



## Questionnaire to BSHC Member States on their implementation status of the transition to a Harmonised Vertical Reference, Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000.

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### 1. Are all the decisions done to implement the Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000?

1.1. When the decisions has been done or planned to be done?

All decisions are done

1.2. What are the national decisive organizations?

Estonian Maritime Administration

### 2. What is the national status of implementation of chart datum?

2.1. What actions have already been done?

\*We informed ports, mariners and others about new height system:

\* We have created a new vertical reference homepage section with information for ports and mariners (<https://veeteedeamet.ee/et/amsterdami-null>)

\* Also we held a information day on December 2017 for ports, pilots and other interested parties.

\* Created a booklet with most important information about the change of the vertical reference system and changes on navigational charts ([https://veeteedeamet.ee/sites/default/files/content-editors/vta\\_amsterdami\\_nulli\\_voldik\\_eng\\_0.pdf](https://veeteedeamet.ee/sites/default/files/content-editors/vta_amsterdami_nulli_voldik_eng_0.pdf))

\* Published information about the implementation of BSCD2000 in the NtM (continuously published since December 2018).



\* EMA has written 2 dedicated articles in two different maritime magazines and given a interview to a maritime radio about the changes in navigational information that arise from the new vertical system.

2.2. What actions have been planned to be executed and what is the schedule?

\* 24.01.2019 was held information day for vessel traffic operating companies, captains and for harbour masters.

\* Maritime Administration explain transition process and new improved booklet will be printed for Tallinn Boat Show on 1-3 March 2019 (*Meremess- The year's most waited maritime event in Estonia is also the biggest boat show in the Baltic states. In addition to boats, on display at fair will be a diverse array of services for boaters, new engine models, ever more sophisticated navigation devices and other electronics products, routing software, clothing and supplies as well as must-hear tips for boat travel. The fair also provides visitors with the opportunity to check out a wide range of leisure activities, fishing supplies and try out scuba diving.*)

\* New article about transition will published before navigational period.

2.3 Which ENC Approach have been updated with the new reference datum? If possible, attach a chart datum overview covering Your countries nautical charts, designed graphically or as a table, updated around January, 2019. Also, if possible, include an attribute to each named chart describing the CD difference to BSCD2000 in cm (CD minus BSCD2000). Example attached at the end of the Questionnaire (Annex).

We started our transition process with Berthing, Harbour ENCs and Berthing, and Harbour paper charts.

2018:

\* 3 harbour ENC-s ...done/completed

\* 5 berthing ENC-s..

\* 4 harbour paper charts

\* 2 berthing paper charts

Change is up to 30 cm on charts, that are done.

2019 we plan to complete around 9 harbour cells, 8 berthing cells and 13 paper charts.



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We have 54 Berthing, 14 Harbour, 21 Approach, 14 Coastal and 7 General ENC's, 66 paper charts and 4 chart albums.

### 3. Has Your country established the national realization of EVRS and are the water level stations connected to this new height system (BSCD2000)?

3.1 Which organization/-s is responsible for the water level stations/data in Your country?

Estonian Land Board, Taltech Institute of Maritime Systems and Estonian Environmental Agency.

3.2 Which reference are used today to present water level information?

Does Your country planning to present water level information referring to BSCD2000? Doing it already today? Date decided for change the reference to BSCD2000?

Water level is presented referring to both: BK77 and BSCD2000 (<http://on-line.msi.ttu.ee/meretase/>), <http://www.ilmateenistus.ee/meri/vaatlusandmed/kogu-rannik/kaart/> and <https://www.ilmateenistus.ee/siseveed/veetase-navigatsioonikaardi-nullist/> (inland waters).

3.3 Are there any plans for digital service/-s intended for the users to have the option to choose MSL or BSCD2000 as the reference level for water level information?

This is already done (links are in point 3.2)

3.4 GNSS supported UKC control/confirmation is probably the reality in a few years. But we also need reliable water level predictions for carrying out optimal loading and real time water level data to check the GNSS data. Do we need a shared service in the Baltic Sea for water level information (predictions/real-time), that fulfils nautical needs and demands?

Perhaps this is good idea, predictions could be much more reliable if they are based on data from multiple countries.

3.5 Do we need to work together with the development of the IHO S-104 standard?



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S-104 development is done by TWCWG, CDWG can give them input and all persons interested in this, can join working group.

### 4. Are the relevant national contacts and interest groups defined for the change of chart datum and water level reference?

