



# NSHC-37 – D3:BS-NSMSDIWG

Background and Updates



# BSNSMSDIWG: Background and Status

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- › Originated as a collaborative effort between the Baltic and North Sea Hydrographic Commissions.
- › Aimed to foster cooperation in Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) across regional seas.
- › An interim chair (Christian Thellufsen from DK) was in place in 2023.
- › Following extensive discussions at NSHC36, a decision was made to place BS-NSMSDIWG in a dormant state until NSHC37.

Reference: NSHC36 14/2023:

*The Commission decided to keep the BS-NSMSDIWG dormant, until a final decision to continue or shut down the work will be taken at NSHC37*

- › No input from member states was received.

# Reference: BSHC-28

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BSHC28 Decision 5 led to the closure of the BSMSDIWG, the Baltic Sea element of the working group, hinting at a strategic pivot towards global MSDI initiatives.

Reference: BSHC28 7/2023:

*BSHC28 decided to close BSMSDIWG (part of the BSNSMSDIWG).*

With reference to NSHC36 Decision 14, and BSHC28 Decision 5, NSHC 37 is invited to:

- note the briefing
- consider the closure of NSMSDIWG, and if relevant terminating the working group permanently.
- focus resources and attention on broader, global MSDI initiatives and S-100 coordination.

