

A preliminary meeting between the representatives of EU/EEA Hydrographic Offices, of some other Institutes, and IHB took place in Brussels 24 October 2013, just before the fourth IHO-EC meeting.

Participants:

- Gilles Bessero, IHB
- Paul Canham, UKHO (United Kingdom)
- Sean Cullen (GSI, Ireland)
- Leendert Dorst, NLHO (Netherlands)
- Guido Dumon, MDK, Flemish hydrography (Belgium)
- Guillermo Coll Florit, IHM (Spain)
- Yves Guillam, SHOM (France)
- Gerhard Heggebo, NHS (Norway)
- Carlo Innocenti, (ISPRA Italy)
- Mathias Jonas, BSH (Germany)
- Vasileios Petropoulos, HNHS (Greece)
- Yves-Henri Renhas, SHOM (France)
- Noralf Slotsvik, NHS (Norway)
- Andrea Taramelli, (ISPRA Italy)
- Ellen Vos, NLHO and IHO MSDI WG (Netherlands)
- Magnus Wallhagen, SMA (Sweden)

Bastien Houry (France) took part also as trainee.

Summary report and decisions:

1-Welcome

Guido Dumon welcomes the participants in the building of the “Flemish Community in Brussels, Boudewijngebouw”.

2- Background and aims of preliminary meeting

Yves Guillam welcomes the participants to this 2nd preliminary meeting and to the 4th meeting between IHO and European Commission. As there are some new participants, everyone is invited to introduce himself. Yves Guillam emphasizes that we should harmonise our positions before the meeting with European Commission.

3- European Sustainable Shipping Forum

[1 prelim ESSF](#)

Yves-Henri Renhas presents the European Sustainable Shipping Forum and the reasons why EUM2P WG made an application to this forum. It is an opportunity to foster its relationship with DG Move. Magnus Wallhagen indicates that some HOs of Baltic Sea coastal States have already worked with DG Move in the frame of the TEN-T programme an executive agency of DG Move. Captain Alain Rouault is the candidate with whom IHO/EUM2P WG has made application.

Action: Members are invited to propose an alternate to Alain Rouault, preferably a member of IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communication and Search and Rescue (IMO/NCSR).

4- UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)

[2 prelim UN GGIM](#)

Gilles Bessero presents the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management. Guillermo Coll asks whether the European Commission is involved in the UN GGIM. Gilles Bessero indicates that the EC has a representative as observer at GGIM. As it is shown on slide 8, GGIM encourages the creation of regional structures. The creation of a GGIM Europe is in progress.

Recommendation: It is part of the mandate of EUM2P WG to interact with GGIM Europe.

5- European Programme of Hydrographic Knowledge 2020

[3 prelim EPHK2020](#)

Yves-Henri Renhas presents the process to implementing a “European Programme of Hydrography 2020”. It could be summed up in three steps: 1: common harmonised reports on hydrographic knowledge; 2: common harmonised report on evaluation of requirements for navigation in European Waters; 3: joint programmes of surveys.

There is some discussion regarding whether we should achieve step one with some support from European Commission. It was agreed that a proposal towards DG Mare with just step one would be unattractive.

It was stated that for the 4th IHO-EC meeting that would follow, this item would not be dealt in detail, in order to focus the attention on the Joint European Coastal Mapping Program.

Another way to go ahead would be to build on the experience gained in some areas, with support of DG Move, in joint programming and reporting, to propose a similar programme in other prioritised areas. We could also consider the Emodnet project in which eight HOs take part to the consortium and maybe more deliver data. The issue is to move from a demonstrator to a sustainable operational system.

6-Establishment of IHO-EU Network WG

Yves Guillam presents the process of establishing an IHO EU Network WG. IRCC seems to be the right body to approve the Terms of Reference for this WG. It is reported that Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission designated Greece to be the focal point of this Regional Commission at IHO EU Network WG. (Post meeting: it is reported that at the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission (BSHC) meeting in September 2014, it was decided that Sweden (Magnus Wallhagen) would be the focal point for BSHC.)

7-Joint European Coastal Mapping Programme (JECMaP)

[4 prelim JECMaP](#)

Yves-Henri Renhas presents the Joint European Coastal Mapping Programme (JECMaP). With regard to the proposal to carry out a design study for a JECMaP, prepared for consideration by DG MARE, Magnus Wallhagen suggests adding a Work Package “analyse the cost efficiency of different surveying methods for different regions” to the the list of Work Packages included in

the proposal. Mathias Jonas suggests adding one issue to be addressed in the design study “how to ensure adequate coordination between seaside surveys and landside surveys (and between Institutes in charge) in order to provide adequate seamless products and a consolidated coastline. Vasileios Petropoulos suggested that since some countries were not informed on the proposal document submission from SHOM, Italy, Germany, Sweden, to DG Mare, discussions between MS should continue on the term “Institutes in charge”. There are issues that still need to be addressed like equal contribution, the importance of experience gained from surveys by each HO at their area of responsibility as well as national legislation.

Ellen Vos indicates that numerous European directives require adequate coastal mapping.

Action: Ellen Vos, to make a survey of relevant European directives, to be mentioned in the proposal.