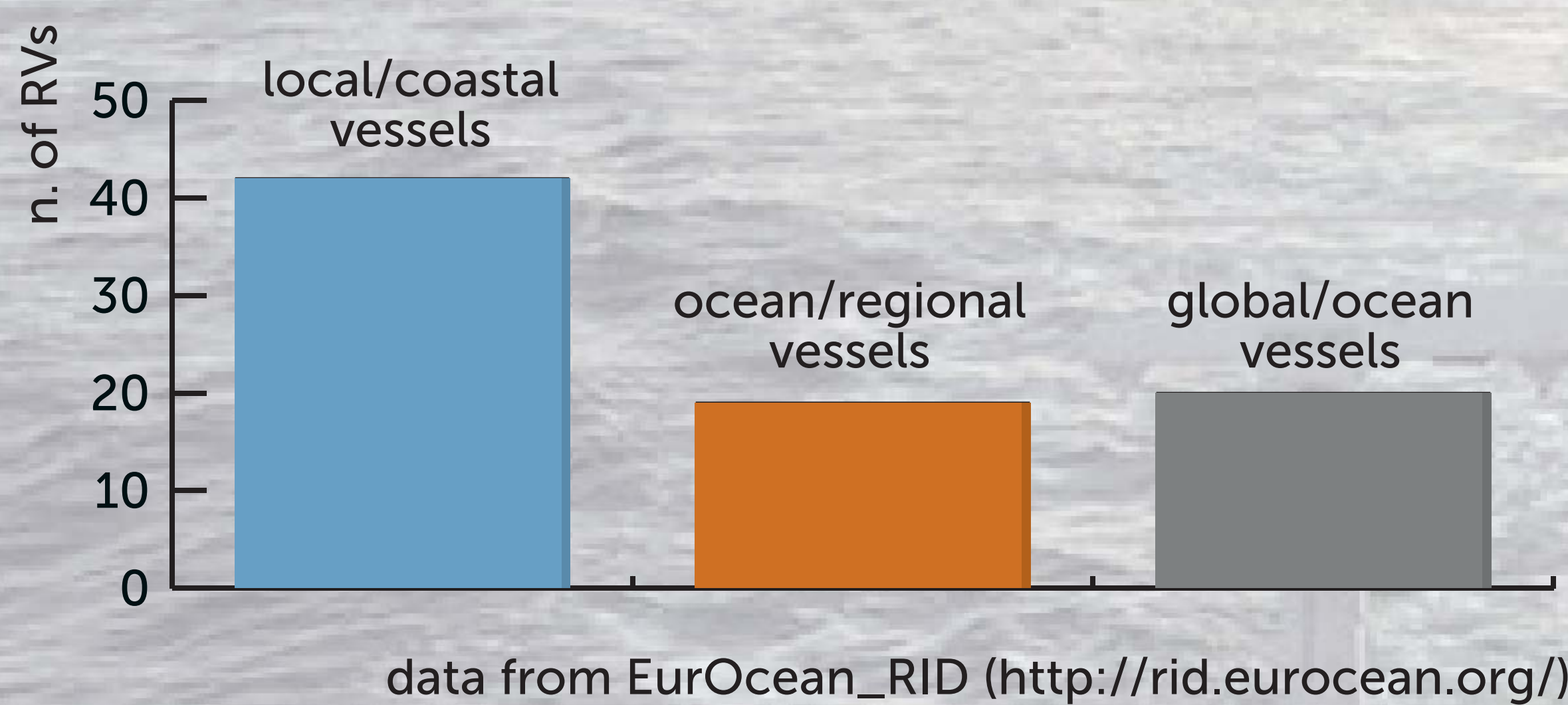
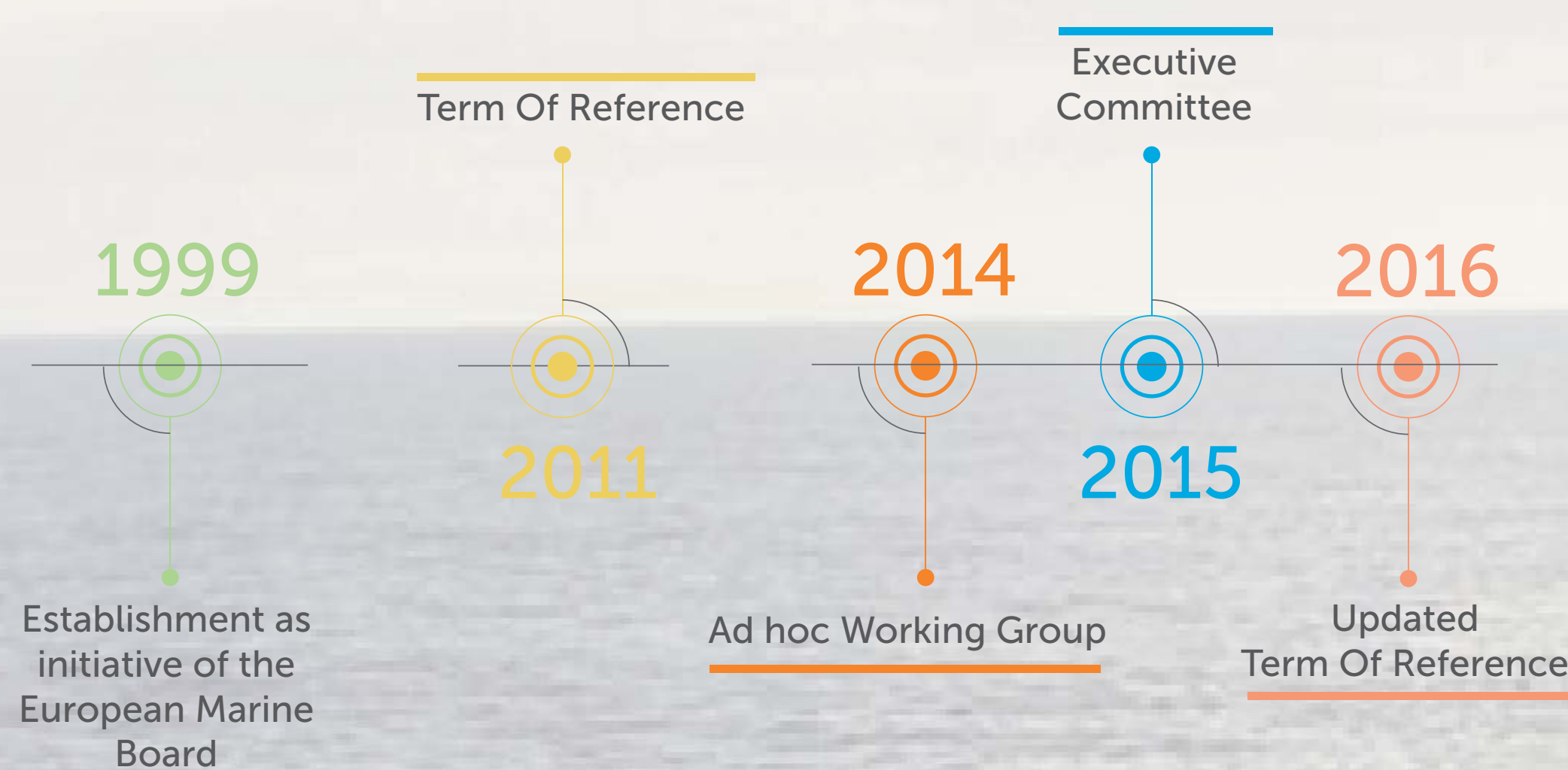
The European Research Vessel Operators Group is an informal forum that brings together Research Vessel managers to discuss, share experience and develop solutions for better use and management of Europe's research fleet

