

IHO-EU Network Working Group

Rapport à la CHAtO

Cádiz 18-20 octobre 2016

EU-IHO MoU

- Signed in April 2012 by Commissioner Maria Damanaki and President Robert Ward
- Hydrographic Offices
 - Key enablers in development of EU and national maritime policies
 - Facilitators of implementation of EU policies
- Point of contacts: DG MARE \leftrightarrow IENWG
 - Invitation to seminars, symposia, workshops
 - Questions on technical matters
-  EAtHC focal point: France

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- Marine renewable energy
- Maritime Spatial Planning
- Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- Marine observation and data networks
- Maritime Strategy Framework Directive
- Marine research
- Standards (including Inspire)
- Cooperation with countries out of area



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- IHO-EU Network Working Group
 - Representative of **all** interested Regional Hydrographic Commissions
- Works
 - Investigate common interest for high resolution coastal mapping
 - Harmonize policy of HOs on participation to EMODNet
 - Regular meetings
 - Oct. 2012, Apr. 2013, Jun. 2013, Oct. 2013, Feb. 2014, Sep. 2014, Jan. 2015, 9-10 Jun. 2015, 18-19 Jan. 2016, 13-14 Oct. 2016



Coastal Mapping Project

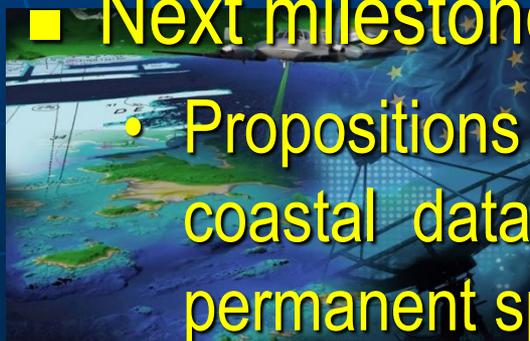
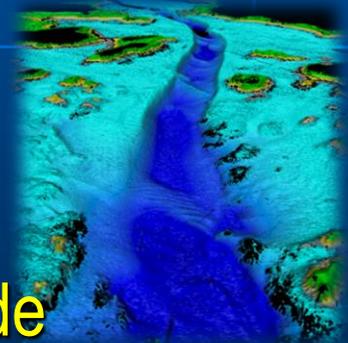
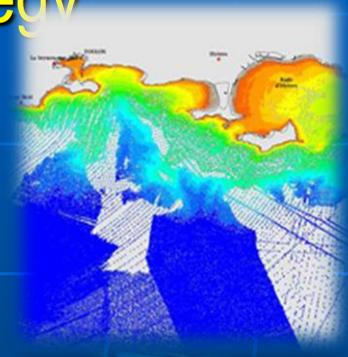
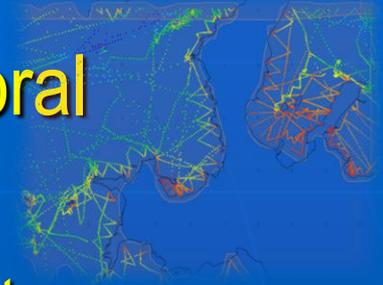
- Purpose: seamless topography of the littoral
 - Interoperable Portal and Data Centre
 - Address discontinuities and best survey strategy
 - Implementation strategy

- Participants

- SHOM (FR) leader
- 18 partners (10 HOs, 13 nations)

- Next milestone

- Propositions in December 2016 for an EU-wide coastal data acquisition programme under permanent sponsorship of EU



Way forward

■ Opportunities

- Open platform model, Inspire & PSI directives
- IENWG on track
- Transitioning EMODNet to operational? : High Resolution Seabed Mapping (under discussion)
- Capacity building requirements in third countries

■ Proposals

- Annual review with PoC from relevant EU Directorates General
- Grant observer status to the IENWG in the relevant expert groups (e.g. MSP)

