

# Operational Ocean Monitoring and Forecasting Services for decision-making in the coastal ocean.

## The NOW Systems User Applications



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## MISSION

## Be a reliable partner:

- Delivering the **most advanced Operational Services** (24x7) for the marine environment.
- Ensuring the **best infraestructura** and a **highly skill Team**.
  - STEM profiles (inc. engineering, physics, geosciences, IT, etc.)
- NOW Systems: A SME focused on **R&D & Innovation**.

## VISION

**Co-build digital twin approaches of the ocean (and the coast), as envisaged by our customers.**

## OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

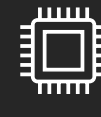
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Provide solutions, knowledge, and services for more sustainable and efficient management of activities in the marine environment.



### MONITORING

NRT Integration of In-situ and satellite observations



### FORECASTING

Numerical Modelling to simulate the past, present and future ocean



### AI-BASED SOLUTIONS

Improvement monitoring and forecasting through AI-based solutions



### CLIMATE

Climate assessment of present and future ocean at regional and coastal scale.



### PRODUCT QUALITY

Product Quality Assessment. Scientific analysis of products



### APPLICATIONS

Value-added services (e.g., alert systems) and customized user interfaces.



# NOW Services in a SeaShell

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**Core Services:**  
Copernicus Marine Provider

**Downstream Services:**  
Coastal Services

**NOW Systems @2025: Ocean Services.**

**IBI-MFC:** Regional forecasting & MY Climate Products

**COLAB-MFC:** New products in Copernicus Marine

**IBERIAN BISCAY AND IRISH SEA MFC**

**COPERNICUS MARINE SERVICE**

**CERANE**

**KAILANI**

**BIODIVER-COAST**

**NAUI@GalwayBay**

**NAUI@Dublin**

**MOLL-e MALONE**

**e3HOPE**

**Coastal Ops Service for IRTA**

**NAUI@EbroDelta**

**NAUI@RiaArosa**

**AGORA**

**WHISTLE:** Transboundary service

**COPERNICUS MARINE SERVICE**

**IBI Decadal Outlook (2025-35)**

**Coastal/Port downscaling**

**With Foras na Mara Marine Institute**

**PD E Oil Spill Application**

**PQ Service for AZTi**

**OSPA**

**Co-developed with PdE**

**Selected by EC's Innovation Radar**

**INS-TAC:** NRT & REP Obs. Products

**OC-TAC:** R&D in Ocean Colour products.

**Copernicus Marine PQ-Dashboard**

**WHISTLE:** Transboundary service

**now Systems**



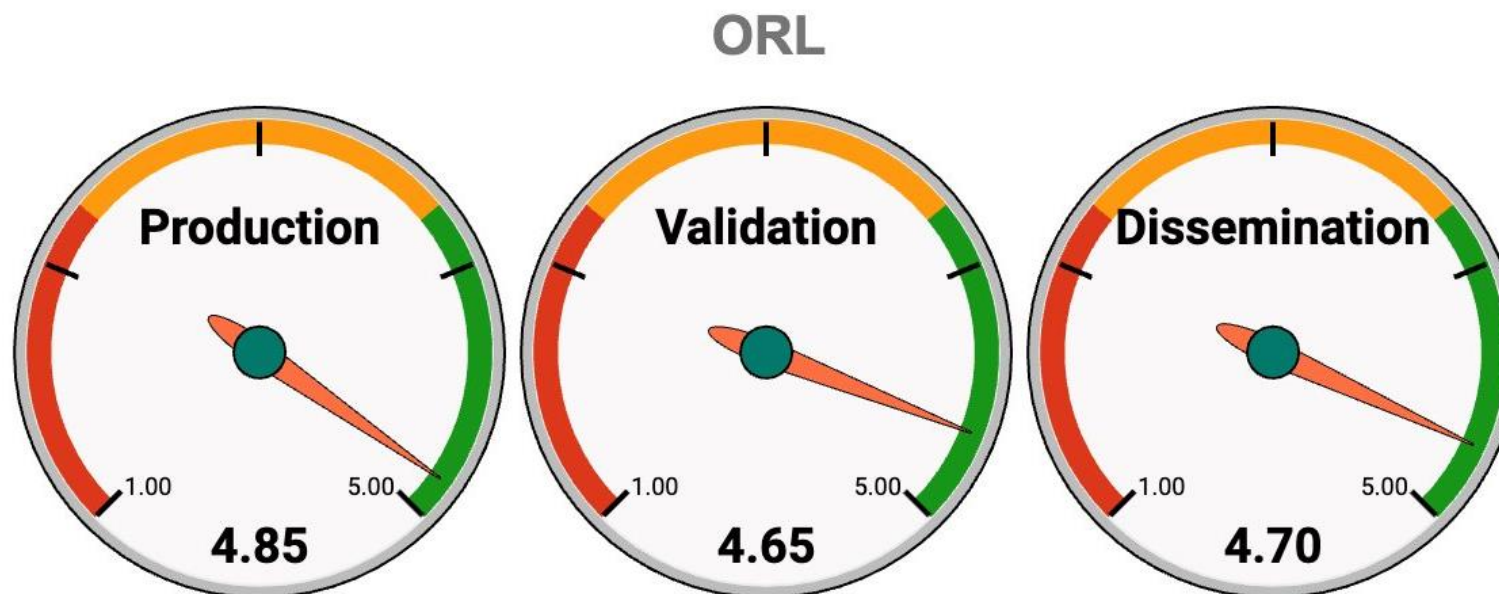
# NOW Systems: A reliable Operational Service Provider

