

Closing Event of the PT02 Programme

Integrated Marine and Coastal Waters Management "Achieved Outcomes"

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Motivation

www.medusadeepsea.com

Sep. 2015 - Apr. 2017



MEDUSA **DEEP SEA** OPENING THE DEEP-SEA FRONTIER

MOTIVATION

Reinforce the national capacity for mobile autonomous and extended range deep-sea exploration and monitoring, affording scientists and commercial operators means to open and explore the deep sea frontier and contribute for the Good Environmental Status in oceanic and coastal areas.

MISSION

Develop a system of multiple autonomous vehicles for ocean exploration and monitoring, capable of operating at water depths of up to 3000 meters, with light logistic requirements.





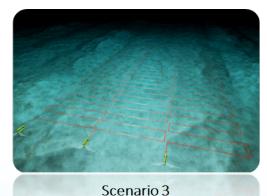


Capabilities

- MEDUSA_DS is a deep-sea AUV capable of covering deep-sea areas of the remote oceanic areas up to 3000 m depth.
- MEDUSA_DS system was designed to comply with the requirements of **three typical scenario missions** (while leaving the flexibility for other future developments):
 - Scenario 1 data download and water column profiling,
 - Scenario 2 resource exploration and mapping, and
 - Scenario 3 high resolution habitat mapping.













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Project team & development

CONSORTIUM















PROJECT CO-FUNDED BY

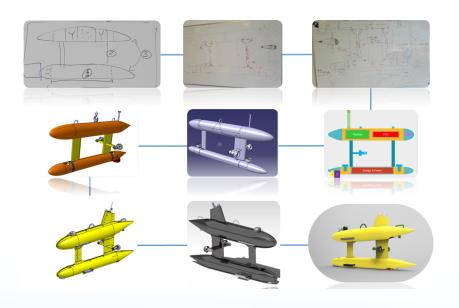




Coordinator

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Main outcome

Medusa's characteristics & applications



MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

Type: Double hull AUV

Size: 2.8 m x 1.5 m x 0.7 m

Weight: ~350 kg

Endurance: ~7 hrs

Range: ~30 km

Maximum depth: 3000 meters

• Nominal speed: 1 m/s

• Launch and recovery: Crane/Cradle

APPLICATIONS

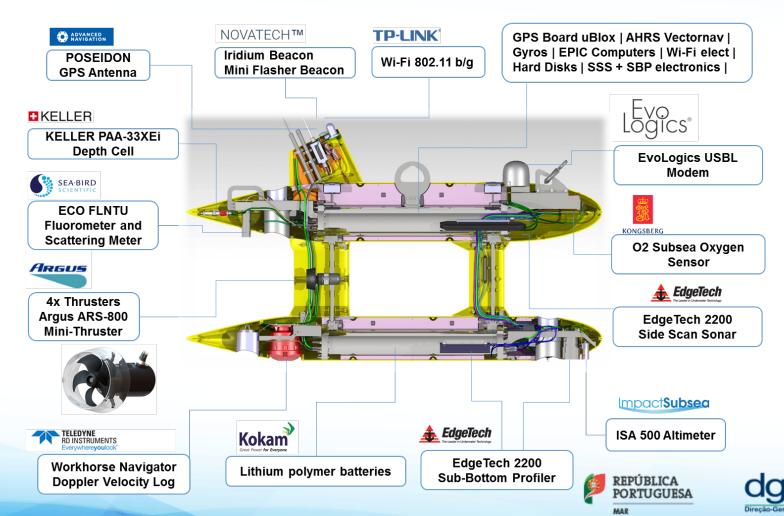
- Seabed Mapping
- Geophysical Survey
- Subsea Assets Inspection
- Oceanographic Survey
- Search and Recovery

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6y5eLKGRJq8





Systems Breakdown



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Next episodes

Main Structure Validation Test

Main System
Validation
Test

Navigation and Control Test

Full System Validation Test

Next Steps

Date: 29-12-2016;

Depth: 1125 Meters;

Ship: Noruega;

Location: Lisbon

Coast;

Mission: Housings'

tests.

Date: 11-04-2017;

Depth: Very Shallow

water (<10meters);

Ship: N/A;

Location: Parque das

Nações;

Mission: Stability and control tests (Main

structure, equipment

and WRS).

Date: May 2017

(8,19,23,24);

Depth: 100 meters;

Ship: N/A

Location: Sesimbra

Coast;

Mission: Stability and control tests

(Main structure,

equipment and

WRS).

Date: 01 to 05 June

2017;

Depth: 1219 Meters;

Ship: Sarmiento di

Gamboa;

Location: 40 miles outside Lisbon Coast

Mission: Vehicle's

behavior at deep sea.

Manufacture of Fairings in P-

DCPD

Syntactic Foams optimization



- Further improvements
- Autonomous missions in cooperation with EMEPC, IPMA, IMAR and others





Important outcome Science meets engineering

- Scientists, engineers, and operations staff working together in close collaboration;
- Scientists should pose the research questions, engineers devise instruments and equipment for the pursuit of scientific knowledge, and operations staff focus on effective operation of new products and technology;
- CEiiA's brings its experience in mechanical design, structural and hydrodynamic analysis, electronics and systems integration to conceive, develop and test new products and technologies

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



Deep Sea Autonomous Underwater Vehicle



Towed Tagging
Devices for Sea
Animals



Ocean Data Management System

TESTING & PROTOTYPING





Underwater Structures and Tools





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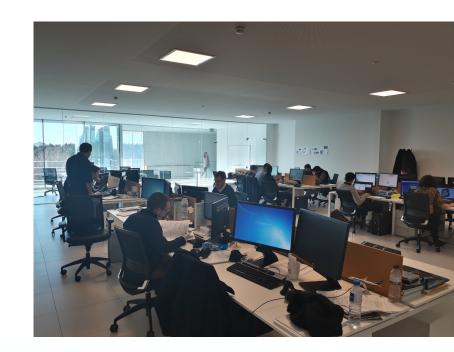
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Further projects

- The members of the Consortium have launched further and more ambitious projects on "submarine robotics";
- New projects have even more partners and wider scopes (different types of vehicles; a system v.s one vehicle).

Increasing capacity

- CEIIA ended up creating an "Ocean & Space Unit";
- We have now more than 20 young and talented engineers at the "O&S Unit"; Soon we will be 40.
- The O&S Unit benchmarks internally being presented as an example of pro-activity and effectiveness (a better way to make things happen);







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Different types of positive externalities

- We are working on new projects with other Norwegian partners (business initiatives that may fit in the next EEA Grants Programme);
- We have gained external visibility and now we have access to other opportunities (e.g. animal tags for BBC);
- We are bringing engineering students to our "ocean team" (master thesis; internships; summer school);
- Medusa_DS has contributed to augment the relative weight of the Ocean in todays science & innovation agendas;
- The coming missions at sea with MEDUSA_DS will provide us "maritime experience".









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... off course

MEDUSA_DS has

got its own selfie

with Marcelo!