### MEMBERSHIP

50 members from 20 countries



- VLIZ - Flanders Marine Institute (BE)
- RBINS-OD Nature - Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (BE)
- DTU-AQUA - National Institute of Aquatic Resources (DK)
- FAMRI - Faroe Marine Research Institute (FO)
- SYKE - Finnish Environment Institute (FI)
- IFREMER - French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (FR)
- UHH - University of Hamburg (DE)
- AWI - Alfred-Wegener-Institut (DE)
- GEOMAR - Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel (DE)
- HCMR - Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (GR)
- MRI - Marine Research Institute (IS)
- MI - Marine Institute (IE)
- INFOMAR - Geological Survey of Ireland (IE)
- CNR - National Research Council (IT)
- OGS - National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics (IT)
- University of Malta (MT)
- NIOZ - Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NL)
- IMR - Institute of Marine Research (NO)
- GDA (PL)
- UA - University of Aveiro (PT)
- Dop/UAç - Universidade dos Açores (PT)
- GeoEcoMar - National Institute of Marine Geology and Geocology (RO)
- CSIC - Spanish National Research Council (ES)
- IEO - Spanish Institute of Oceanography (ES)
- SOCIB - Balearic Islands Coastal Observing and Forecasting System (ES)
- Sven Lovén Centre for marine Infrastructure (SE)
- SLU - Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SE)
- TUBITAK - The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TR)
- ECPI (TR)
- CEFAS - Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (GB)
- NERC - Natural Environment Research Council (GB)
- NCL (GB)