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Copernicus Marine  
IBI-MFC Forecast

Operational Readiness Level (ORL) scores  
achieved by NOW IBI-PHY-NRT-FC System:



ORL based on > 75 criteria.  
(Fanjul et al. 2024)



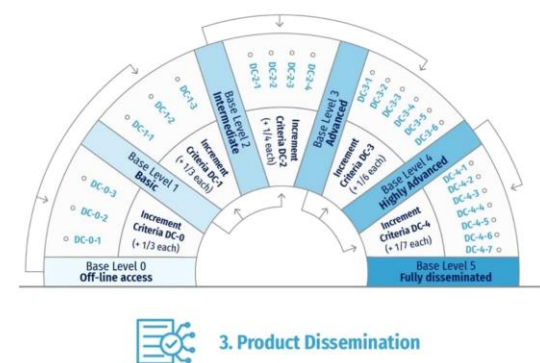
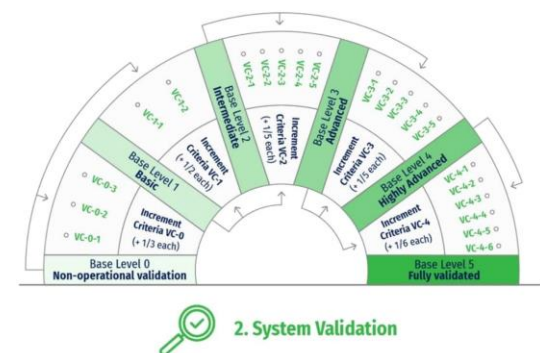
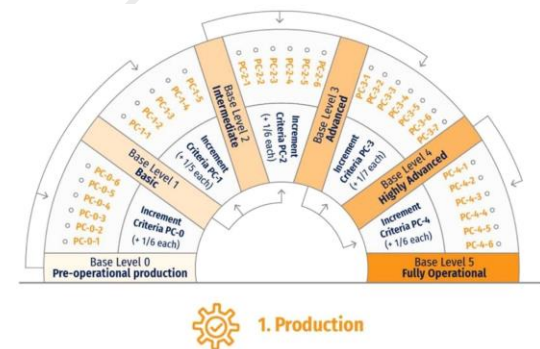
**Ocean Prediction**  
UN DECADE COLLABORATIVE CENTRE

- ✓ NOW delivers Ops. Services for Copernicus Marine.
- ✓ Based on **robust Operational suites**.
- ✓ Responding to **strong Service Level Agreements (SLA)**.
- ✓ Ensuring a **continuous Service Evolution** (user driven service).

# The NOW Coastal Services

Aligned with Downstream Service expectations and ensuring:

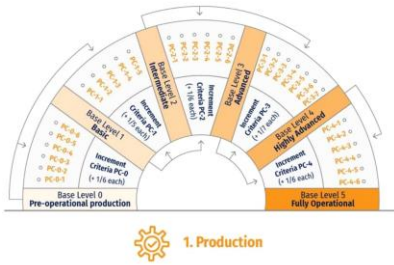
- ✓ **Reliable Operational Production:**
  - ✓ Coastal models run in robust Operational Suites
- ✓ **Product Quality Assessment:**
  - ✓ Operational Multi-Parameter multi-Model Validation tools
- ✓ **From data to fit-for-purpose information**
  - ✓ Co-designed User Applications





# The NOW Coastal Services: Essential Elements

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## ✓ High-resolution Coastal Prediction Systems.

- ✓ Benefit & Combined with coastal observations.

## ✓ Coastal downscaling. Seamless modelling from regional to coastal scales:

- ✓ Ocean-wave coupled model applications (COAWST; ROMS-SWAN Apps @350m&70m)

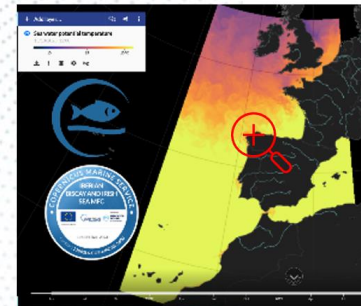
Systems in NE Atlantic & Mediterranean: @Galicia (AGORA), @EbroDelta (e3HOPE, FLORETHA), @GenoaGulf (ALISEO).

- ✓ Using wet-and-dry algorithm.

- ✓ Realistic inland freshwater contribution (using hydrological obs and model data of rivers, canals).