Yes

4.1. What are the essential national interest groups in Your country?

Harbours, mariners, educational institutions, scientific organizations.

4.2. Are the relevant point of contacts known and contacts been made to them?

Yes

4.3 Are You planning any information campaign about the change of chart datum and water level reference? If, yes have you published information about this somewhere?

see point 2.1 and 2.2

### 5. Have You identified any obstacles or major issues concerning transition to the harmonized vertical reference?

5.1. What are the major obstacles or issues?

Some stakeholders do not yet understand what the transition really means.

5.2. What measures has been planned to avoid them?

Providing more information, explaining etc.

### 6. Connections to neighbouring countries



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6.1. Which are the relevant countries to cooperate?

As we talk about BSCD2000, then all countries around Baltic Sea.

6.2. Are the needed points of contacts already known?

Yes.

6.3. What actions have been agreed with the relevant countries (e.g. synchronising plans and schedules)?

BSCD2000 is official.

### **7. Are there any needs for support from BSHC?**

Support initiatives to enhance the geoid model of the Baltic Sea area.

### **8. Do you have any other proposals or guidance to the CDWG to help and foster the transition process?**

No

### **9. Are you using GNSS and GNSS augmentation services for referring to your (bathymetric) surveys to the chart datum? YES**

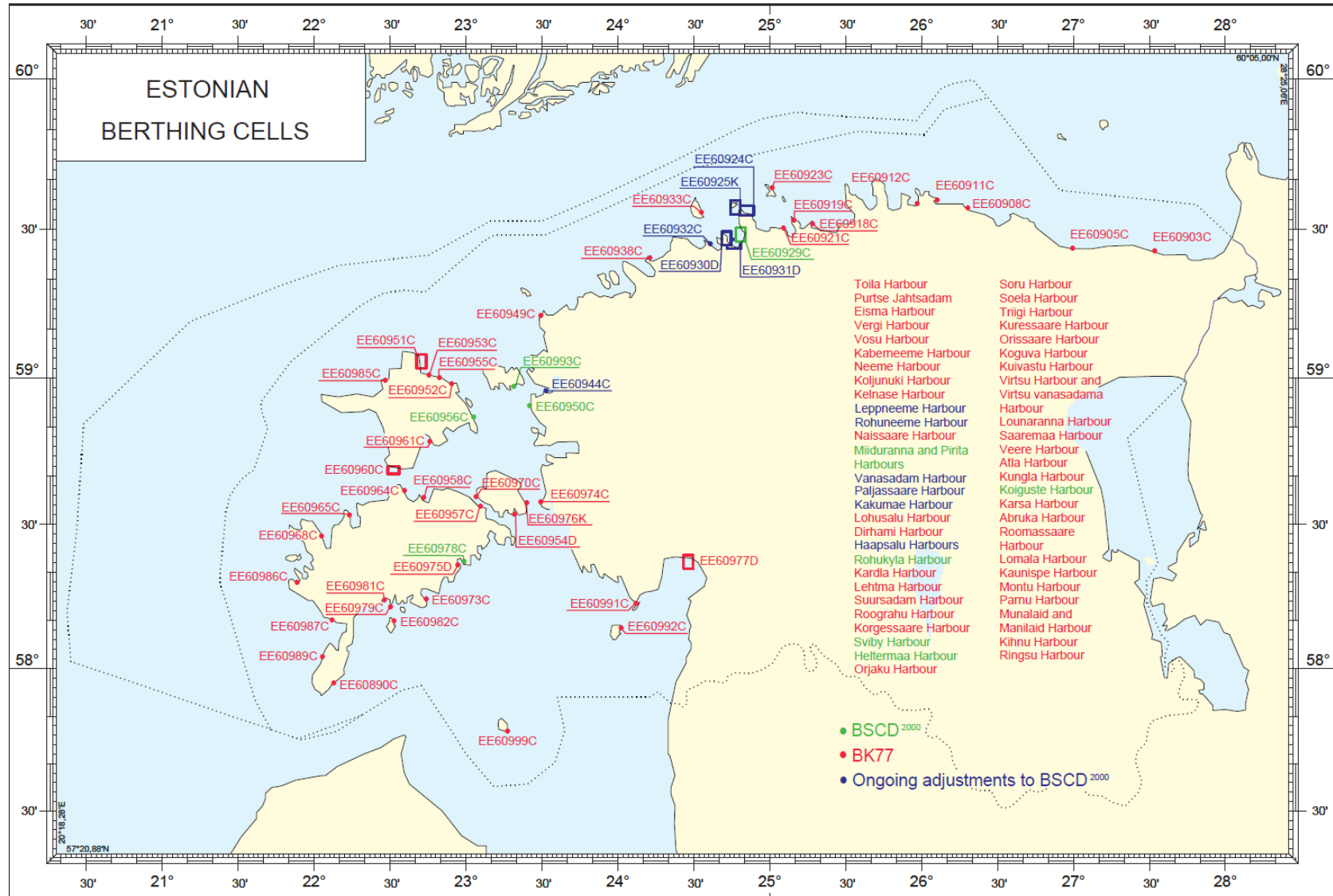
9.1 What GNSS augmentation service is used for hydrographic surveys? (If there are several augmentation services, list all of them.)  
GNSS VRS Service provided by HADES ÖU

