NIOZ and OFEG overview 2015 - 2016
NIOZ 2015-2016 highs and lows

- NIOZ: restructuring resulted in a new organization model:
  - From 8 science departments to 4:
  - New NMF includes marine technical departments, divided in support and development departments.
  - NMF supposed to be self-supporting

- Current activity:
  - Test piece new deep sea cable: 20 mm, Vectran, 8 mm core conductors and optic fibers.
  - New type of box core being tested at the moment.
Main concern as in previous years: funding

- National funding has been reduced to M€0.5 for this year, including equipment and no funding is foreseen for 2017.
- However, we did manage to get a new vessel on the National Roadmap.....

- EU funding: EU grants ship time but doesn’t fund any.
- NIOZ spends approx. M€1 in ship time

- All alternative funding has to come from chartering until a solution has been found
- Chartering will preferably be science related.


- Expected for 2016: 125 days.

- It brings in the money but we have a ship for science.....
Cruise program 2015 – 2016: Mediterranean, Black Sea and Indian Ocean and back
2 transits through the Gulf of Aden and along Somalia
Possible because of our marine escort.
Provisional cruise program 2016 - 2017
OFEG

- Slight increase in barter days in the last few years

- Difficulties:
  - Funding differences between national organizations
  - Partners schedule on different time scales

- Current activities in OFEG
- Working group on EIA’s for seismics
- Further development and integration of marinefacilitiesplanning.com