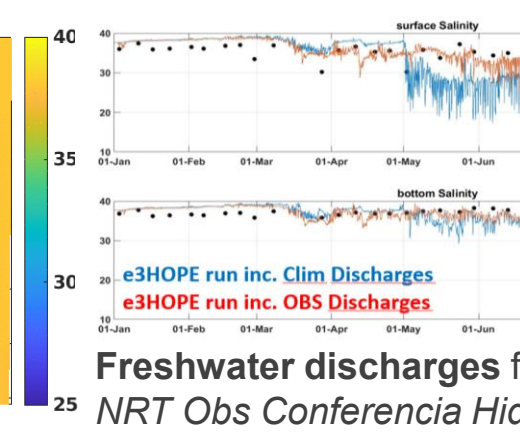
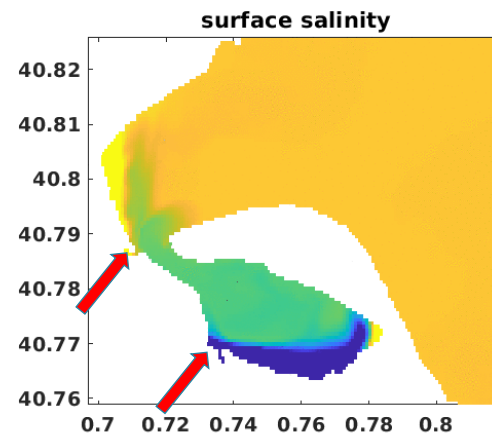
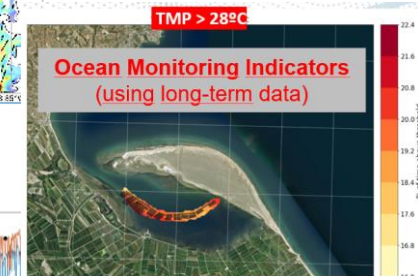
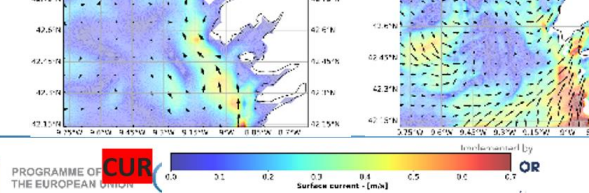
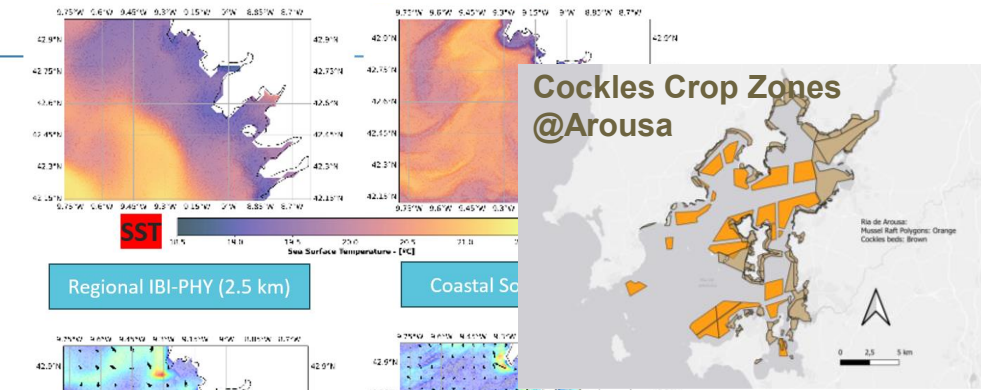
## ✓ AI Approaches to improve coastal downscaling

- ✓ ANNs trained to improve wave forecast forcings (winds, and currents, **KAILANI**, **CERAINE** Proj.).
- ✓ ANNs to downscale regional climate prediction for coastal areas, focus on ports (**SEACLIM** Project).



**Downscaling Added Value**

- More detailed coastal features
- Inc. Island effects & Ria exchanges
- Coastal currents patterns
- Flows into the Rias



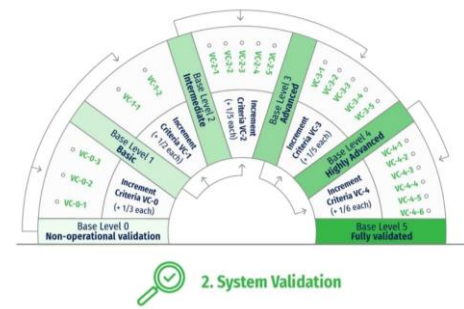
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**NRT Obs Conferencia Hic**