9.2 To which coordinate system, and vertical reference level/frame the GNSS augmentation service is referred to? (If there are several systems in use, list all of them.)

WGS-84 (ETRS89, EH2000 via geoid model from end of 2017)

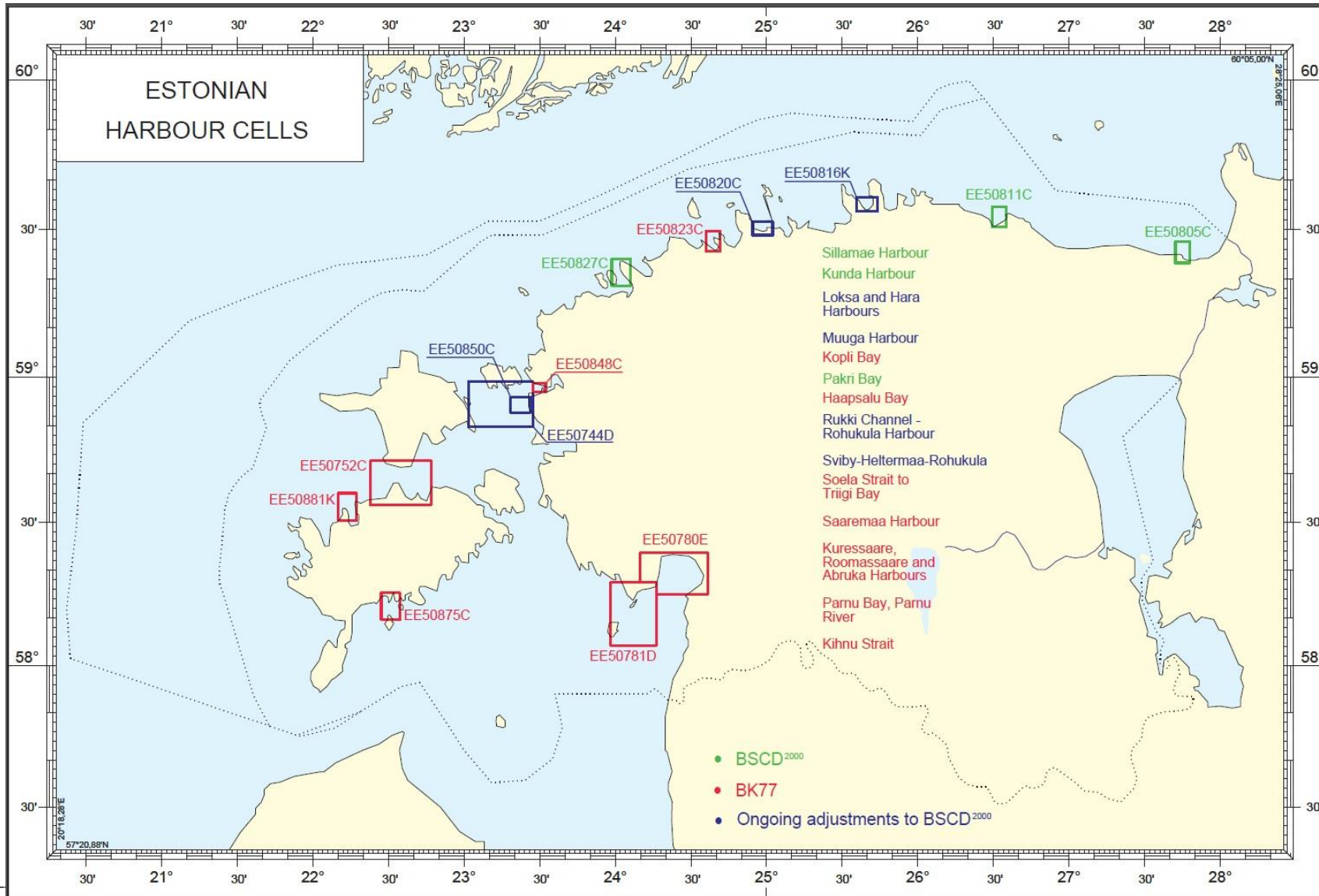
