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**IHO PROJECT EMPOWERING WOMEN IN HYDROGRAPHY
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

AGENCY FOR MARITIME AND COASTAL SERVICES (BELGIUM) PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE –

References:

- a) CL 20/2021 dated 31 May IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography.
- b) The Letter of Intent between the IHO and Belgium, through the Agency for Maritime & Coastal Services, signed on 22 April 2026

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A presented the proposal of the IHO Project Empowering Women in Hydrography (EWH), and the IHO Secretariat encouraged Member States to consider the recommendation of the 2nd Session of the Assembly (A-2 Decision 36) to participate in the EWH Project.
2. Reference B presented areas of cooperation between Belgium and the IHO as relate to the EWH project.
3. Belgium is offering an opportunity for Autumn 2026 associated with the EWH project to do a five-day professional exchange programme with Belgium's National Hydrographic Service, the Agency for Maritime and Coastal Services (MDK).
4. During this exchange, the selected participant will discover the daily operations and methodologies of the hydrographic office, share professional experiences and perspectives on hydrography in their home country, engage in discussions on innovation and best practices, and participate in field activities.
5. Candidates must refer to the MDK website for the full details of the activities and the requirements to apply: <https://www.agentschapmdk.be/en/project-olivia-exchange-program>
6. Candidates must be able to communicate in English and/or Dutch proficiently and submit the applications no later than **17 July 2026** via e-mail (secretariaat.vlaamsehydrografie@mow.vlaanderen.be) providing the following documents:

- A curriculum vitae.
 - A cover letter.
7. Expenses including transport and accommodation will be covered by MDK (Belgium). Passport and Visa are the responsibility of the applicant and/or the applicant's administration.
 8. The IHO Secretariat would like to thank MDK (Belgium) for offering this opportunity and encourages Member States to consider participation in the EWH Project.

On behalf of the Secretary-General
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luigi Sinapi', written in a cursive style.

Luigi SINAPI
Director