

32nd PRIMAR Advisory Committee
Gdansk, Poland
4 – 6 November 2025

Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2025

Task
3.4.2 Maintain liaison with RENCs

High level summary (can be used for posting on social media. Please provide concise lists in bullet point format):

- Strengthened relationship between the IHO and PRIMAR
- Agreed on IHO/PRIMAR projects to support IHO infrastructure and capacity development
- Provided PRIMAR focused update on IHO initiatives

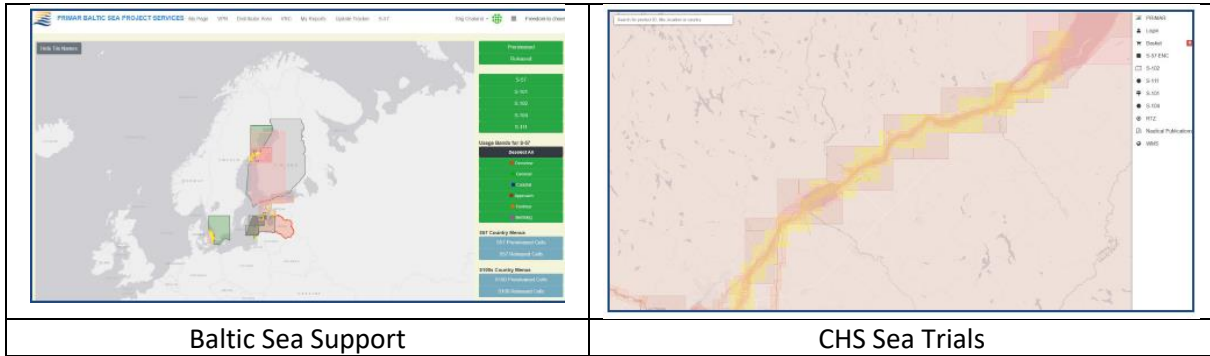
Details:

The thirty-second PRIMAR Advisory Committee meeting was held between 4 and 6 November 2025 in Gdansk, Poland with about 40 attendees, Member States, Primar, and observers. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Magnus Wallhagen (Sweden) and vice-chaired by Olavi Heinlo (Estonia). Dr. John Nyberg represented the IHO.

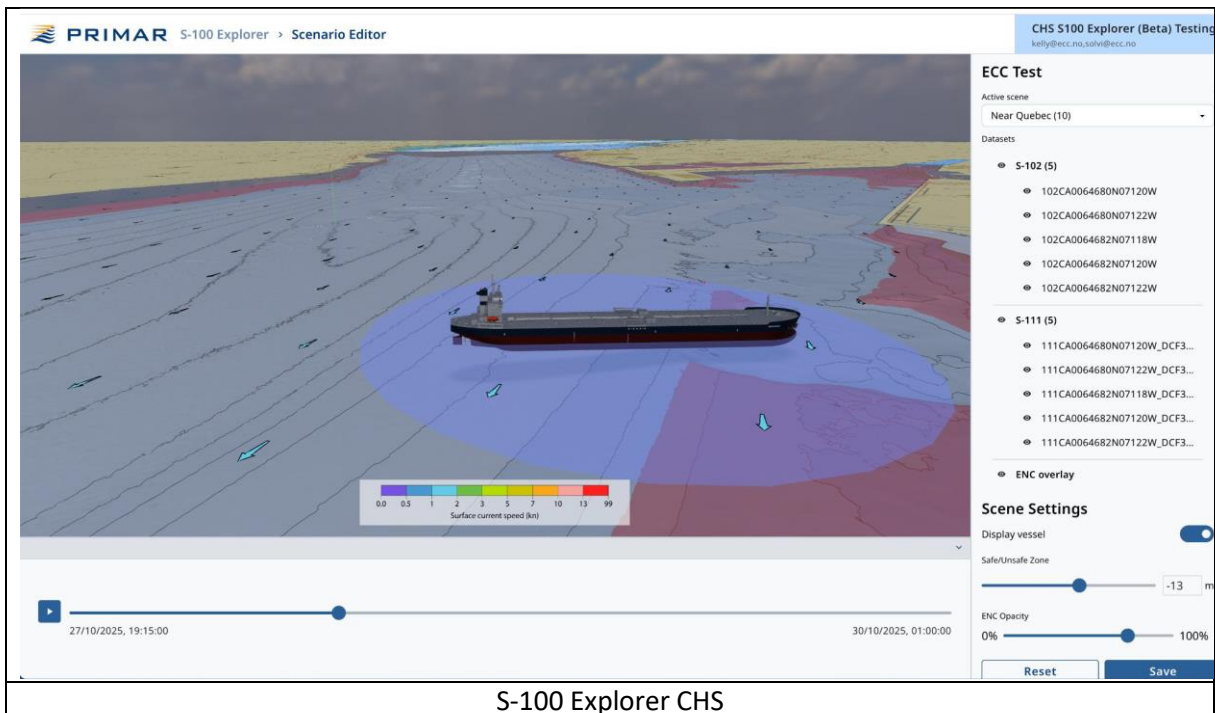
The first part of the agenda focused on PRIMAR's finances, including a detailed summary of their current accounts and a proposed budget for 2026. It was noted that PRIMAR has moved from its one time status of being supported by its members to a fully self-funding entity which is now capable of supporting itself and investing in advancing technology such as S-100 and the future of S-100 distribution. Last year the PRIMAR S-100 Capacity Building Fund was established. The CB Fund has successfully delivered eleven S-100-related training and development projects globally to both PRIMAR members, other IHO MS and the IHO Technical programme.

Strategic issues were then discussed, including current IHO initiatives such as the proposed IHO Infrastructure Centre and potential PRIMAR contributions to the Centre. PRIMAR presented the results of its latest survey of Members regarding their projections for S-100 readiness between 2025 and 2029. Of twelve responses, seven indicated that they plan to release S-101 data in 2026. The survey also addressed the challenge of non-hydrographic office management of S-100 products and indicated that a significant majority of PRIMAR MS intend to work with them regarding S-100 distribution moving forward. The S-128 Catalogue of Nautical Products was referenced as a high priority for increasing competence moving forward.

PRIMAR presented the status and updates for their 2030 Strategic Plan which strongly supports the IHO and the future of S-100 including MS production and modern forms of distribution.



Projects, both completed and continuing, were presented and include several which serve as key inputs for IHO infrastructure including data security, data distribution (including SECOM), and product validation. Of special note were the updates regarding support for both the Canadian Sea-Trials and Baltic Sea Trial services. Both are excellent examples of S-100 progress in the world and also serve as opportunities to test data. Additional projects were presented which aim to improve PRIMAR marketing and outreach and advances in the cataloguing of S-100 products and services.



PRIMAR and the IHO met on the side to discuss potential projects of mutual interest including the recently approved set of IHO product and service registers to support IP based distribution and an initiative to work with ECDIS manufacturers to help reduce technological obstacles in the leadup to S-100 ECDIS availability in the 2026-29 timeframe.

	
Mr. Nguyen Phuc Chinh (Vietnam), Mr. Hans Christoffer Laurizen (PRIMAR) and Mr. Magnus Wallhagen (Sweden/PRIMAR Chair)	Primar Advisory Committee

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Upcoming meetings:

The 33rd PRIMAR Advisory Committee will be held in Tirana, Albania from 3-5 November 2026