

IHO-EU Network Report

1. General

The objectives of IHO-EU Network WG:

- a. Identify EU activities and processes on matters of interest to Hydrographic Offices (HOs).
- b. Establish a common understanding of the issues when possible.
- c. Consider and propose the ways and channels to interface with EU policies, activities and processes (mechanisms) through Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs) initiatives, through the IRCC or through the IHO in general.
- d. Facilitate common actions of HOs related to EU programmes.
- e. Liaise with relevant Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) WGs for technical matters (e.g. standardization).
- f. Advise IRCC on the impact of EU policies, activities and processes in the maritime domain on the IHO programme of work.

The IHO-EU Network WG shall be composed of a representative from each RHC of which at least one EU/EEA Member State (MS) is a member. It is recommended that this representative be from an IHO MS from the EU/EEA.

Chair: Pierre-Yves Dupuy (France)

Executive Secretary: Adeline Souf (France)

BSHC representative: Annika Axne, SMA.

Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2023:

- 1.1.4 Maintain relationship with European Union Initiatives (such as INSPIRE and EMODnet)

2. Meetings during the period

15th meeting in Cork, Ireland, 21 May 2025 – back-to-back with EMD (European Maritime Day). The meeting was hosted by Marine Survey Office of Ireland.

12 delegates from 6 Member States (**Denmark**, France, **Germany**, Ireland, Netherlands and Portugal) were able to participate in the meeting. Director Luigi Sinapi and Assistant Director Eric Langlois represented IHO Secretary. From the industry, Hartis integrated nautical services was represented.

SE (as BSHC representative of the IENWG) was not able to participate in the latest meeting, which means this report is a result of concluding the published documents.

From the identified IENWG Worktracks, the following projects were presented and discussed at the meeting:

Worktrack 1 - EU Maritime Policies

- Update of the Ocean Observations – Sharing Responsibilities Initiative (Yvonne Morville Petersen, DK)
- Impact from the latest EU regulations for IENWG Members (FR)

FR collected the implementation of EU regulations in the IENWG MS. The result is presented at the IHO portal.

Worktrack 2 – Data Collection

- Remote hydrography regulation (FR)
- Madeira Drones Capacity Programme (PT)
- EMODnet 2035 vision (FR)

Worktrack 3 – S-100

- Baltic Sea e-nav project (SE/DK)
- INSSTAL project (FR)

DK presented the BS e-nav project.

Worktrack 4 – Capacity Building

- Updates on the activities and meetings made by IENWG for capacity development of IHO (NL)
- IHO Fund Generation Project Team (FR)

Other topics from IENWG15:

- Mapping of responsibilities and skills of IENWG members

FR has performed a survey on capabilities/challenges in the IENWG MS. The result is presented in the IHO portal.

- Nautical charting aspects of seabed security

NL presented a survey to collect information about publication of underwater infrastructure. This survey is concluded with replies from 8 IHO EU MS.

3. Actions for BSHC30

The BSHC 30th Conference is requested to:

- Take note of this report
- Discuss the future perspectives of the WG and the networking.