



# MBSHC-20 CHMMN-20

**Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission**  
**Commission hydrographique de la Méditerranée et de la mer Noire**

IHO-Europe  
**IHO-EU Network Working Group**



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# Background

- IHO-EU MoU signed in 2012 at the XVIII<sup>th</sup> IHC
- IENWG established by IRCC to monitor the activities related to hydrographic matters under the aegis of the European Union (EU)
- Membership: IHO focal points for RHCs with EU/EEA members. Associate members: any other RHCs and nations
- Greece is the focal point for the MBSHC

# Coastal Mapping project

- 18 partners (11 HOs)
- Assess the current availability of digital coastal mapping in the EU
- Disseminate this information through EMODnet  
<http://www.emodnet.eu/coastal-mapping>
- Share experience of coastal mapping in the EU
- Develop recommendations from best practices
- Propose way forward

# European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODNet)

- Marine data initiative by the DG MARE underpinning the EU Marine Knowledge 2020 strategy
- Operational sub-portals providing access to marine data in: geology, physics, chemistry, biology, seabed habitats and human activities
- High resolution seabed mapping contract awarded in December 2016

<http://www.emodnet.eu/>

# Improve cooperation with EU Directorates-General

- Promote the role of hydrography in EU maritime policies and projects
- Good engagement with DG-MARE
- To extend to other DGs: ENV, MOVE, RTD, REGIO, GROW

# Monitor EU directives and call for proposals, projects, events

- Inspire directive
  - Development of geographical data infrastructure
- Maritime Strategy Framework Directive
  - Protection of the marine environment across Europe
- Maritime Spatial Planning directive
  - Consistent management of maritime space
  - Cross borders, cross sectors: pilot studies: SIMWestMed, Supreme
- Need to take full account of existing EU projects that includes hydrographic tasks



# Achievements and future development

- Sharing views amongst HOs and cooperation for answering European calls for proposals
- HOs input for marine knowledge European policy better understood by DG-MARE
- IENWG considers to focus on systematic high quality data acquisition and aggregation

# Action required from MBSHC

- MBSHC is invited
  - to note this report
  - to task IENWG's chair to liaise with HOs involved in European projects, in order to develop co-operation