WP4 – SeaDataNet as a legal entity

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- Documents have been reviewed by a notary

- Minor comments

- The creation procedure will take approximatively 3 months

- The procedure will cost ~1200 €

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- Next steps:
    1. Informal review by Ministry of Justice
    2. Identification of the members of the
    3. Signature by two "founding members" (Ifremer & RBINS)
    4. Submission to Ministry of Justice → Minister → King
    5. Publication in Official Gazette

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- How to become a member?

  - Your institution has signed the "Seadatanet exploitation agreement":

  ➔ Your institution sends a letter stating its intention become a member of the association

  ➔ Your institution is member as soon as the association acknowledge receipt of your letter

  A template letter will be provided.

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- How to become a member?
  - Your institution hasn't signed the "Seadatanet exploitation agreement":
  - ➔ Your institution applies for membership
  - ➔ New Members must be admitted by the General Meeting.
  - ➔ Admission guidelines and criteria are set out in the Internal Rules:

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- Agencies, institutes, SMEs and other organisations fulfilling public tasks ("Institutions") in the field of oceanographic data management, processing or dissemination, or providing dedicated solutions for this purpose, with their main focus being the European seas in the widest sense, may apply to become a member.

- An Institution may be admitted as member, if it supports the aims and objectives of the Association.

- The application shall be submitted in writing, describing the tasks and activities, indicating the status of the Institution and its relations with other marine institutions in its home country. The head of the applying Institution will be invited to attend the next General Meeting to present his/her institution before the meeting takes a decision.

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- A dedicated section will be created on the Seadatanet website with:
  - The Statutes
  - The contact information
  - The names of the Executive Directors
  - Reports of activities
  - …