

## **IHO Capacity Building**

### **1. Capacity Building Strategy**

Capacity Building is a strategic issue for the IHO with a high priority. Installed in 2003, the Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC) has developed significantly and is currently reviewing its CB Strategy. The vision and strategy in general are still valid and the major focus is to apply it more strictly. The revised strategy will be presented at the 5EIHC seeking for endorsement.

Some major aspects of the revised strategy are under discussion:

- Strict limitations on funding of equipment to exceptional cases, where it is embedded into a comprehensive project and external funds can be integrated;
- Support for comprehensive projects will be included;
- The employment of consultants will be allowed;
- A further developed C55 as a “country profile” will play an even more important role in Capacity Building management and decision making;
- Funding of Non-IHO-MS is generally limited to Phase 1 projects;
- Develop a broader basis for the co-operation with stakeholders;
- Classify MSDI within the CB phases and derive a training methodology;
- The use of regular CB funds for courses in CAT B Hydrographic Surveying;

### **2. Capacity Building Coordinator**

Although the Baltic Sea is not in the focus of the CB efforts, some BSHC Member States are quite intensively involved in the CB provision and the former and current chair of the CBSC belong to BSHC MS.

To coordinate the CB needs and to assist the chairpersons of the RHCs in getting support from the CBSC, the regions in need have already nominated CB Coordinators.

In recent discussions at CBSC and IRCC it was found helpful to have a CB Coordinator or a responsible person for these issues as well in those RHCs, which don't need CB assistance.

The benefits are:

- To provide input to the IHO CB on projects generating CB effects which are currently not included in the CB Work Programme although not having any impact to the CB Fund. An inclusion would improve the overview of all CB efforts within IHO and give a wider visibility to the direct support of MS;
- To provide input to the IHO CB on potential support related to CB;
- To have a contact point for the CBSC in all RHCs;
- To assist the BSHC Chairman in CB matters.

Currently Thomas Dehling as Chairman of the CBSC is acting as the CB Coordinator for the BSHC, but there should be a formal nomination of such a person, if the Committee decides to have a CB Coordinator.

The Commission is invited to

- take note of the report;
  - nominate a CB Coordinator for the BSHC if seen appropriate;
  - ask Member States to consider providing input to CB or to inform CBSC about ongoing or planned CB initiatives.
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