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development. In addition he has been coordinating several European studies focusing on the possible developments of the European Fisheries Management System especially on rights based management systems.

Currently his main task lies in developing a framework for integrated marine management, governance and marine spatial planning. He is employed by the Institute for Marine Resources and Ecosystem Studies (IMARES) in the Netherlands. He is working at the WUR Environmental Policy Group on Institutional change in Fisheries Management. Luc van Hoof is member of the board of MARE, Centre for Marine Research, and is Executive Secretary of EFARO, the European Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Organisation. As member of both EFARO, MARE, EAFE, the EU Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) and observer of the EU North Sea Regional Advisory Committee, he is well known among the stakeholders of the fisheries scientific, management and fisheries sector community.

He has been part of and coordinated several EU funded research projects among which the FEUFAR (2008) and COFASP (2014) project which focussed on developing participatory scenarios to develop the research agenda for Europe to permit exploitation and farming of aquatic resources set against the context of key challenges and risks for meeting sustainability requirements. He also coordinated the MESMA project which developed tools for the monitoring and evaluation of Marine Spatial Plans.