## Main Activities

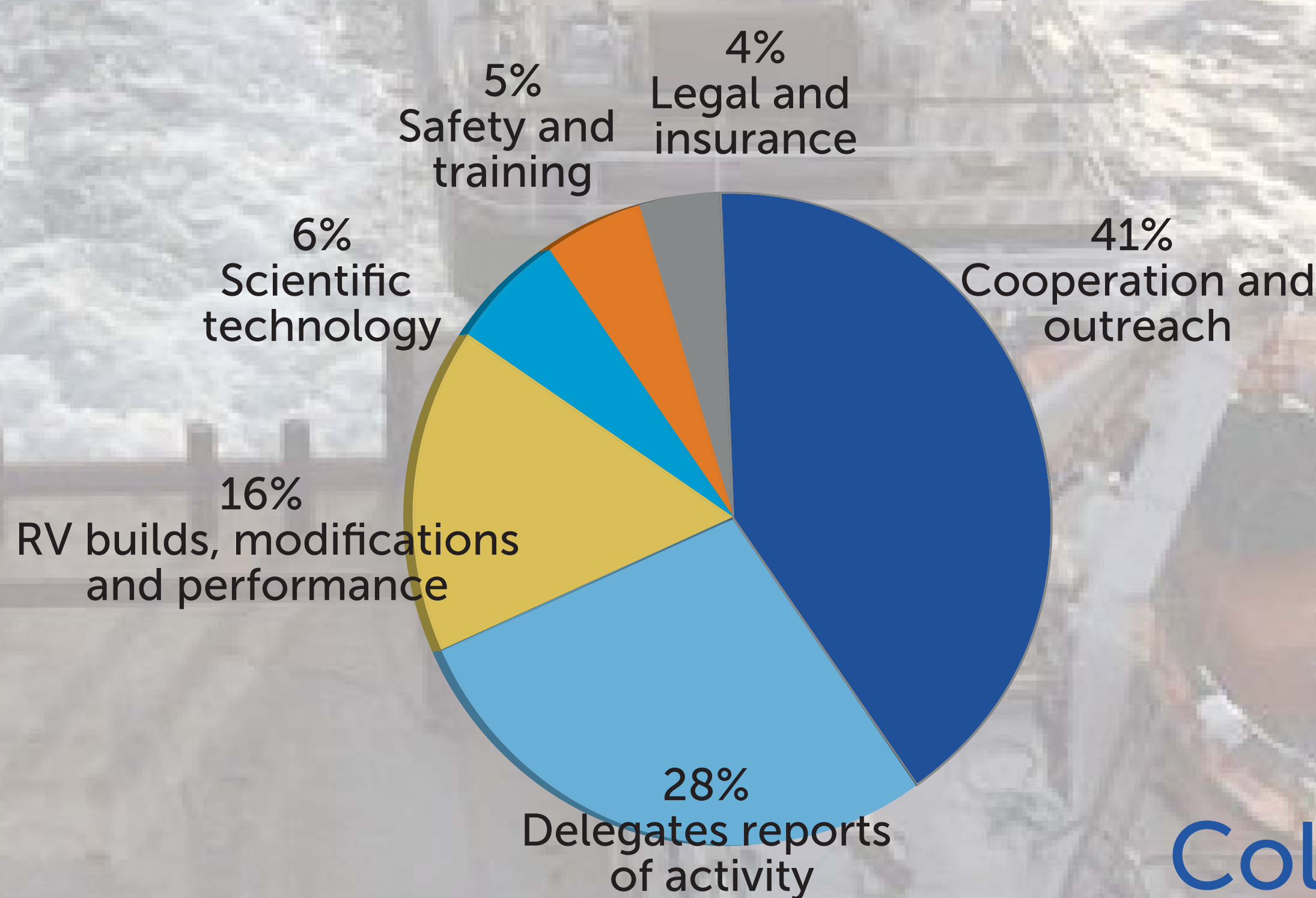
- sharing experiences on technical, operational, safety, communication, environmental and legal issues
- definition of best practices in the operation of Research Vessel and associated equipment
- learn about developments and plans in building new RVs and upgrades of existing ones
- development of procedures to minimize the impact of RVs, instruments and equipment on the environment and marine life
- co-operate with ship design, ship building, marine technology and research instrumentation industry

## Annual Meeting

Since 1999, there have been 19 annual meetings



## Topics of Discussion



## Collaboration



Legacy of EUROFLEETS 1 and 2 projects:

- joint technological research on RV designs advanced underwater system technologies, software and tools
- training, education activities and actions towards an improved knowledge and enhanced collaboration of European Research fleets
- access to RVs and equipment

ERVO could contribute to the development of a European Trans-National Access agency for European Research Vessels and Large Exchangeable Instruments