NERC moorings workshop

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The NERC moorings workshop was set up to exchange experience between NERC institutes on mooring issues as some of our experienced mooring staff approached retirement age.

The group has been the forum for developing a ‘NERC Moorings Policy’ with the approach of applying best practice principles from sharing knowledge and experience.

The remit of the group has widened to include such areas as risk management, equipment success and failure, and mooring design.

The 2010 workshop was held at NOCS attended by around 50 delegates from the UK, Netherlands, France, Norway, South Africa & Germany.

Topics covered included:
- Focus on policy and legislation
- Examination of common failure modes
- Risk management issues
- Report on current technologies and practices
It is proposed to develop a website to allow the group to publish information and outputs from the workshops.

Web site content could include information such as:
- Contacts,
- Mooring locations,
- Environmental information,
- Failure notices,
- Success notices,
- Equipment sourcing lists.
The question!

- Could the Moorings workshop information be hosted on the OFEG / OFEG-TECH website?

- The existing OFEG / OFEG-TECH website is be migrated to the Eurocean web portal in 2011 ([http://www.eurocean.org/](http://www.eurocean.org/)), which will be jointly funded by the OFEG partners.

- The Moorings Group and OFEG-TECH share a number of common aims, such as technology development, knowledge transfer and sharing of experience.

- Membership is also common with representation from some of the major European institutions.

- It is these factors that I believe would make OFEG–TECH an ideal platform for the website making the information more available and involving more partners.

- Comments?