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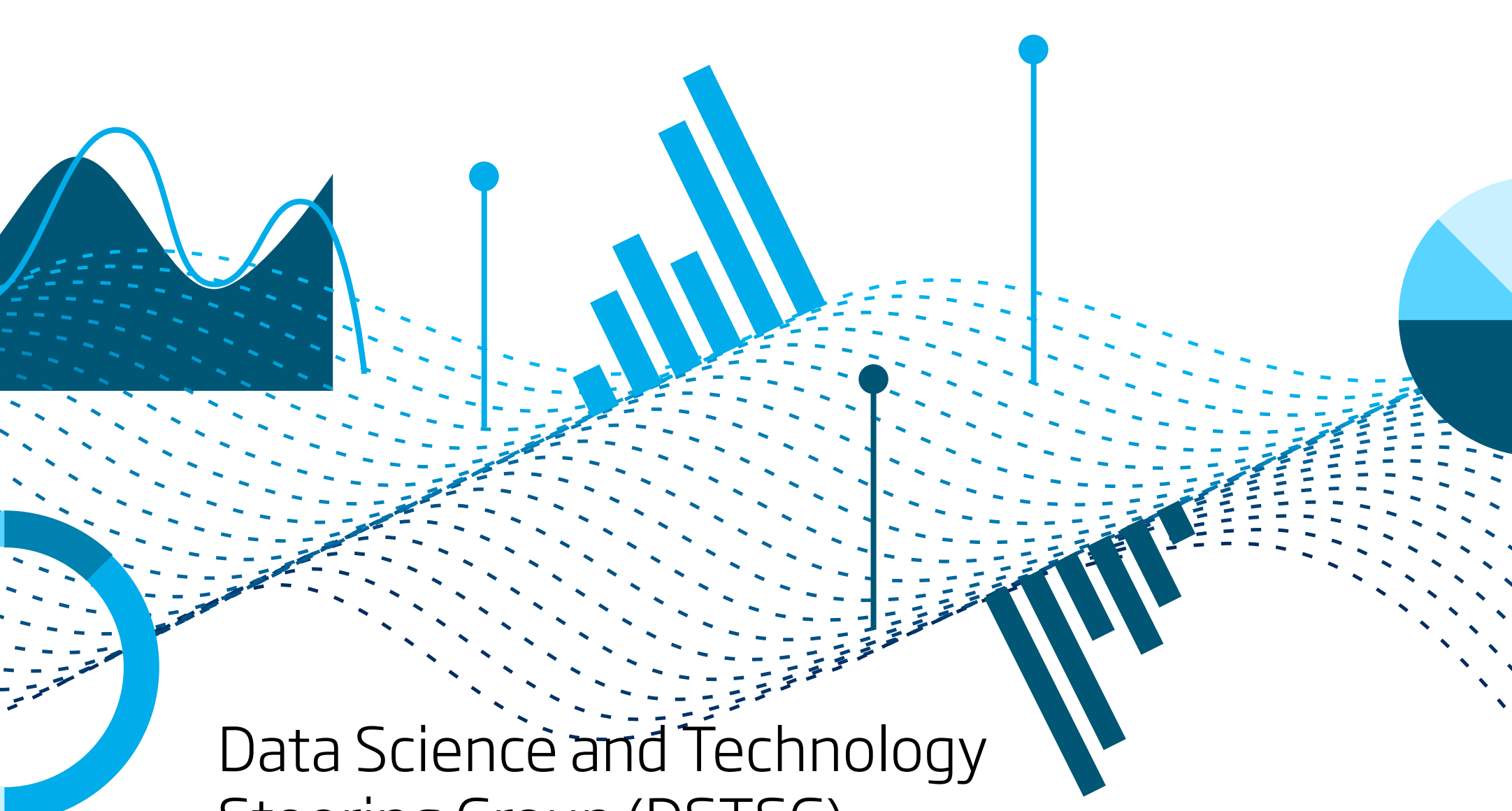Conseil International pour l'Exploration de la Mer

WGSFDGOV

Working Group on Spatial Fisheries Data Governance

Data Science and Technology Steering Group (DSTSG)

RESEARCH FOCUS

The group provides context and delivers recommendations concerning the governance process around fishing vessel satellite surveillance data from the so-called Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), including:

- upload of data in response to ICES calls for spatial and logbook data;
- conducting quality assurance by generating reports for sense checking data submissions;
- recommendations and procedures for the publishing of spatial fisheries data products;
- ensuring that priorities are aligned with wider ICES best practice principles in terms of data and quality management.

OUR OBJECTIVE

WGSFDGOV supports ICES Secretariat, Data Centre, and WGSFD to achieve these aims:

- spatial and logbook data held at ICES and related products will not compromise the protection of the commercial fisheries data.
- the output used in ICES advice is reliable regarding data quality by conducting sufficient and effective quality checks.

OUR EXPERTISE

WGSFDGOV members, together with WGSFD and ICES Data Centre:

- develop routines that allow large amounts of data to be checked quickly and clearly to ensure that the rules of anonymization and data protection are followed;
- focus on recommendations and contributions to improve ICES data call for spatial fisheries data;
- participate in checking and improving the R scripts for ICES data call.

OUR CHAIR

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