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Danish Geodata Agency  
New Chart Production System



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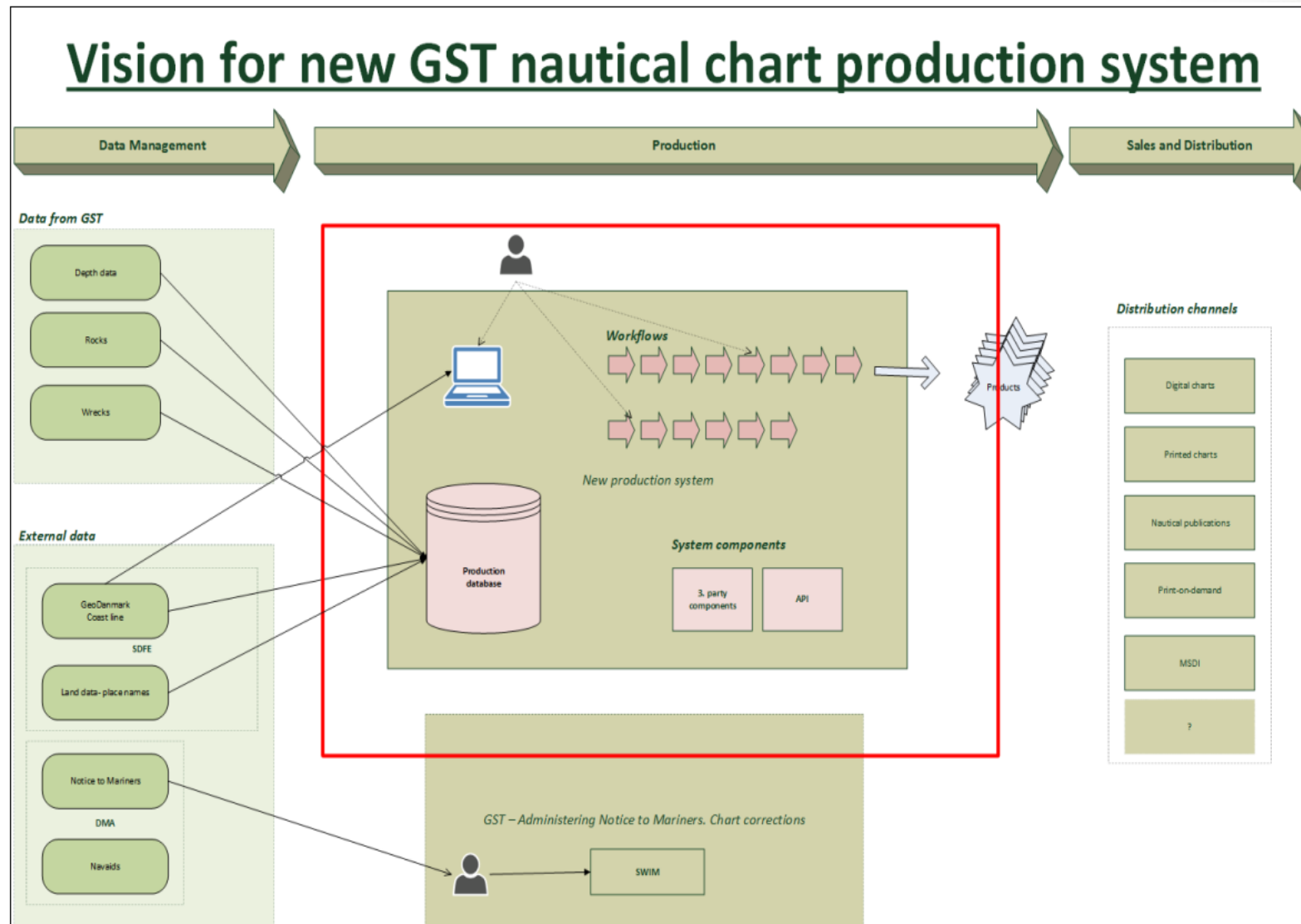
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Publishing

