



IHB File N° TA 005-1

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
IHO AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Dear Hydrographer,

1 You are aware that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on maritime affairs between the IHO and the European Commission the preparation of which had been initiated in 2008 (ref. IHO CL 14/2008) was signed on the occasion of the 18th International Hydrographic Conference. A copy of the MOU is available on the IHO website.

(see http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/International_Organizations/MOU/EC_IHO_MOU.pdf).

2 The implementation of the MOU requires the designation of a contact point on the IHO side and the arrangement of an initial meeting between the IHO and the EC. This was considered at the last Conference of the North Sea Hydrographic Conference (NSHC - 18-21 June 2012). Accordingly the IHB will act as the IHO contact point with the assistance of the Hydrographic Office of France (SHOM) as chair of the European Marine & Maritime Working Group (EUM2WG) set up under the aegis of the NSHC.

3 It is planned to have the first EC-IHO meeting on 10 October 2012 in Brussels. The provisional list of IHO participants and the provisional agenda have been established through EUM2WG; they are attached for your information. IHO Member States will be informed of the outcome by Circular Letter.

4 IHO Member States that wish to comment on the agenda items listed in Annex A are kindly invited to inform the IHB, with copy to the EUM2WG Chair (see Annex C), at their earliest convenience.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', is written over a white background.

Robert WARD
President

Copy to:
Chair of EUM2WG

Annexes:

- A. Provisional agenda of the EC-IHO Meeting of 10 October 2012
- B. Provisional list of IHO participants
- C. NSHC EUM2WG - List of Contacts

EC-IHO MEETING

Brussels, 10 October 2012

Provisional Agenda

14.00	Welcome	DG Mare
14.15	A. Introduction, background and objectives	FR
	B. Information on Emodnet and other projects	
14.30	B.1 Results from the first phase of the European Marine Observation and Data Network; the second phase of Emodnet	DG Mare
14.55	B.2 Baltic Sea Database and Mona Lisa e-navigation projects	SE
15.05	B.3 Blast (Bringing Sea and Land Together) project	NO
	C. Green Paper, Marine Knowledge (from seabed mapping to ocean forecasting)	
15.15	C.1 Green Paper, consultation and further intentions	DG Mare
15.45	C.2 Initial comments from HOs	FR/All
	D. Program of work to support the relationship between IHO and EC	
16.15	D.1 Quick review of the IHO programme of work (only tasks that are of interest for the EU)	IHB
16.35	D.2 Identification of items of common interest, discussion	All
17.05	D.3 Draft roadmap and milestones	FR/IHB/All
17.40	Close of the session	

EC-IHO MEETING

Brussels, 10 October 2012

Provisional List of IHO Participants

France: SHOM (Bruno Frachon, Yves Guillam, Yves-Henri Renhas)
Germany: BSH (Mathias Jonas)
Norway: Kartverket (Herman Iversen)
Sweden: Sjöfartsverket (two representatives)
United Kingdom: UKHO (Paul Canham)
IHB: Directing Committee (Gilles Bessero)

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