

## IHO-EU Network Report

### 1. General

#### **The objectives of IHO-EU Network WG:**

- a. Identify EU activities and processes on matters of interest to Hydrographic Offices (HOs).
- b. Establish a common understanding of the issues when possible.
- c. Consider and propose the ways and channels to interface with EU policies, activities and processes (mechanisms) through Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs) initiatives, through the IRCC or through the IHO in general.
- d. Facilitate common actions of HOs related to EU programmes.
- e. Liaise with relevant Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) WGs for technical matters (e.g. standardization).
- f. Advise IRCC on the impact of EU policies, activities and processes in the maritime domain on the IHO programme of work.

The IHO-EU Network WG shall be composed of a representative from each RHC of which at least one EU/EEA Member State (MS) is a member. It is recommended that this representative be from an IHO MS from the EU/EEA.

Chair: Pierre-Yves Dupuy (France)

Executive Secretary: Corine Lochet (France)

BSHC representative: Annika Axne, SMA.

#### **Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2023:**

- 1.1.4 Maintain relationship with European Union Initiatives (such as INSPIRE and EMODnet)

## 2. Meetings during the period

13th meeting in Brest, 23 May 2023 – back-to-back with EMD (European Maritime Days)

16 delegates from 11 Member States (Belgium, Croatia, **Denmark**, France, **Germany**, **Latvia**, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania and **Sweden**) were able to participate in the meeting. Remy Denos from DG MARE participated on agenda items 1-3.

### Report from the meeting:

- ✓ Mr Denos (DG MARE) described the importance of Ocean Observation where Hydrography is a vital part. The EU countries' contribution to GEBCO interoperability between EMODnet, the IHO DCDB and the IHO and IOC GEBCO was highlighted by Mr Denos and the delegates of the meeting were for new ideas on cooperation.
- ✓ Presentation and discussion of on-going EU projects and directives:
  - CINEA Ocean Observation (FR)
  - HVD (high value datasets) where NL presented findings in the directive that is unclear, for example historical datasets. What resolution that MS will provide as HVD was also discussed at the meeting.
  - The Inspire Directive was discussed, highlighting the interoperability with data and IHO standards.
  - Baltic Sea E-nav and SINCERE projects were presented (SE)
  - GE presented its MSP projects
  - FR presented the Copernicus Coastal Service (flooding alarm) project.
  - QUIETSEAS was presented by RO
  - DK presented the MobiSpaces (CSB) project.
- ✓ A workshop was performed together with eMSP NBSR Community of Practice on data sharing, information and communication technology serving MSP.
- ✓ Strategic discussion on the future of IENWG and the importance to regularly consider the alignment of the WG with the IHO activities and the development of EU maritime policies. The outcome of this discussion include promoting S-100 products to EU DGs (e.g. DG MOVE) and focus on Capacity Building programmes.



## 3. Actions for BSHC28

The BSHC 28th Conference is requested to:

- Take note of this report
- Discuss the future perspectives of the WG and the networking.