

# ARHC C3

## IHO-EU network working group

Report of the IENWG 2022/23

# IHO-EU network working group (IENWG)

- IENWG brings to life the MoU signed in 2012 by the European Commission and the IHO which ensures a **continuing liaison between the 2 sides in areas of common interest**
- The IENWG is composed of representatives from 8 RHCs, other HOs of EU countries and the IHO secretariat
- France is the current Chair of the WG

# IENWG13 meeting Brest, France, 23th of May 2023



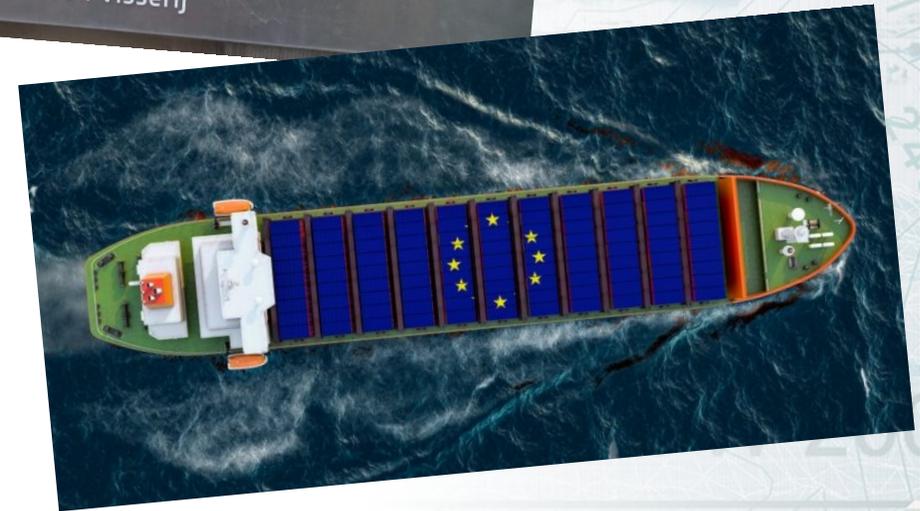
- Organized on the occasion of the annual **European Maritime Days** of the European Commission (DG MARE) held in Brest
- Gathered **11 HOs and DG MARE** (the EU Maritime Innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment Unit)
- IENWG and DG MARE discussed **new opportunities** for collaboration
- Agenda of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

# Monitor and influence EU policies

## New and ongoing recent developments in EU

- EU study on marine data collection coherence
- Re-use of environment public data applied to marine knowledge
- Inspire (European Spatial Data Infrastructure for the purposes of EU environmental policies)

Key points: how to secure interoperability between EU policies and HO data, products and IHO standards



# Review of the IENWG activities and strategy

- 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.**

# New directions of work of the IENWG

It was agreed to focus on 4 directions:

- **Maritime policies:** to continue to monitor and influence the EU policies
- **Development of the S-100 hydrographic products and services:** to promote across the European Commission (blue economy, marine safety, climate change, protection of marine areas and biodiversity)
- **Capacity Building:** to promote the development of programs for the hydrographic capacity in the EU, and outside EU in particular for safe sea lines with East Asia and Africa (in connection with IRCC initiatives to extend CB funds)
- **Data collection:** to develop common acquisition campaigns of bathymetric data in the EU maritime basins

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

# 1<sup>st</sup> IENWG meeting on the occasion of the European Maritime Day (EMD)

- Annual venue on global issues concerning the blue economy, the marine environment, the maritime security and ways of moving forward.
- IENWG members attended and some participated in workshops



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- Annual workshop on blue economy and maritime security
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Next meeting IENWG is in Svendborg, Denmark will take place in Svendborg, Denmark on 29 May 2024 – DGA will be the host

European Maritime Day 2024 will also take place in Svendborg, Denmark on 30 and 31 May 2024.



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- The ARHC is invited to note the IENWG report and to take any other action considered appropriate
- The ARHC is invited to confirm DK as ARHC representative to IENWG

Thank you