Contract  
signing

2016	2017				2018				2019
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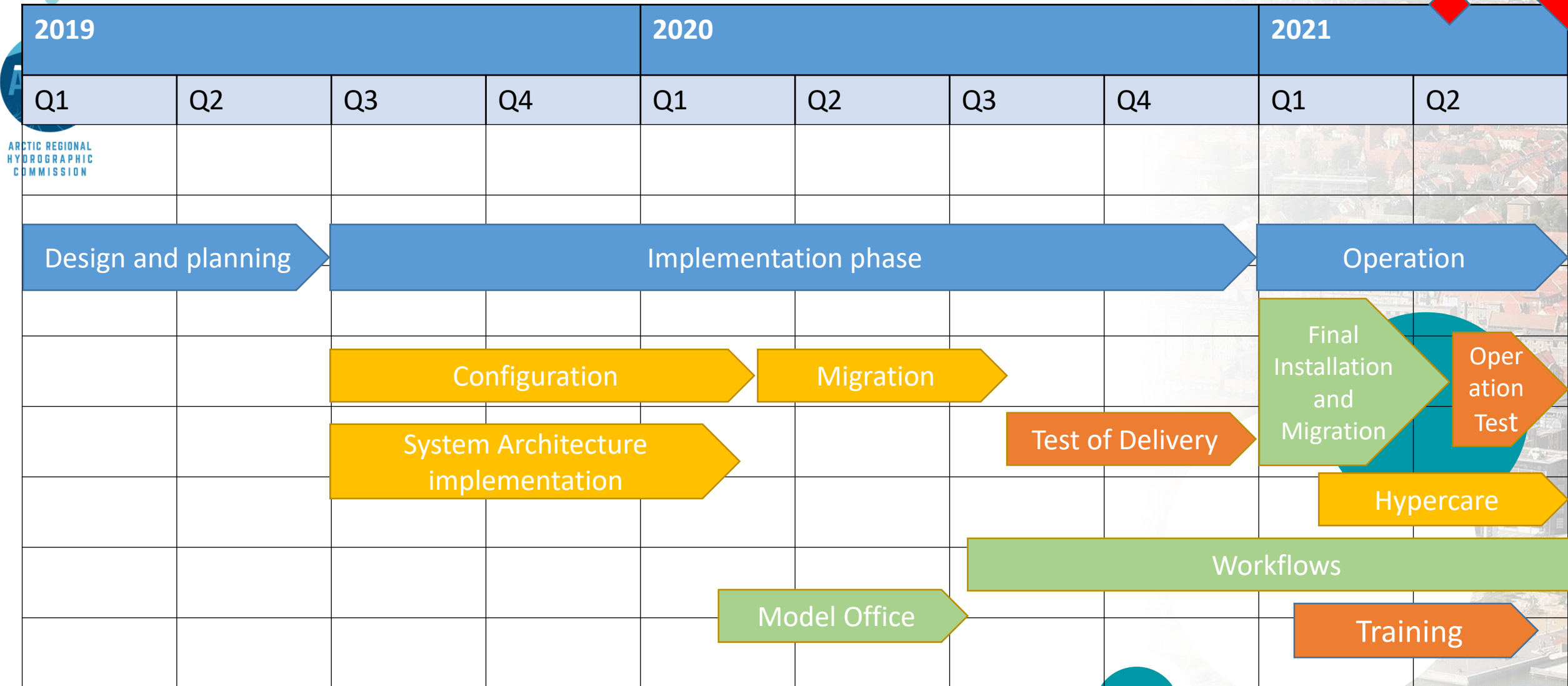
ID	Description
MR 3-1	The Application must be a standard system that is designed for nautical chart production.
CR 3-2	The Application must support the Customer's nautical navigation chart production by using standard functionality within the Application and with a minimum of customer specific development/adjustment
MR 3-3	The Application must at least support paper chart, ENC and AML (Additional Military layers) production for the three geographic areas Denmark, Faeroe Islands and Greenland.
MR 3-4	The application must be data centric which means that data is stored and maintained in a production database and that Products are derived from or linked directly to the production data.
MR 3-5	The Application must be efficient at producing new and updated Nautical Navigational Products (paper charts and ENCs). Efficient means that the Application must be configured in a way so unnecessary work routines are avoided without compromising the quality and safety.
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MR 3-9	The Application must support current IHO (International Hydrographic Organisation) standards related to chart production and data management.
CR 3-10	The Application must support future IHO standards related to chart production and data management
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# Proces

- Contract signed Jan 2019
- Design and Planning phase February - June 2019
- Implementation phase June 2019 – Dec 2020
- Operations phase Jan - June 2021
  - Start of production April 6th 2021
- End of project June 29th 2021