**e3HOPE**



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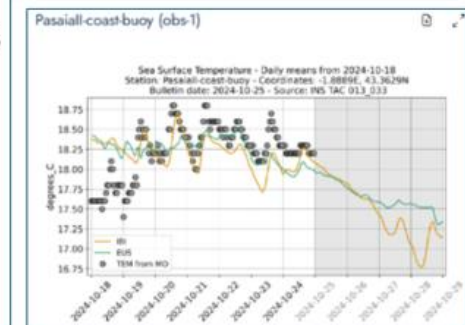
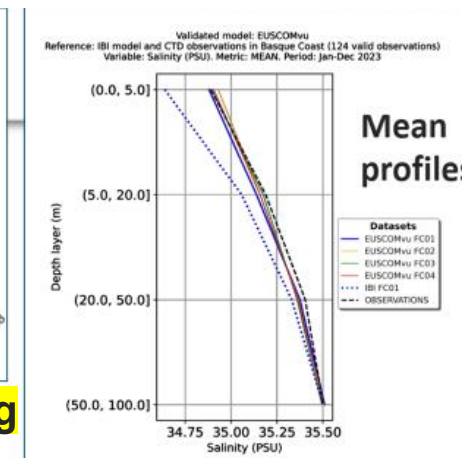
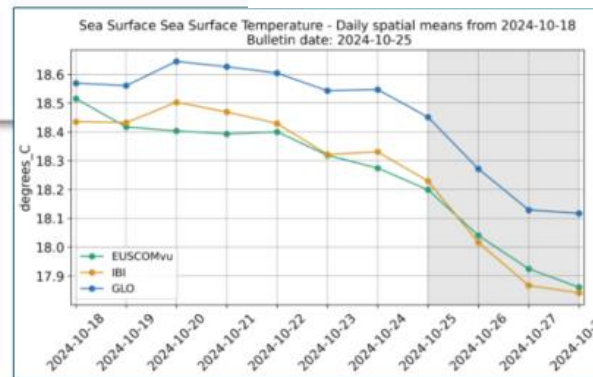
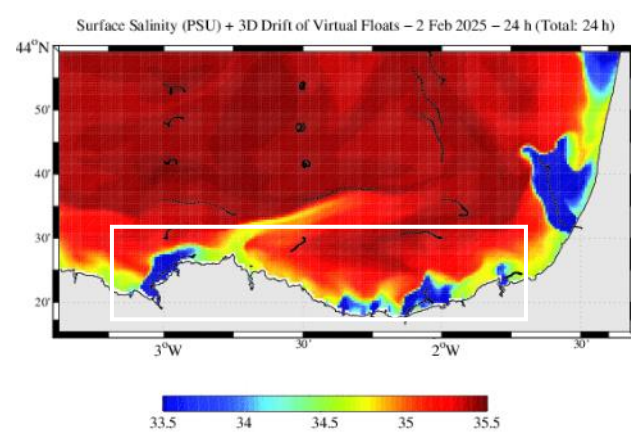
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✓ Ensuring Product Quality assessment by means of **Operational Multi-Parameter Multi-Model Validation tools:**

- ✓ Multi-model comparisons
  - ✓ GLO-REG-COAST
- ✓ Use of Coastal OBS
  - ✓ NRT & Periodic ones.

**Added Value of Coastal Downscaling**  
**EuscomVU (coast) vs IBI (Reg) vs GLO**



**Coastal Model Validation:**

- Online (daily): using NRT Obs.
- DelayMode (Monthly): inc. Coastal CTDs

**+ Benefit also for the CMS IBI-MFC:**

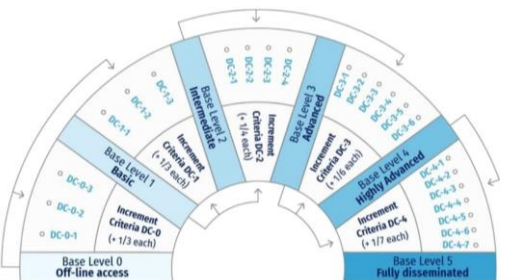
- Coastal Validation of regional IBI solution

Validation of Salinity (S) against In-Situ Observations (from CTD platforms)  
 October 2024  
 Visualization of vertical profiles at CTD platform location

