

Euronaut



Editors letter

In years gone by, the **Euronaut Newsletter** was published by the Odysseus Group to share what the group had been working on and the results that had been achieved. It also featured articles about Sea Scouting across Europe. Some were informative, some offered programme ideas, but all were written and submitted by Sea Scouts from their own countries.

A few years ago, there were plans to relaunch the Euronaut in a new format. Unfortunately, after that, the Euronaut disappeared. Until now!

During this Eurosea, we will do our very best to publish a new edition every day. Each issue will include updates on what has happened during the event and, where possible, short summaries of the workshops and activities. If you are attending Eurosea and would like to contribute, please send your photos and articles to **Ernst-Jan**.

The Organising Team

Here they are: the team behind this year's Eurosea!

We'll introduce everyone properly in a moment and explain who does what.

Shortly after the previous Eurosea, we enthusiastically started planning for this event. Before long, we had a Project Leader, a Junior Project Leader and a Data Manager in place. They immediately got to work on the necessary administration and began the search for a Treasurer and someone to lead Production.

By the spring of 2025, the organising team was complete. In September, we held a preparation meeting at the venue together with the Odysseus Group. Kris attended as well and kindly offered his support.

We also explored the possibility of securing Erasmus+ funding and invested a great deal of time and effort into the application process. Unfortunately, in February 2026, we learned that our application had not been successful.

Naturally, that was disappointing, and the team needed a moment to regroup and motivate each other again. But we're Scouts, and overcoming challenges is what we do best! So we rolled up our sleeves, opened registrations, and focused on building a fantastic team for Eurosea itself.

Finding a photographer seemed like it might be a real challenge. Yet, to our delight, we found Steph from the United Kingdom, and we couldn't be happier to have her with us.

The final step was completing the Production Team, and we believe we've assembled an excellent group with Paul, Linda and Kris on board.

Together with all of you, we hope to make this an unforgettable and successful Eurosea!



Mirjam Nisters-Breedveld

Mirjam attended the last two Eurosea events and has been a member of the Odysseus Group since 2024.

Within Scouting Nederland, she is active in several roles, including serving as Chair of the Water Activities Team. For this Eurosea, Mirjam is the **Project Leader**.



Bas Boumans

Bas attended his first Eurosea at the previous event. Within Scouting Nederland, he is also active in the Water Activities Team.

For this Eurosea, Bas serves as the **Junior Project Leader**.



Loes van Oostveen

Loes proves that Sea Scouts cannot do everything on their own, and we're proud and grateful for that! Although she is not a Sea Scout herself, she is an important part of the organising team and brings valuable skills and experience to the event.

Loes is our **Treasurer**.



Mirjam Holtland

For Mirjam and her team, the first stages of the event preparation were relatively calm. However, organising the programme elements, especially activities outside the Scout campsite, and providing support during Eurosea is where she truly shines.

As you may already have guessed, Mirjam is our **Head of Production**.



Linda Weidenaar

Linda attended the last two Eurosea events as a participant and was a member of the Odysseus Group from **2022 to 2024**.

She is involved with the **Willem de Zwijger Group** and is active within Scouting Nederland.

For this Eurosea, Linda supports Mirjam as part of the **Production Team**.



Paul Breedveld

Yes, the surname is familiar. Paul is married to Mirjam. Within Scouting Nederland, Paul is active in many nautical areas, and one of these will certainly become visible during Eurosea. He is particularly involved in the world of Dutch Scout **base ships (wachtschepen)** and related maritime activities. Those attending Eurosea will undoubtedly hear much more from him in person. Paul is also a member of the **Production Team**.



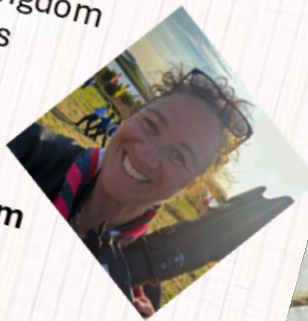
Kris Bauters

And here he is, our first non-Dutch team member! Kris comes from Belgium and could easily be described as a Eurosea veteran. He was a member of the Odysseus Group from **2012 to 2014** and again from **2014 to 2016**. In Belgium, Kris is a familiar face within **FOS Open Scouting**, where he remains highly active. Outside of Scouting, he has also spent many years involved with the ships of the Belgian organisation **Vloot**. For Eurosea, Kris is part of the **Production Team**.



Steph Fawdry

Another team member from abroad, and one you should certainly not underestimate! Steph comes from the United Kingdom and has photographed numerous international events. She will be capturing all the highlights of this Eurosea as well. Steph is part of the **Production Team** and serves as our official **Photographer**.



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Ernst-Jan Jacobsen

Ernst-Jan had officially from international activities, but returned this Eurosea. He has Eurosea four times and of the Odysseus Group **2014, 2014 to 2016, 2018**. From **2012 until 2018**, Ernst-Jan served as webmaster Odysseus Group. For this Eurosea, he is **Data Management and Communications**.



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