



***Relationship between
the European Commission
and
National Hydrographic Offices
under the aegis of the
International Hydrographic Organisation***

IHO EC relationship: from Rostock to Monaco

27th Conference of NSHC in 2006 in Rostock

- Establish a working group on EU marine and maritime policies
EUM2P WG, chaired by FR

XVIIIth International Hydrographic Conference in Monaco 23 April 2012

- Signature of a MoU by Commissioner Maria Damanaki and President Alexandros Maratos



HOs EC relationship: from Brussels to Saint-Mandé

1st meeting under the aegis of the IHO EC MoU, Brussels 10 October 2012

- Mutual knowledge between Hos and DGs of European Commission (France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and IHB)
- Consultation on Marine Knowledge 2020

2nd meeting Brussels 5 April 2013

- Presentations of a draft roadmap for European Commission IHO common work (Belgium, France, Norway, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and IHB)

3rd meeting Paris (Saint-Mandé) 26 June 2013

- Further discussion on projects of the roadmap (Belgium, France, Greece, Norway, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and IHB)



HOs EC relationship: way ahead, roadmap

- To define a study on a „European Programme of Hydrographic Knowledge 2020“ : goals, requirements for coordination
- To encourage TWLWG to develop specification of a EU common vertical reference surface, following a paper submitted by IHB
- To propose a study on areas, needs, tools and priorities in European costal mapping
- To foster involvement of MSDI WG in implementation of the Inspire directive

- To make proposals towards EC
 - On a „European Programme of Hydrographic Knowledge 2020“
 - On a business case for coastal mapping

- Next meeting Brussels 24 October 2013



Towards a IHO EU Network WG

In order to give

- An IHO framework to define and implement program of work
- A mandate to discuss with European Commission, under the aegis of the MoU

At 5Th IRCC meeting 4-5 June 2013 in Wollongong

Submission from Sweden (chair of Nordic Hydrographic Commission),
presented by France (chair of EUM2P WG)

„Proposal for developing IHOs relationship with the European Commission“
Establish a permanent body under the umbrella of IRCC

This proposal has gained support from IRCC

France has been tasked to propose to IRCC a ToR for a IHO EU Network WG

A draft has been circulated within participants to EUM2P WG meetings and a
resulting project submitted to IRCC Chair, before submission to IRCC
members in October



Actions required of MBSHC

- **MBSHC is invited to:**
 - *Give support to this process*
 - *Designate a representative to IHO EU Network WG*
- **Member states are invited to:**
 - *Increase their attention to the EU maritime policies and their impact on the responsibilities of HOs*
 - *Share their views and orientations regarding these policies*