*EUSCOMvu Validation Tool (more details in Ferrer et al.).*

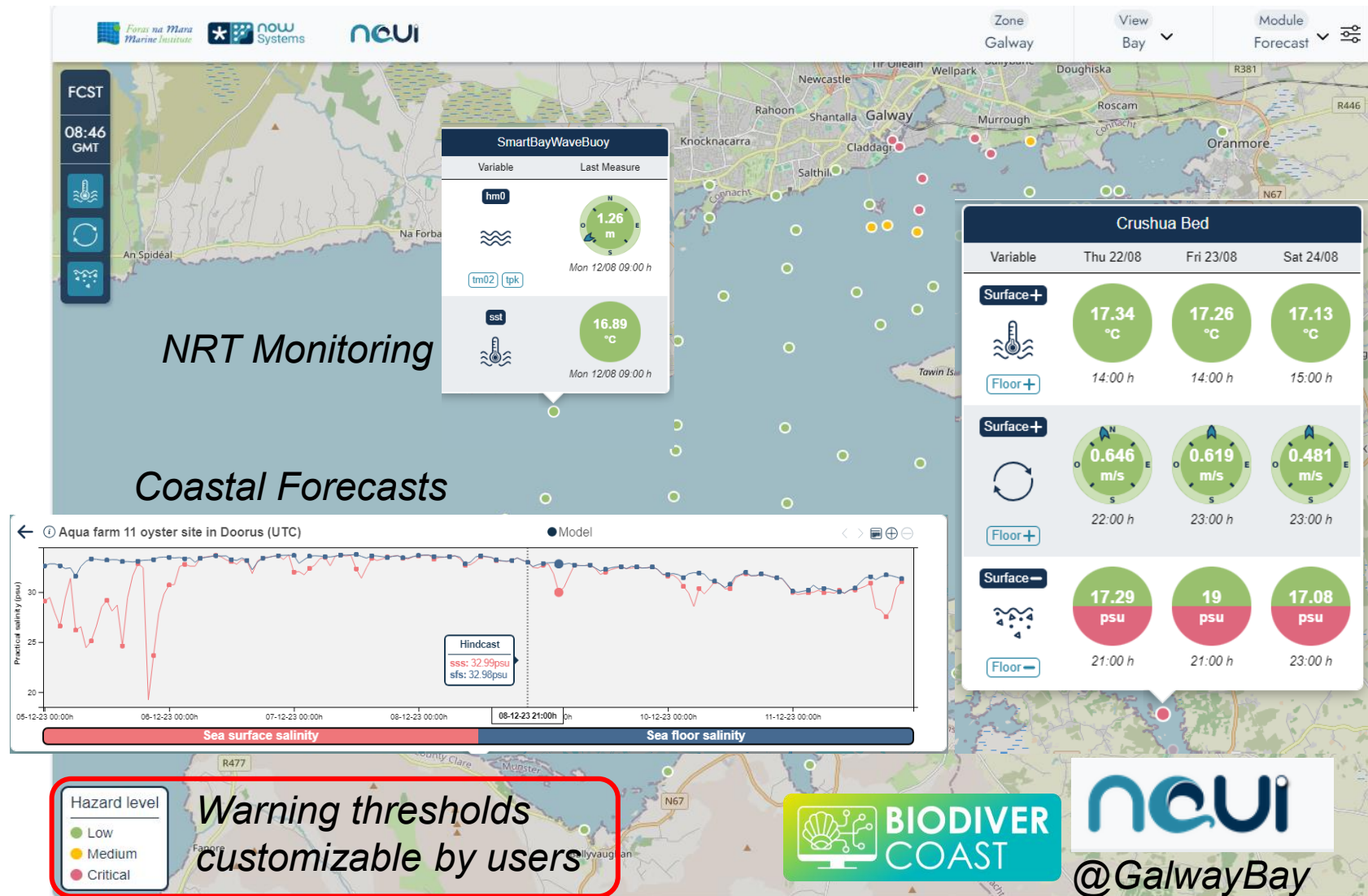


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## 3. Product Dissemination

- ✓ Product dissemination through **Co-designed User Applications**.
- ✓ Ad-hoc **WWW services**.
- ✓ **NAUI**: the Advance User Interface of NOW
  - ✓ Services aggregator hosted in NOW Cloud (SaaS).
  - ✓ User-friendly access to actionable information.
  - ✓ Data from NRT monitoring & forecasting
  - ✓ Facilitating stakeholder's decision-making process.



(more details in Dabrowski et al.)



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- ✓ Several NAUI Deployments.
  - ✓ Supporting Coastal Services across NE Atlantic & Mediterranean.
- ✓ Strategic Partners & Key Local Stakeholders.
  - ✓ MarineInstitute, IRTA, LIM/UPC, Atlantic+, USC, CETMAR, INTECMAR, MeteoGalicia, etc.
- ✓ Use Cases focused on:
  - ✓ Aquaculture
    - ✓ Mussels (risks related to high temperature)
    - ✓ Salmon (water quality conditions and MHWs impacts)
    - ✓ Cockles (risk index for low salinity events combined with tidal conditions)
  - ✓ Biodiversity
    - ✓ Med *Pinna Nobilis*; suit habitat (only specific salinity and temp conditions).
  - ✓ NBSs
    - ✓ Native oyster restoration in Galway (low salinity events, the higher risk).





## ✓ NAUI: a Modular Tool

- ✓ Easy to scale for enhanced casuistry.

