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IHO-EU network working group

Report of the IENWG 2021/2022

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Background

An MoU between the IHO and the European Commission provides a framework to ensure a continuing liaison in areas of common interest.

The EU Commission's Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) acts as the contact point on the EC side.

From the IHO side, the IHO-EU Network WG (IENWG) has been established as a working group under IRCC.



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VTC event, 8-9 Dec 2021 with 11 European Union Member States.

RHCs concerned have been presented by:

Arctic **ARHC** – Denmark

Baltic Sea **BSHC** – Sweden

Eastern Atlantic **EAtHC** – France

Mediterranean and Black Seas **MBSHC** - Greece

Nordic **NHC** – Norway

North Sea **NSHC** – Germany

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- EU Directive on Public Sector Information: Strategy for data availability and data sharing. Key issue here: if/when some S-57 data will be on official list of the so-called “high value datasets”.
- EU Horizon 2020 Green Deal Call with 1 Billion € to be spent on maritime research among other topics
- Release of the full EMODnet Bathymetry Digital Terrain model 2020

10 years of cooperation!

On 6 May 2022, the EU and IHO celebrated the 10th anniversary of the MoU. The event was attended by EU Commissioner Mr. Sinkevičius, IHO Director Mr. Sinapi and representatives of twelve European Hydrographic Offices.



Mr Sinkevičius EU Commissioner for environment, oceans & fisheries, and Luigi Sinapi, IHO Director

Recommendation

It is recommended that the ARHC continues to monitor the ongoing work within the EU through participation in the IHO-EU Network.

