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Subjet : Baltic Sea Bathymetry Database (BSBD) concept.

Enclosure : Annex: The Baltic Sea Bathymerty Database approach.

Dear colleagues,

1. As proposed by the Chair of the IHO-EU NETWORK WORKING GROUP, i keep you informed of the brilliant work of the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission, which consists basically in delivering bathymetric data in form of a Digital Terrain Model (DTM) of the Baltic Sea for display and download (for more informations, please visit www.bshc.pro under 'Services'). The respective national data sets made available are – even though not consistent in their resolution – harmonized along their seams in such a way that they provide a seamless model. The associated metadata are available as well. Gaps are filled with GEBCO data. The model is due to be regularly updated with new survey data delivered by the Member States in the region, approximately once per year.

2. In order to adapt the BSBD concept for our region and take this initiative for the preparation for future requests for European wide bathymetry in relation with projects and permanent services subsidised by the European Commission and its General Directorates, It is kindly requested from all EA_tHC Member States (MSs), Associated MSs (AMSs) and Observers, no more than 15th may 2015 to :

- Examine the BSBD concept and provide feedback and options for the setup of a suitable DTM either for the whole sea basin or parts of ;
- Explore the possibility to volunteer to take over the technical implementation and operation of such a regional bathymetric database.

With kind regards,

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Head Of Division HOC,
Chairman of the EA_tHC.