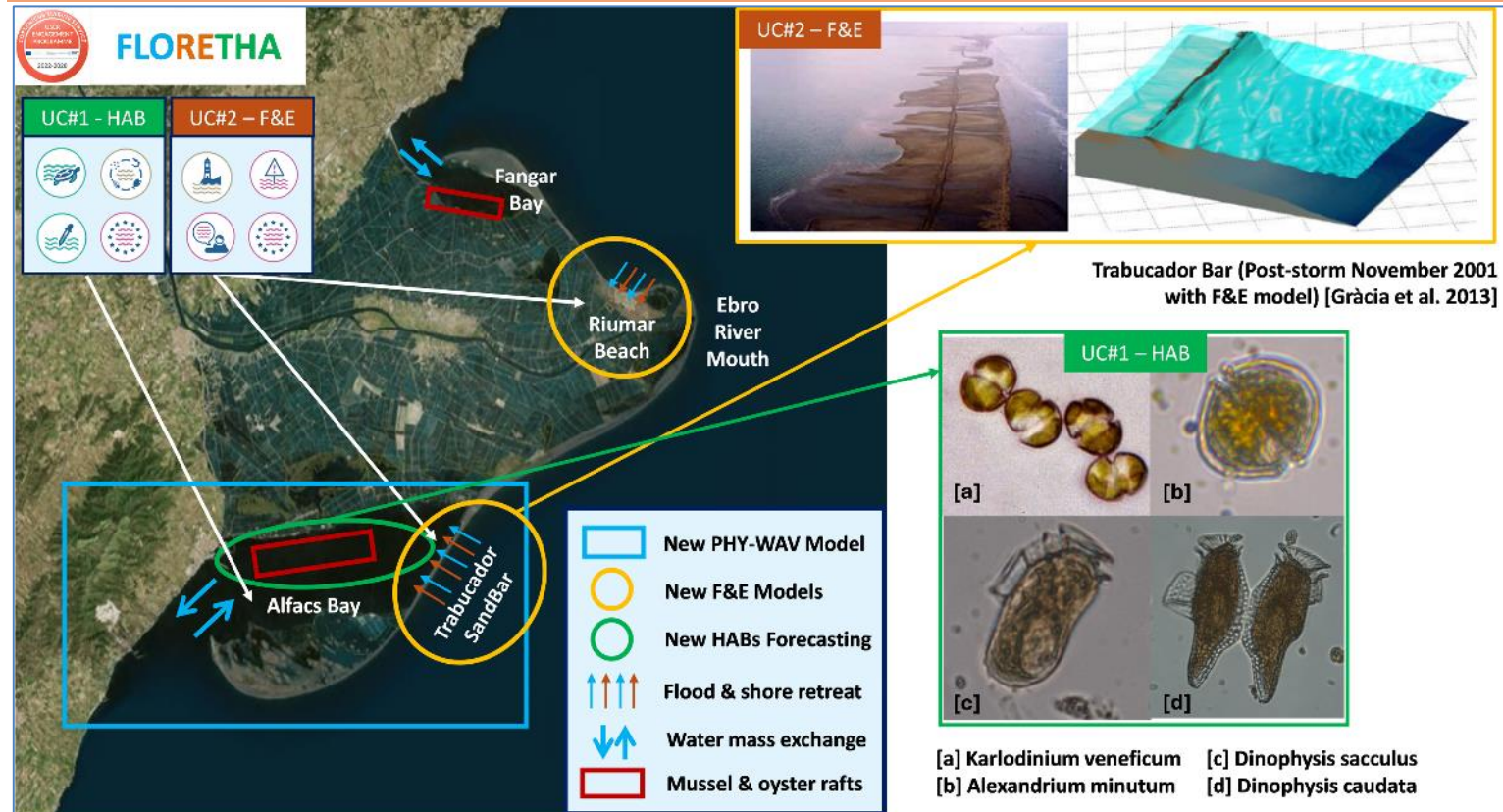
## ✓ Expanding NAUI (RD&i)

- ✓ New NAUI functionalities & modules on: MHWs, Lagrangian transport (plastic pellets), HABs forecasting, Coastal protection (models run on-demand), etc...

## ✓ DTO approaches

- ✓ The foreseen context to enhance these coastal services.

## Coastal Flooding & Erosion (New Sediment Model run on demand)



## HAB forecasting Service (new User Interface + improvements)

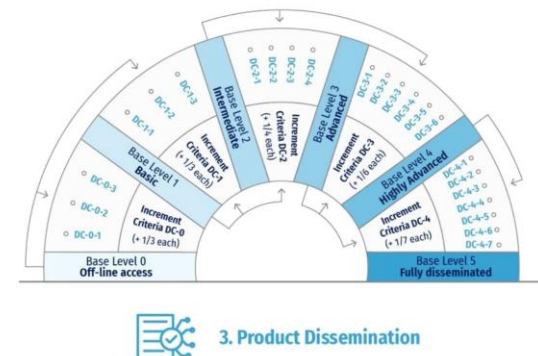
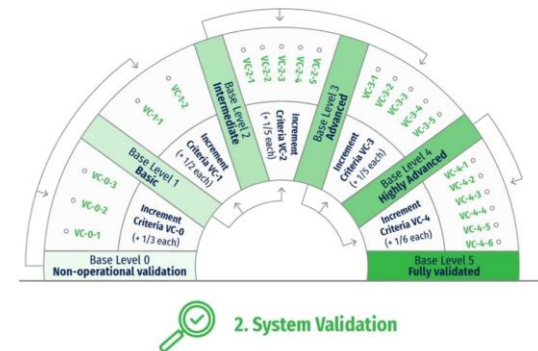
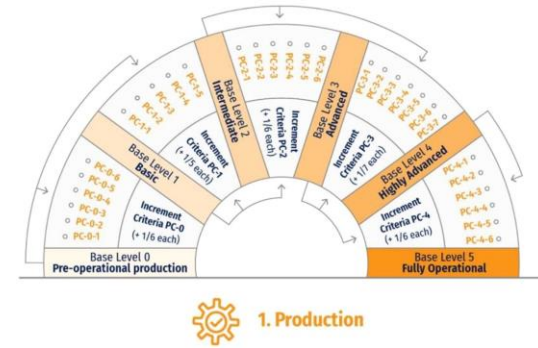
**Both Use Cases benefit of the daily  
e3HOPE H-R Coastal Forecast Service**



