

# e-DFAD

## Pilot Phase Closure Workshop

19 January 2026



# e-DFAD: state of play

## Current state of the e-DFAD register

- **"Pilot" covered:**
  - User and reference data management
  - Interactive and Bulk DFAD Registration and Buoy Activation/Deactivation
  - Notification of Deactivation in a Coastal State's EEZ
  - Notification of Activation over quota for a given vessel

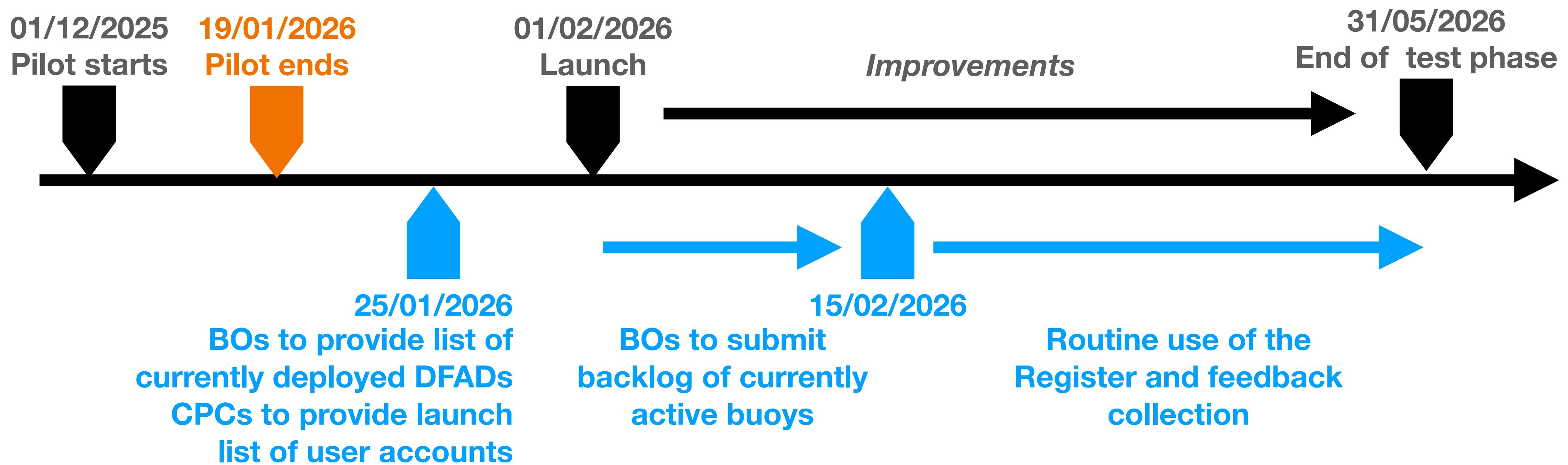
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## Pilot feedback

- 6 Buoy Owner/Companies participated
- No official feedback was received so far
- Now is the time if you have comments/suggestions

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## Backlog of already active buoys

- By 25/01/2026, BOs to provide list of currently deployed DFADs, so the dev team can pre-register them in the app
- After launch, BOs to submit backlog of Activations within a 15 days period using the pre-registered DFADs (allowing retroactive activations)
- Any registration/operation happening after launch to be entirely handled by BOs in the app
- Detailed instructions will be provided closer to launch

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## Mandatory test period

- As per Commission agreement, a mandatory test period will last from launch until 31/05
- It will allow a progressive ramp up and adjustments to the app as necessary
- Collection of feedback to happen during the whole phase
- After the end of this phase, a report will be produced, incorporating feedback received
- On 01/06/2026, the Register will fully enter production

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- If you report an issue, please give as much context as possible, including, what you were doing in the app, what was the issue encountered, a link to the relevant record, screenshots etc.

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## Improvements since Pilot started

- Multi-manager accounts for EU
- Multiple user accounts per Buoy Owner
- The case of companies with vessels under several flags
- Who will submit the data: BO company ground staff, or vessel-based staff?

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## Improvements beyond launch

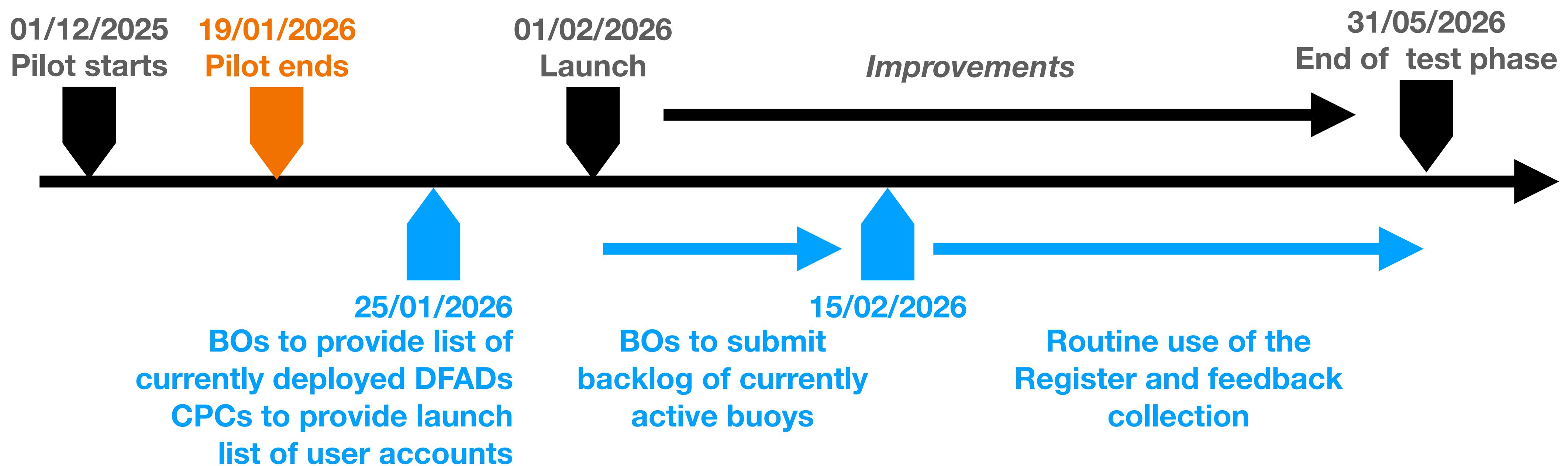
- Flag CPC correction/validation process
- Data export
- Other improvements as required/requested

# e-DFAD: capacity building

- User guides will be provided for CPCs and BOs ahead of launch (in EN and FR)
- Possible one-on-one or group training session for all CPCs after launch
- Possible one-on-one training sessions with BOs/fishing companies after launch

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**thank you**