

The first meeting of the International Hydrographic Organization - European Union Network Working Group (IHO-EU Network WG - IENWG) took place in Paris (Saint-Mandé) France, on 2 September 2014.

Participants:

- Gilles Bessero (International Hydrographic Bureau)
- Paul Canham, United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (United Kingdom)
- Guido Dumon, Flemish Hydrography (Belgium)
- Michel Even, Service Hydrographique et Océanographique de la Marine (France)
- Gerhard Heggebø, Norwegian Hydrographic Service (Norway)
- Niels Kinneging, Rijkswaterstaat (Netherlands)
- Paolo Lusiani, Istituto Idrografico della Marina (Italy)
- Hans Öiås, Hydrographic Office, Swedish Maritime Administration (Sweden)
- Yves-Henri Renhas, Service Hydrographique et Océanographique de la Marine (France)
- Magnus Wallhagen, Hydrographic Office, Swedish Maritime Administration (Sweden)

By videoconference, from Rostock

- Mathias Jonas, Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie (Germany)

Apologies:

- Guillermo Coll Florit, Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina (Spain).
- Aigars Gailis, Maritime Administration of Latvia (Latvia)
- Jacek Kijakowski, Hydrographic Office of the Polish Navy (Poland)
- Pereira Manteigas, Instituto Hidrográfico, (Portugal)
- Vasileios Petropoulos, Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service (Greece)

Summary report and decisions:

1- Welcome and approbation of agenda

Michel Even welcomes the participants.

2- Last meeting and disbanding of the EU2MPWG

Noting that the European Union Marine and Maritime Policy Working Group (EU2MPWG) was established at the 27th meeting of the North Sea Hydrographic Commission (NSHC) in 2006 with the main objective to have coordinated responses to relevant EU initiatives;
Considering that the WG should share findings with other EU countries through IHO;
Recognizing that the 5th Meeting of the IHO Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC5) decided to establish an IHO-EU Network Working Group, consisting of members from all Regional Hydrographic Commissions covering European waters;
The NSHC decided, during its 31th meeting on 25 June 2014, to:
- disband the EU2MPWG

- task the Chair of the EU2MPWG to organize a last meeting for winding up the activities and facilitating the transferring of duties to the IHO-EU network WG.

As its Chair, Michel Even disbands the EU2MPWG.

3- Establishment of IHO-EU Network WG

The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the IHO-EU Network WG (IENWG) have been issued through IRCC Circular Letter 04/2014 dated 24 March 2014. Most of the relevant Regional Hydrographic Commissions have designated a representative to the IENWG. The list of those representatives is in Annex.

In compliance with ToR 4c, the WG elected a Chair. France is the only candidate. No objection is raised. France (Michel Even) is elected.

4- Participation in EMODnet programme

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HOs want to take part in the next phase of EMODnet. However, some issues have to be addressed, such as the resolution of DTM they agree to release. A sketch of operation concept should be drafted. The way to present the point of view of HOs in order to be taken into account in the call for tender to be published in 2015 is not decided during the meeting. However, Niels Kinneging agrees to take the opportunity of a meeting with the Head of the EMODnet Secretariat in 2 weeks to propose him to participate to the next IENWG meeting, where HOs could present what they could provide to the next phase of EMODnet and what are the issues.

It is also agreed that France will consider representing the IENWG at the next MODEG meeting (1-2 October 2014).

5- Maritime spatial planning

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The directive 2014/89/EU of 23 July 2014 has been published. HOs should be involved in providing maritime geospatial data. In some Member States, HOs have already taken part in the maritime spatial planning process.

These HOs are invited to present their activities at a subsequent meeting.

6-Horizon 2020

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DG Mare suggests HOs give more input in the blue growth programme of Horizon 2020. (Post-meeting, there is no deadline, but the sooner, the better). It is agreed to include in the IENWG agenda a permanent task on considering potential inputs to the Marine Knowledge 2020 programme and monitoring calls for proposals.

7-Next meeting

The date and place of the next meeting will be decided after the meeting planned at §4, depending on the response of the EMODnet Secretariat.

Annex

List of relevant Regional Hydrographic Commissions
and their representatives to the IHO EU Network WG

Regional Hydrographic Commissions	Representative	Remarks
<i>In European continental waters</i>		
Arctic Hydrographic Commission	Denmark willing	To be decided at next ARHC meeting
Nordic Hydrographic Commission	Norway	
Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission	Sweden	
North Sea Hydrographic Commission	Germany	
Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission	France	EAtHC CL 03/2104, 29/4/2014
Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission	Greece	
<i>In overseas waters</i>		
South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission	No response	Question to the Chair 16 June 2014
Meso American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission	France	MACHC letter 08-2014, 30/07/2014
Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission	France	Email from SAIHC Chair 27/08/2014
North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission	United Kingdom	NIOHC letter 03-2014 24/07/2014