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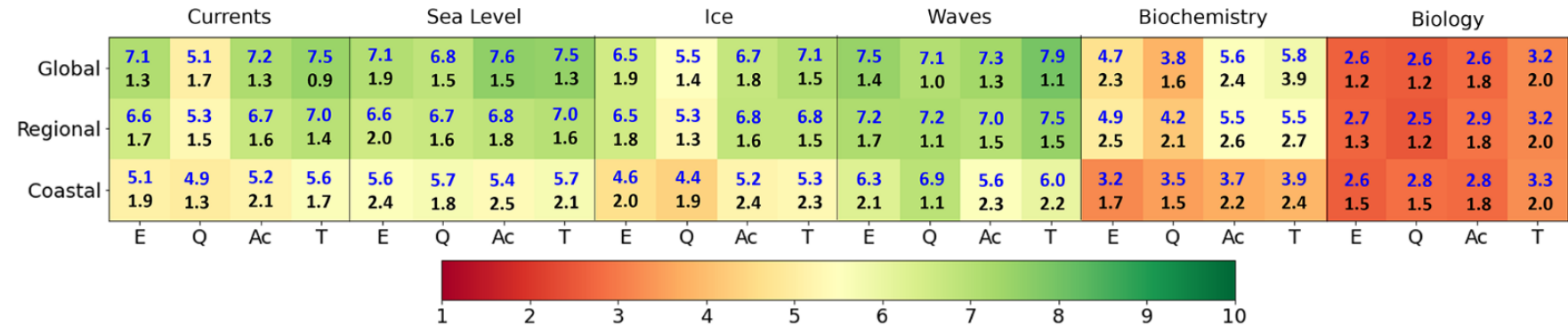
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## Poll Diagnosis; Analysis of Experts Survey results.

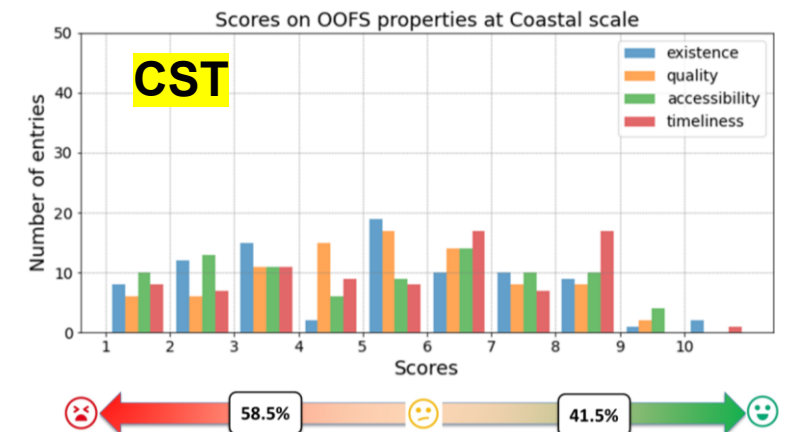
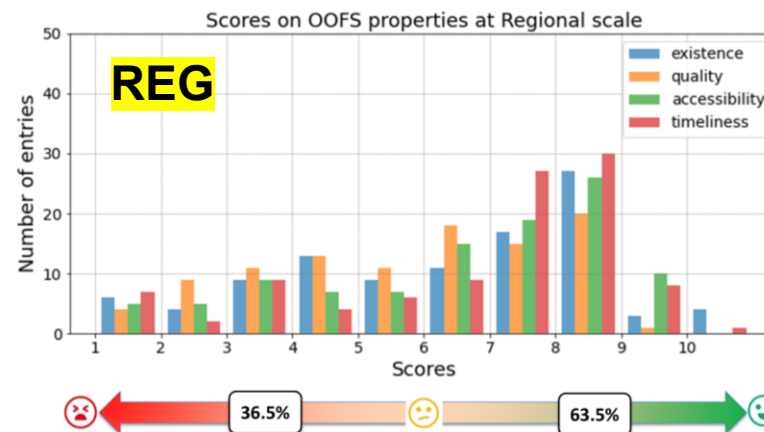
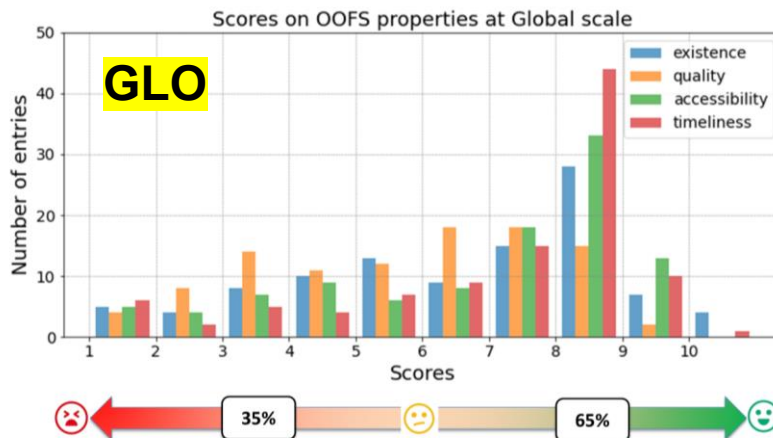
E: Existence (E)  
Q: Quality (Q)  
Accessibility (Ac)  
Timeliness (T)

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S. A. Ciliberti et al.: Evaluation of operational ocean forecasting systems



**Figure 1.** The experts' average rates (in blue) and standard deviations (in black) per OOFs property (E is for existence, Q is for quality, Ac is for accessibility, and T is for timeliness), considering a proposed list of EOVS (e.g., currents, sea level, ice, waves, biochemistry, and biology) at a given scale (e.g., global, regional, and coastal). The color scale corresponds to mean values.





