

The 5th meeting between the representatives of EU/EEA Hydrographic Offices, IHB and representatives of EC took place in Oostende, Belgium, on 19 February 2014.

Participants:

- Crisitina Amil Lopez (DG Mare)
- Richard Bates (DG Mare)
- Magda Pana (DG Mare)
- Gilles Bessero, IHB
- Mathias Jonas, BSH (Germany)
- Paul Canham, UKHO (United Kingdom)
- Leendert Dorst, HSNL (Netherlands)
- Guido Dumon, MDK Flemish hydrography (Belgium)
- Michel Even, SHOM (France)
- Vasileios Petropoulos, HSHN (Greece)
- Yves-Henri Renhas, SHOM (France)
- Noralf Slotsvik, NHS (Norway)
- Magnus Wallhagen, SMA (Sweden).

Representative of DG Mare, Iain Shepherd, apologized some days before the meeting and delegated to Ms Cristina Amil Lopez.

Summary report and decisions:

1- Welcome and approbation of agenda

Item B3, worldwide coastal reference, is cancelled as the person who was supposed to present was not here.

2- Participation to Emodnet, status of EPHK 2020

Yves-Henri Renhas presents the participation of EU/EAA hydrographic offices (HO) to Emodnet contracts phases 1, 1bis and 2, and the need of a European Programme of Hydrographic Knowledge 2020 (see annex 1).

The HOs should organize themselves on the basis of the Regional Hydrographic Commission to be ready to respond to a call for tender.

3- Joint European Coastal Mapping Programme (JECMaP)

Yves-Henri Renhas presents updates on JECMaP design study (see annex 2) and addresses the feedback on the submission paper of 18 October 2013 received on 3 February from DG Mare. It is proposed to include sedimentology (as to be understood instead of geology as it is written down in the feedback paper) in the programme as well as in the design study. Some remarks are made. Resolution of sedimentology data needed depends on the nature of

sediments. An “additional paper to submission paper, regarding geology” was sent by Yves-Henri Renhas to the members of the group.

Members should provide comments not later than 15 March. A submission paper taking into account feedback from DG Mare should be prepared and sent to DG Mare by end of April.

4-Harmonisation of vertical references and resurvey

Leendert Dorst makes a presentation on North Sea wide cooperation on harmonisation of vertical references and seafloor dynamics and resurvey strategies. These studies could apply also on other parts of European waters.

The insertion of these studies in one of the programmes that are already in preparation will be considered.

5-Some news from European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

Crisitina Amil Lopez (DG Mare) gives information regarding the use of European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the field of Integrated Maritime Policy and especially Marine Knowledge 2020 (see annex 3).

A call for tender regarding coastal mapping could be issued by September 2014 (post meeting: it could sooner, maybe June 2014).

A call for tender regarding high resolution digital terrain model (EMODNET phase 3) could be issued by January 2015.

6-Blue Growth part in Horizon 2020

Richard Bates presents the maritime part of Horizon 2020 referring to Blue Growth (BG) (see annex 4).

7-Next meeting

Next meeting of North Sea Hydrographic Commission is planned in Amsterdam on 25-27 June 2014. No date has been decided for the next meeting.

However, during Emodnet meeting, on 20 February, DG Mare suggested an IHO-EC meeting in June. In that case, it could take place in Amsterdam just before the NSHC meeting, on 25 June, in the morning.