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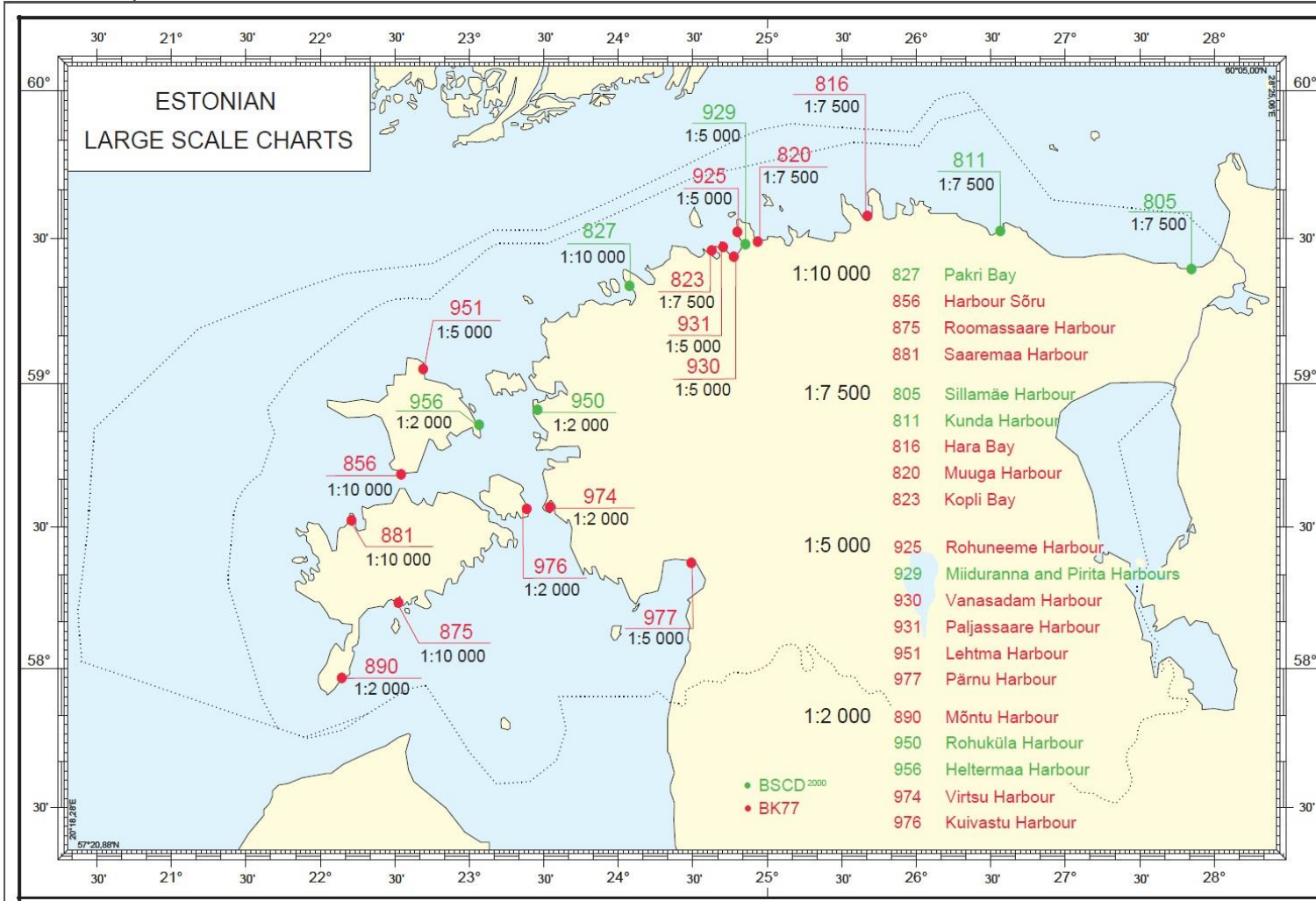
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Estonian Approach cells (scale is now 1:45 000, 1:22 000 new Approach ENC in BSCD2000 will completed around 2020-2023):