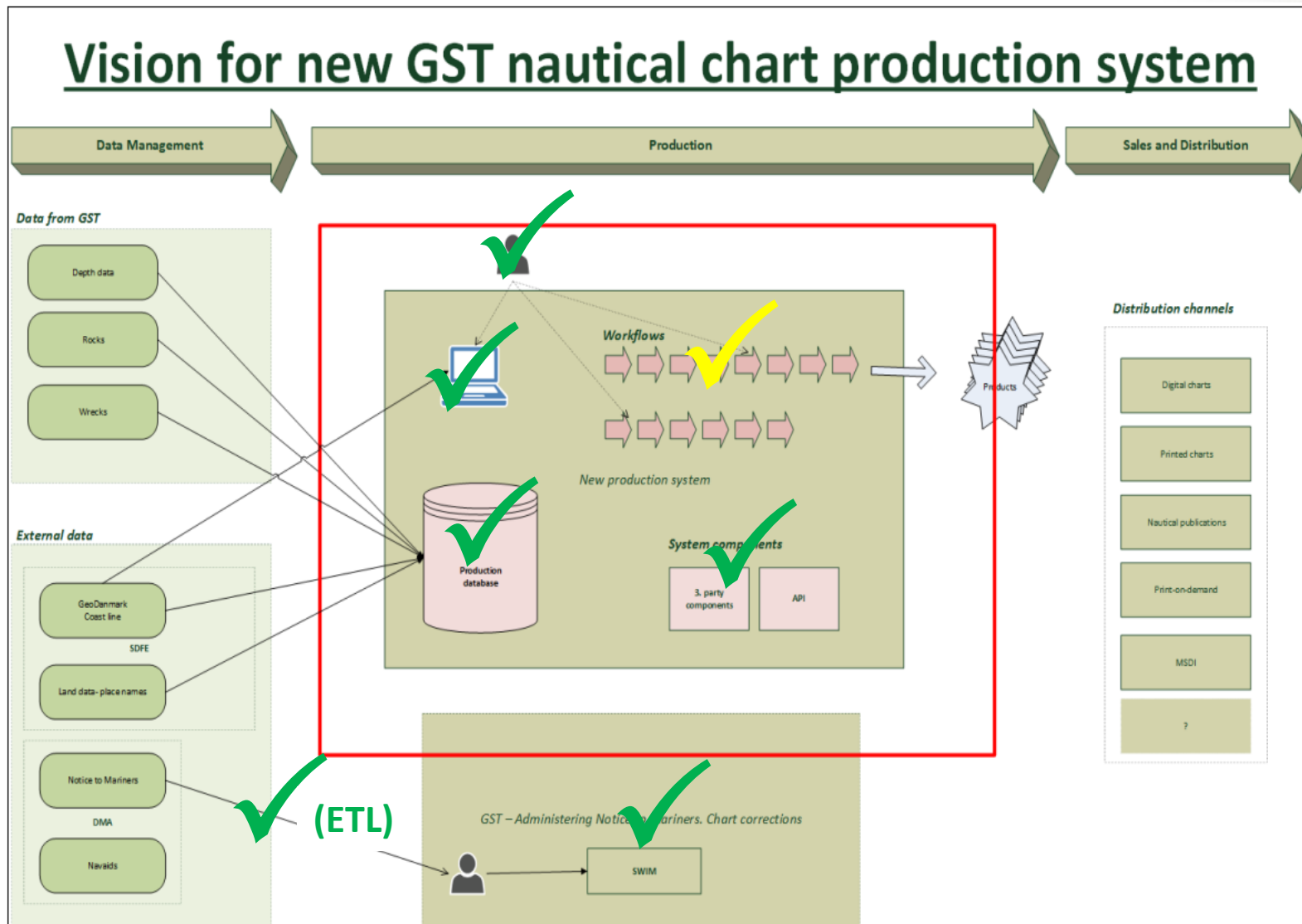
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# Cost?

