



# OCEAN:ICE

## OCEAN-CRYOSPHERE EXCHANGES IN ANTARCTICA: IMPACTS ON CLIMATE AND THE EARTH SYSTEM



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A 4 year (Nov 22) Horizon Europe project involving 17 centres,  
~€8 M funding (inc. UKRI co-funding)



## Main Contacts

**Ruth Mottram** - Project Coordinator

**Andrew Meijers** - UK-grant coordinator and PI

**Chiara Bearzotti** - EU grant project manager

**Sarah Coombs** - Head of Operations and WP9 lead

**OCEAN:ICE will assess the impacts of key Antarctic Ice Sheet and Southern Ocean processes on Planet Earth, via their influence on sea level rise, deep water formation, ocean circulation and climate.**



# Objectives



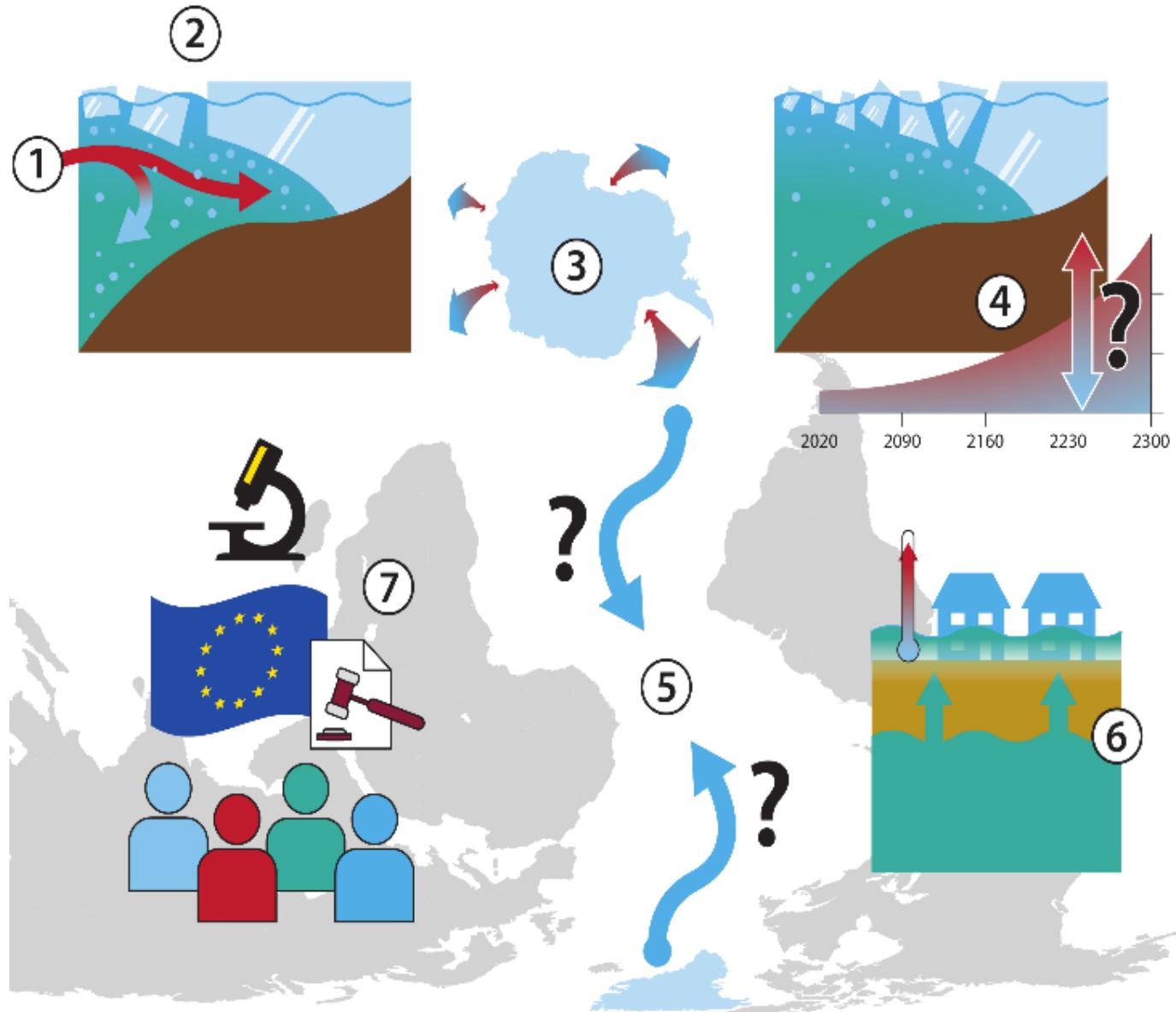
- **O1:** Reduce the spatial and knowledge gaps in ocean observations around Antarctica.
- **O2:** Improve critical ice sheet-ocean processes in numerical models.
- **O3:** Improve representation of AIS dynamics and integrate this knowledge into ice sheet-climate models.
- **O4:** Quantify AIS melt sensitivity to climate forcing and reduce the 'deep uncertainty' in freshwater flux and SLR projections to 2300.
- **O5:** Assess how global ocean circulation is impacted by freshwater discharge from the northern and southern ice sheets.
- **O6:** Assess the ocean impact on key global climate metrics from polar ice sheet melt to 2300 and beyond.
- **O7:** Deliver free and open data access and contribute to international assessments, climate model development, observing initiatives and policymakers.



# Project structure



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- 1: Subpolar ocean heat and freshwater (FW) delivery to AIS (WP 1)
- 2: Ice shelf-ocean interaction (WP 2)
- 3: Whole AIS reconstruction, FW fluxes and improvement in models (WP 3)
- 4: Future FW flux projections and understanding of AIS instability (WP 4)
- 5: Modelling of ocean response to ice sheet melt (WP 5)
- 6: Modelling of ocean-ice feedbacks and impact on climate (WP 6)
- 7: Climate assessments and advice to policymakers and public (WP 7-9)



# People – WP leaders



## WP1: Oceans



Pierre Dutrieux: BAS  
Markus Janout: AWI

## WP2: Ocean-ice sheet



Nicolas Jourdain: IGE  
Anna Wåhlin: U.Got.

## WP3: AIS present



Ruth Mottram: DMI  
Gael Durand: IGE

## WP4: AIS future



Jan De Rydt: U. Northumbria  
Frank Pattyn: ULB

## WP5: Ocean response

## WP6: Climate response

## WP7: Data

## WP8: Science coord

## WP9: Comms, impacts



Elaine McDonagh:  
NORCE  
Petra Langebroek:  
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Tony Payne: U.Bristol



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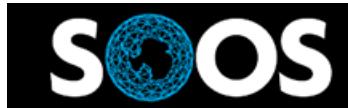
Sarah Coombs: BAS  
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# Future Events

- Webinar Series – 1st EPB hosted meeting scheduled March 23<sup>rd</sup> 15:00 CET
- OCEAN:ICE themed breakout discussion at IUGG Berlin, July 23
- OCEAN:ICE themed session at SOOS symposium, Hobart Aug 23
- Workshop with ESA CCI and EO on ice shelf mass balance: Earth-Observation Modelling workshop: most likely 23rd-24<sup>th</sup> – Ruth Mottram
- 36th Forum for Research into Ice Shelf Processes, Ocean-Ice Interactions 19-22 June 23 Stalheim Norway

<https://www.tipaccs.eu/frisp2023/>



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