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Establishment of a proprietary BSHC internet domain

Proposal of Germany

Highlighting the compelling need for the Hydrographic community of the Baltic Sea to provide confirmed information about their regional activities such as the agreement about the delimitations of sea areas including their naming for the waters under their scope,

Noting the discussions regarding the harmonisation of the names of the Baltic Sea as concerted by the BSICCWG Chair,

Anticipating that other common matters of the Regional Commission could be subject to enhanced external communication via an internet domain as well,

It is proposed that:

BSHC17 is taking appropriate action to establish a proprietary BSHC internet domain, namely:

- Establish a proprietary BSHC-domain (URL: www.bshc.pro) for the population of BSHC-documents of public interest,
- Discuss steps of the setup of this domain and its further maintenance,
- Consolidate the results of the discussions regarding the harmonisation of the names of the Baltic Sea within a local inventory to be agreed unanimously by all members of the Commission before publication by means of the BSHC-domain,

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The Commission is invited to discuss this proposal and, if accepted, to agree about the necessary steps forward.