

IHO-EU Network WG

Activities 2021-2024

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Reminder

- IENWG brings to life the MoU signed in 2012 by the EC and the IHO which ensures a **continuing liaison between the 2 sides in areas of common interest**
- The IENWG is composed of **HOs of EU countries representatives from 8 RHCs (full members), other HOs of EU countries and the IHO secretariat**
- France was elected as chair at the IENWG11 meeting (2-3 December 2020)



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Meetings over the current chairmanship (1)

- IENWG11 (2-3 December 2020) by VTC with 15 IHO Member States and IHO secretariat
- IENWG12 (8-9 Dec 2021) by VTC with 11 European Member States



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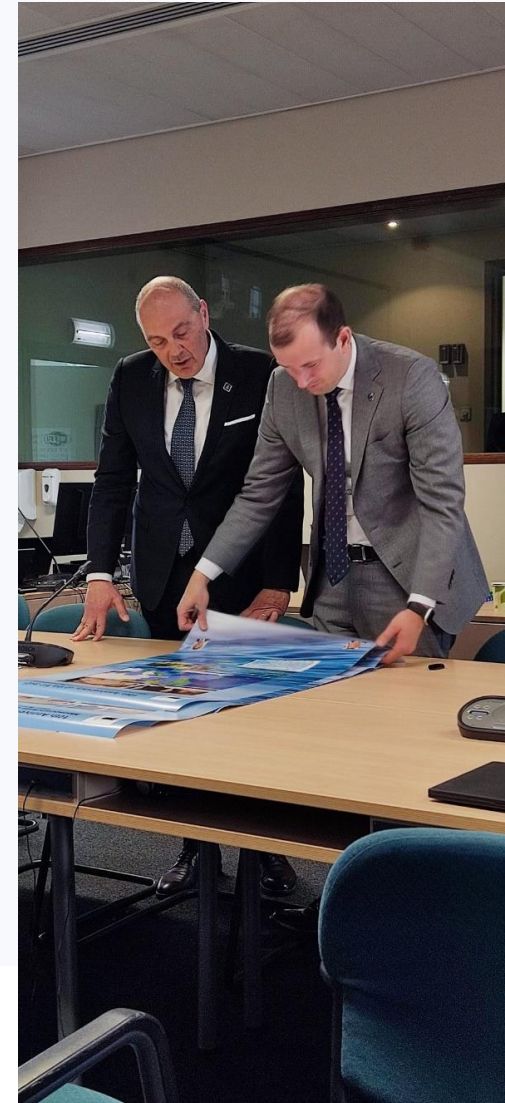
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Meetings over the current chairmanship (2)

10th anniversary of the IHO-EC MoU in 2022

- On 6 May 2022, at the EC in Brussels, the IHO with 12 European Members States and the EC have recognized the great joint achievements over the past 10 years.
- They have committed to strengthening their partnership.

IHO Director Luigi Sinapi and Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius at the 10th anniversary of the MoU



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to celebrate the ten years, look back at what has been achieved and to look forward to new challenges



Brussels, 6 May 2022

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Meetings over the current chairmanship (3)

- IENWG13 (23 May 2023) held on the occasion of the annual **European Maritime Days** of the European Commission DG MARE in Brest, France
- Agenda of the meeting covered **EU policies of interest for the IHO, projects and strategy**
- Gathered **11 HOs and DG MARE** (the Maritime innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment Unit)
- IENWG and DG MARE discussed **new opportunities** for collaboration



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IENWG13 review: what we are

- IENWG gives within the IHO an understanding of **EU maritime policies and expectations** and within the EU Commission **the knowledge of the IHO and HOs competencies**
- Values **the dialog and interactions with the EU Commission and information sharing between the HOs**
- Allows HOs to set up **common position and to influence on EU maritime policies.**
- Should continue to give priority to its **capacity of networking, reactivity and informal way of working.**



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IENWG13 activities and strategy: way forward reported to the IRCC15

- **Maritime policies** (Work Track1): to continue to monitor and influence the EU policies
- **Coastal mapping** (WT2): to develop common acquisition campaigns of bathymetric data in the EU maritime basins
- **Development of the S-100 hydrographic products and services** (WT3): to promote across the European Commission (Blue economy, marine safety, protection of marine areas and biodiversity).
- **Capacity Building** (WT4): to promote the development of programs for the hydrographic capacity in the EU and outside EU (in connection with IRCC initiatives to extend CB funds)

The involvement of the IHO secretariat is an asset for the promotion activities at high level in the EU Commission



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Monitor and influence EU policies (2021-2024)

- Green Deal
- European strategy for data
- INSPIRE – Practices
- Digital Twin of the Ocean
- Ocean Observation - (responsibilities, coordination, reporting, HOs contributions)
- EU Directive on open data and the re-use of public sector information - HVD

IENWG coordinate closely on the implementation instruction to exclude the data dissemination for free and without charges to products such as ENC

Key points: data and products adequacy and contribution, interoperability with IHO standards related to data and products