Total cost of the project: ca 47.7 mio DKKr

Internal resources: ca 26.3 mio DKKr

# Now what? (status Q3 2021)

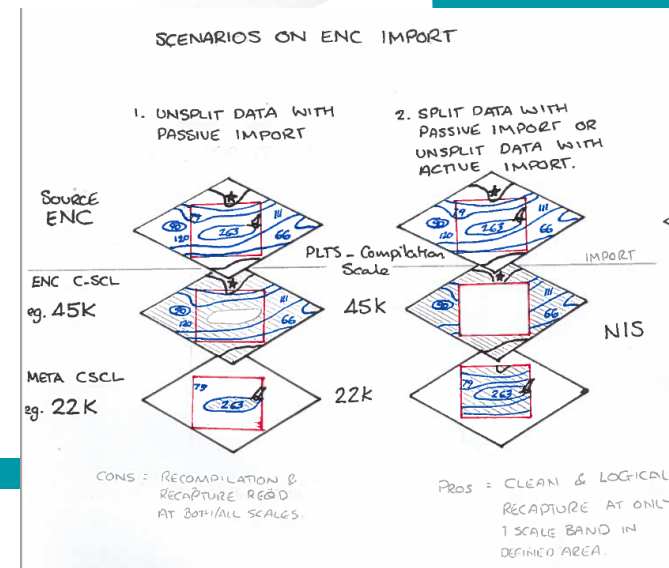
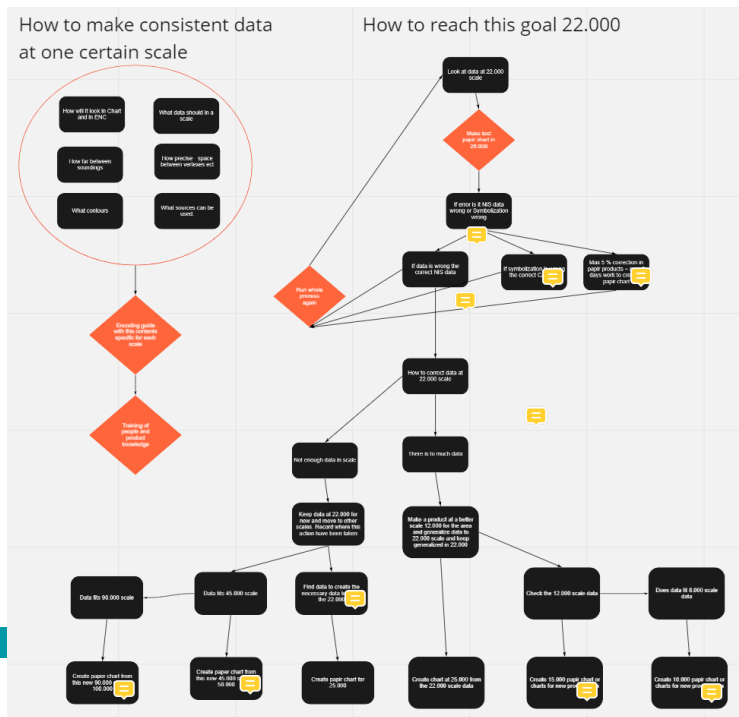
# Competencies



- Master the new system
- New ways of thinking – from product centric to ‘hydro spatial’, while still making sure that we can deliver the right products
- Understanding how data is stored in the database and how it will be depicted in the products.

# Data management (clean up)

- Lack of coverage - Data has been produced for specific products, not as 'source data'
- Existing data has been digitized from raster charts in the 90's and are not always captured in the relevant scales.
- Different scale bands in the ENC's need to be handled in the database m\_cscl





# Products

- We need to change our way of thinking. Paper and ENC products are derived from NIS data (database). So we need to produce data consistently to specific scales.
- Review our product portfolio – we cannot maintain the current product portfolio in an efficient production. Scale bands and coverage need to be revised to better correlate with data in the database. Look at our customer needs?
- Customized symbology needs to be standardized (change tradition). Get closer to INT 1 and S-4 specification.
- Looking more to using data for other uses than navigational products.



# Road ahead



- Rescheming – working towards gridding our data. Needs to be harmonized with neighbouring countries.
- Prepare for S100
  - Producing to both S-57 and S-101
  - S-102
  - Other S-100 data and products
- Investigating which data scale we want to produce in. Working towards a 1:22.000 'basis data theme'



# Lessons learned / challenges



- EU tender is complex and may not be the best framework in this kind of tender
- The project became the catalyst for:
  - Organizational change (the Danish HO went through a major organizational change during the project, which added to the complexity of the project)
  - Defining our processes
  - Cleaning up our data
- Project management was part of the tender. If we had wanted the project to be on time, we should have hired an external, independent PM to drive the tasks.
- There was a lack of alignment after the Design and Planning phase that caused problems in the implementation phase. There was a hard deadline on this phase due to contribution from FAMOS.
- We asked for a standard (out of the box) product. Maybe this was not realistic.



# Lessons learned / challenges (cont'd)

- There was an expectation that the supplier could deliver extensive best practice guidelines on production processes and workflows. This was not the case.
- A 'Model Office' which opened up for early hands on and a more agile process worked well. This should have been planned from the start. Especially since there was a need for more configuration and adjustment than expected.
- As we are a relatively new organisation, the DGA was challenged on sufficient domain knowledge
- The organisation was not fully prepared for many of the decisions that needed to be made during the project
- It is a huge challenge to run a project like this while maintaining full production
- It is challenging to create paper charts from a nautical database and to recreate cartography from existing products.



# Points for discussion

- DGA is considering producing a 'base' data layer in the scale 1:22.000. Are there any thoughts on this?
- Would it be realistic with a 1:22.000 data layer that is harmonised across the borders?
- DGA is considering gridding ENC's in the interval (1 degree),  $\frac{1}{2}$  degree and ( $\frac{1}{4}$  degree), as a preparation for S-101. Is this resonable, and is it something that could be worked on together?
- DGA will reduce the different paper chart scales. The proposal is to only produce paper charts in 1:100.000 and to focus on digital products for other scales. Could this be discussed in eg. In the Arctic International Charting Coordination Working Group (AICCWG)?





The project is now closed, but we are only at the start of a major transformation of our production.

It is 'easy' to change the software – the main difficulty is to change procedures and ways of thinking.