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Baltic Sea – North Sea MSDI Working Group

Report on behalf of (former) BSNSMSDIWG Chair Christian Thellufsen (DK)



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- Common MSDI working group under Baltic Sea HC and North Sea HC
- Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Finland, Germany
- Focus is on monitoring status of MSDI, policy development, integration of information and regional cooperation



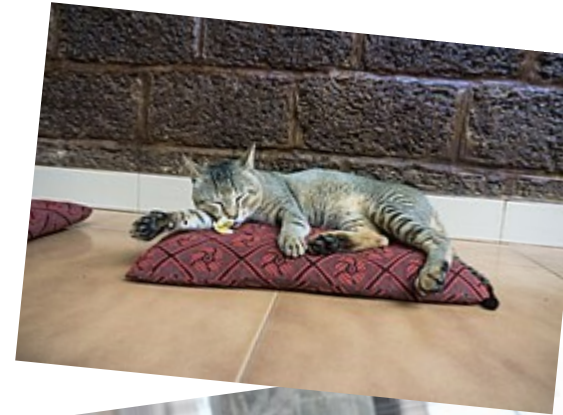


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The BSNSMSDI WG is currently in a dormant state.

How did we come here?





Timeline to current state of dormancy

- **Q4 2022:**
As chair Denmark raises question of the future of group because of low activity recent years
- **Q1 2023:**
The future of the group is discussed among the WG-members – about 1/3 don't think the group currently adds value to international work on MSDI
- **Q1 2023:**
BSHC's strategic correspondance group acknowledges that the group is no longer needed. Increased focus on the general MSDI WG (IHO level).
- **Q1 2023:**
The future of the group is discussed at the 36th North Sea Hydrographic Commission Conference and it is decided to keep the BS-NSMSDIWG in a dormant state until the 37th North Sea Hydrographic Commission Conference (NSHC37) where a final decision will be made on the future of the group



What's next:

- BSHC is invited to take note of the analysis provided by the BSHC Strategic Correspondence Group on the future of BSNSMSDIWG.
- BSHC is invited to take note of the dormant state of BSNSMSDIWG with the intention to close the group following NSHC24.
- BSHC is invited to confirm the plan of closing BSNSMSDIWG at NSHC37 in 2024.



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Thank you.