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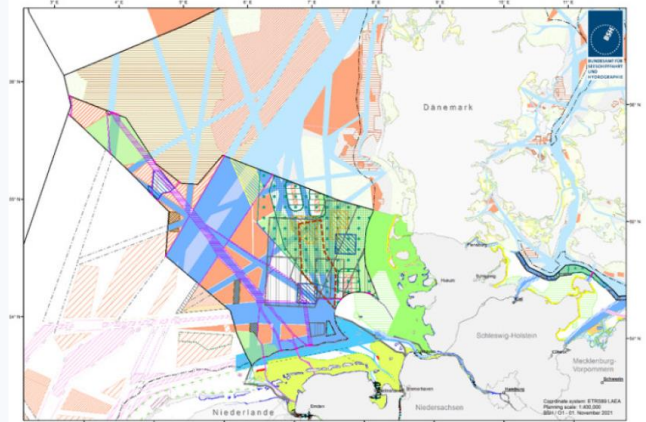
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Information sharing on EU projects involving HOs

- Projects related to the S-100 products (production in Baltic Sea)
- Common Information Sharing Environment for Maritime Security (hydrographic and cartographic data - tests on S-124 navigational warnings)
- Maritime Spatial Planning projects
- Underwater noise

Key points: use of hydrographic data, interoperability with data and products IHO standards, S-100 products development

neighbouring countries / cross-border consultation



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A project which has become a long term marine data initiative

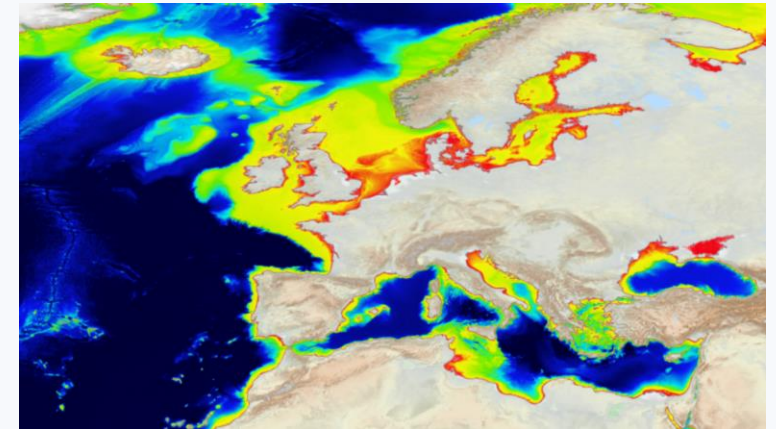
7 themes of Marine Data

Coastal areas will remain a major interest axis

Includes bathymetry with 15 HOs involved

New DTM covering the Caribbean issued in April 2023

Key points: the EU countries' contribution to GEBCO, interoperability between EMODnet, the IHO DCDB and the IHO and IOC GEBCO



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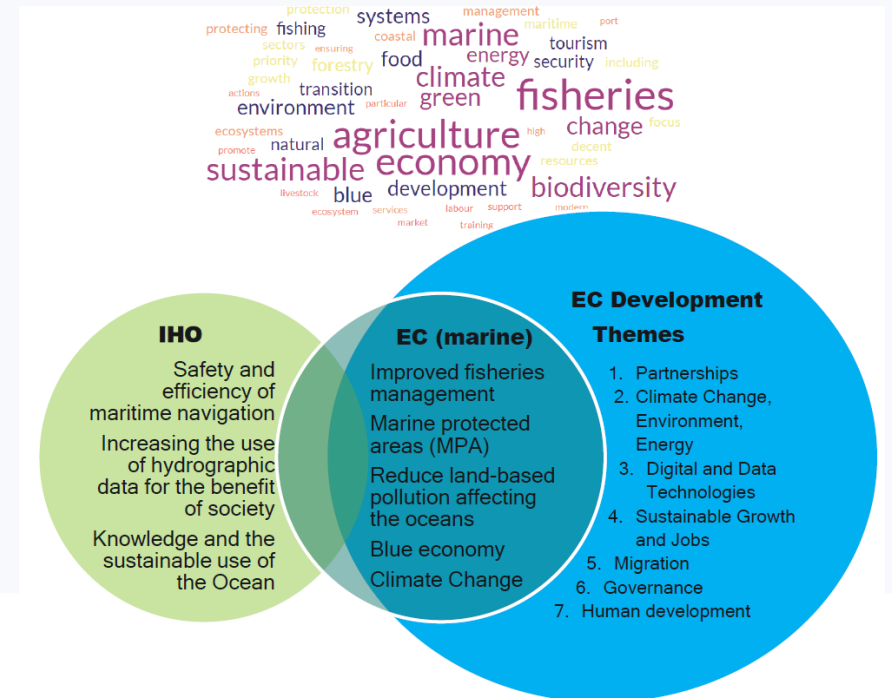
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Capacity Building (2024)

- WT in very good progress under the lead of Belgium with The Netherlands and France and the IHO secretariat
- IHO and EC cooperation in third countries – A proposal for hydrographic capacity development
- Call for a new collaborative effort



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