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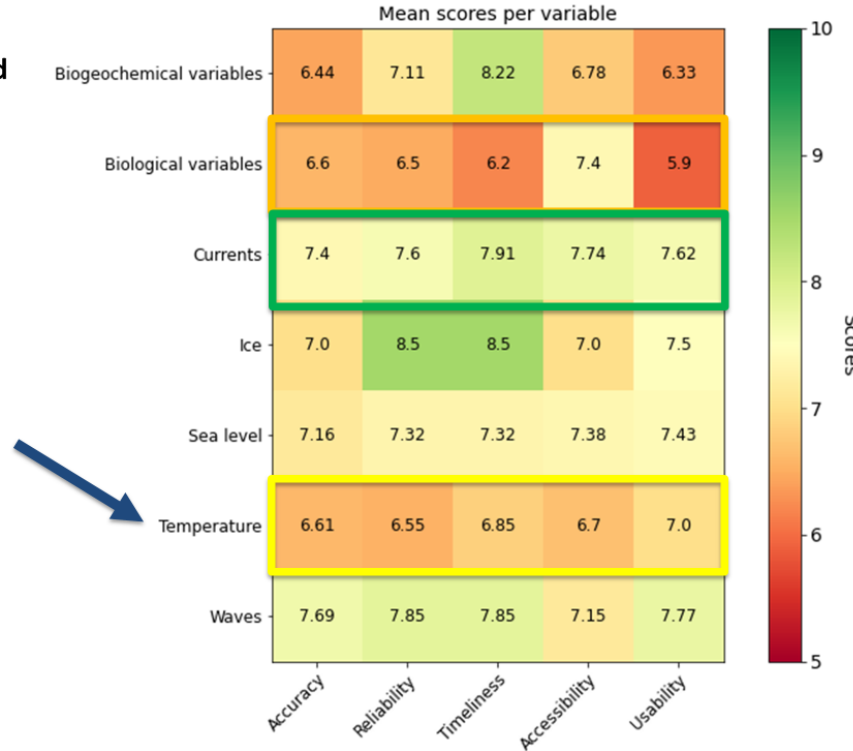
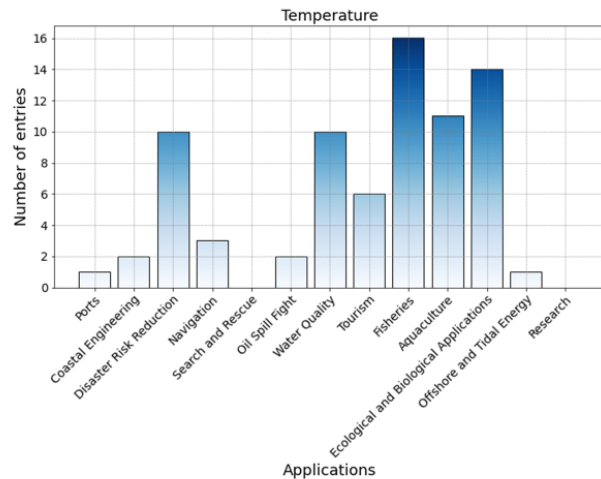
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## End-Users Poll Diagnosis; Analisis of survey results

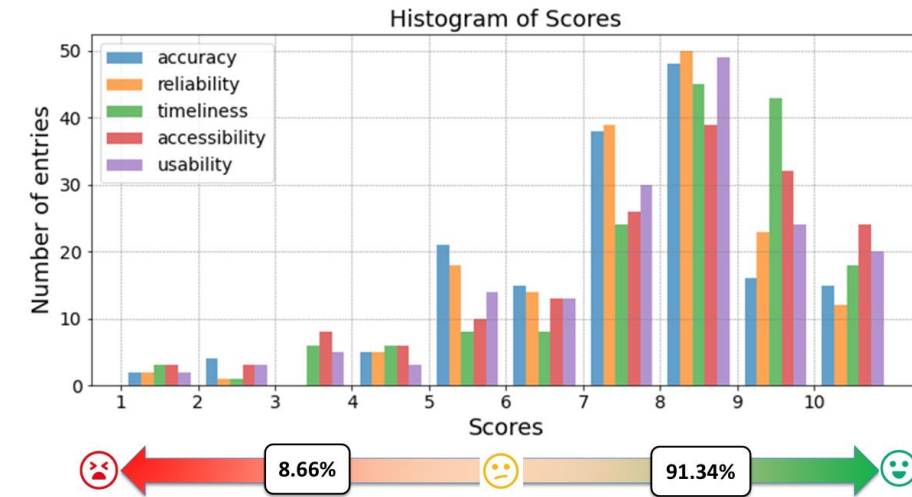


Average rating considering a list of representative EOVS that are evaluated with respect to OOFs properties

Total number of provided preferences of EOVS per application (example: Temperature)



Total number of answers provided for evaluating OOFs properties rating



Do these views condition the co-build of Coastal Services? (**End-User Requirements**)  
**Happy users:** do they ask us for more? (**Targeted improvements**)  
**Unhappy users:** are they here? will they trust our services in the future? (**Demos**)