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The Copernicus/GMES Marine Core Service (MCS) as currently implemented by MyOcean-2 will become operational in 2014. In 2013, the European Commission (EC) has started the two-year project called GMES-PURE (Partnership for User Requirements Evaluation), to define and apply a structured process for the elaboration of the future MCS user requirements and their translation into service specifications, service data and technical requirements. While the focus for service data requirements is on space observations, high-level data requirements for in-situ observations will be captured and delivered as well. The GMES-PURE project constitutes a unique opportunity for MCS users to ensure that their current and emerging requirements are captured in time and to influence the future evolution of the MCS. The establishment and maintenance of long-term user driven operational services requirements and related coherent service specifications include a weighing of evolving user needs, scientific and technological capabilities, cost-effectiveness and affordability. This presentation will explain GMES-PURE approach, the Ocean Surface Topography User requirements and how end users can get and will be further involved in the project.

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