

# UK ICOS Breakout Session

Edinburgh November 2015

1. Review of where we are
2. Progress since last meeting
3. Proposed actions
  - a) Progress towards signature process
  - b) UK consortium agreement
  - c) Future funding opportunities

# What is ICOS

- EU Infrastructure Project (ESFRI, ERIC)
- Member state observing systems
- Subscription to part fund head office, data portal, thematic centres etc
- UK undertaking Ocean Thematic Centre (with Norway)
- UK Stakeholder is Richard Sanders, Focal Point is Andrew Watson
- Likely to be major channel via which EU distributes GHG funds

# ICOS in the UK

- Long period of hiatus
- Jan 2015 – Meeting 1 – GHG Townhall Southampton
  - Established enthusiasm for concept of UK joining ICOS
- April 2015 Meeting 2 – London
  - Prioritised stations and committed to writing report and starting website
- August 2015
  - Teleconference to approve report
  - Idea of UK ICOS glossy approved
  - Jennifer Riley Left
  - Website established
- October 2015 Presented report to MSCC
  - NERC Centre directors (NOC, CEH, and NCAS) + NERC DoS expressed enthusiasm to move forward rapidly on signing process
  - DEFRA beginning process of liaising with other Govt depts to gauge their enthusiasm for contributing
  - NOC Lawyer entrained
  - Jess started work on ICOS until NOC works out what to do
- NOV 2015
  - Edinburgh meeting

# Points for discussion

- Current plan is for NERC institutes is to move forward on ICOS now with min 3 stations (one in each sector)
  - Gets UK legally engaged, takes advantage of window of opportunity, opens door to whole UK community re EU funding
- Other stations/ organisations can move forward as and when
- Continue dialogue with other gov depts via DEFRA initiative
- What you can do
  - Upward pressure on your funding agency (DECC, DEFRA,
  - Identify legal representative from your organisation

# What we plan to do

- Update website (Add MSCC presentation and report)
- Produce timeline for UK to put together MOU
- Carry on with OTC planning
- Schedule next meeting
- Produce ICOS glossy