


## 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IHO-EU Working Group (IENWG) Saint-Mandé, France, 14 – 15 January 2020

Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2020	
Task 1.1.4	Maintain relationship with European Union Initiatives (such as INSPIRE and EMODnet)

Hosted by Shom, the French Hydrographic Service, the IHO-EU Network Working Group (IENWG) held its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting (IENWG-10) in a plenary session in Saint-Mandé, France, from 14 to 15 January 2020.

The IENWG-10 meeting was chaired by Pierre-Yves Dupuy (France) supported by Corine Lochet (France) as Executive Secretary of the IENWG. Fourteen delegates from nine Member States (Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Norway, Portugal and Sweden<sup>1</sup>) participated in the meeting. The representative of Denmark participated also as Chair of the MSDIWG. Assistant Director Yves Guillam represented the IHO Secretariat.

The meeting was opened with a status report by France on the issues raised by the implementation of the new European Directive 2019/1024 of 20 June 2019 *on open data and the re-use of public sector information*<sup>2</sup>. The way this new directive is implemented at national level may impact the economic models of some European Hydrographic Offices. It is likely, actually, that chart datasets be included in the List of High Values Datasets by some countries. Some suggestions and recommendations were made to harmonize the positions as far as possible and will be shared soon.




### The new directive on 'Open Data and the re-use of public sector information' (I)

The new Directive is a **recast**: it brings together the original Directive 2003/98/EC and all the amendments made to it, in a single legal act. It introduces the following key changes:

- **List of High Value Datasets** (free of charge, disseminated in machine readable formats through APIs) to be **laid down in an implementing act**, within a thematic range indicated in an Annex (which can be extended via delegated act)
- **New rules on charging**: **free re-use becomes a principle**, with narrowly defined exceptions (and stronger transparency, e.g.: list of all public bodies that charge above marginal costs of dissemination to be made public)
- **Extension of scope**:
  - a) **Re-use of data held by public undertakings** in utilities and transport sector will now comply with the principles of transparency, non-discrimination and non-exclusivity set out in the Directive (unless exempted from public procurement rules under article 34 of the Procurement Directive)
  - a) **Re-use of publicly-funded research data** will also be governed by the rules of the Directive (if data already accessible via repositories). MS under obligation to adopt open access policies to support availability of research data.

### Assessing the potential of data to:

- generate significant socio-economic or environmental benefits and innovative services;
- benefit a high number of users, in particular SMEs;
- assist in generating revenues; and
- be combined with other datasets.



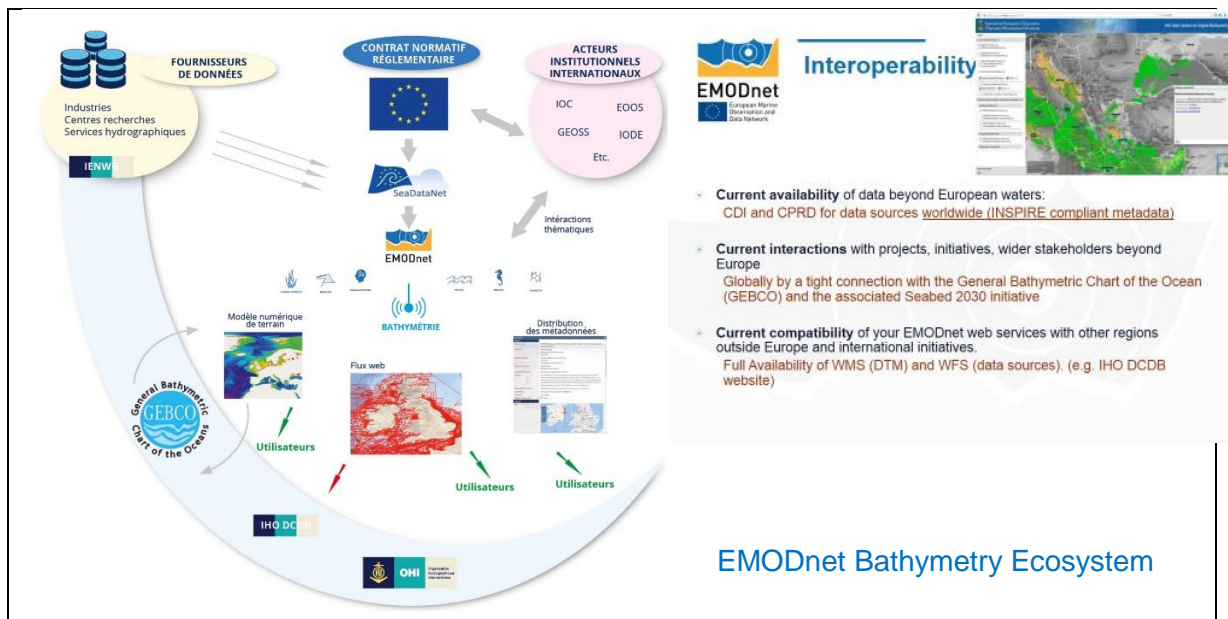
*From Public Sector Information to Open Data: the changes*

The meeting also addressed other important topics:

- *The future of EMODnet*: for the time being, EMODnet is considered as a project and not as a permanent infrastructure although an increasing number of stakeholders (incl. IHO DCDB and GEBCO) make use of it as a sustainable and operational portal for viewing and downloading high-resolution bathymetric gridded data.

<sup>1</sup> Via teleconference call.

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019L1024&from=EN>



- The sensitive and technical question with regard to the quality of the *representation of maritime limits on European Union geospatial portals*, sometimes used to support decision-making in the establishment of the framework for maritime spatial planning (EU Directive);
- The *review of the projects* in which European Hydrographic Offices are involved;

The Executive Secretary presented the list of possible European major events where the IENWG could consider the possibility of highlighting IHO achievements and responsibilities (European Maritime Day<sup>3</sup>, Eurogoos General Assembly<sup>4</sup>, Inspire Conference<sup>5</sup>, EMODnet Open Conference and Jamboree<sup>6</sup>, etc.). This will be addressed on a case-by-case basis with the support of hosting countries.

In support of all these events as well as the next steps of the IHO contribution into EOOS, it was suggested to develop a white paper on the progress made since the announcement of the coastal mapping strategy (2017) and on the opportunity to experiment S-1xx standards beyond the IHO horizon.

The 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IENWG is scheduled to be held in Dublin, Ireland, from 2 to 3 December 2020, giving the opportunity to participate in the event “20 years of Seabed Mapping” led by Infomar<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://eurogoos.eu/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://inspire.ec.europa.eu/conference2020>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.emodnet.eu/emodnet-open-conference-and-jamboree-save-date>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.infomar.ie/>



*IENWG-10 participants in video-teleconference in Saint-Mandé, France*