Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE EXPERT WORKING GROUP
FOR MUTUAL EXCHANGE AND DELIVERIES OF AIS & DATA (AIS EWG)
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With a view of ensuring the full implementation of relevant provisions in Article 8 and Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention as well supporting and contributing global processes within IMO, IALA and ITU and, for those countries for whom this is relevant, joint European endeavours to ensure Europe-wide data exchange standard compatibility;

Acting on the principle that existing standards and the set of agreed information items specified by IMO and, if applicable, developed by the European Community, are observed;

The task of the group consisting of representatives of competent technical authorities of Denmark, Estonia, European Union, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden is to:

- Uphold, maintain and further develop the HELCOM AIS System
    - ensure that each national AIS monitoring system can be linked to the HELCOM information center
    - agree on the type of information to be recorded
    - agree on relevant indicators/reporting lines in order to ensure the required source material to maintain reliable statistical material of the traffic in the approaches to the Baltic Sea and within the Baltic Sea
    - agree on how to supply the statistical material to the HELCOM Secretariat
- Develop solutions to support the implementation of environmental regulation of shipping applicable in the Baltic Sea
- Regulate access to AIS information according to HELCOM Recommendation 33/1
    - consider the legal framework and find solutions for the handling and use of AIS-data exchanged between the participating states, including delivery to other users than national administrations.
- Harmonise the operation and development of national AIS networks as appropriate
    - ensure mutual support, technical harmonisation and exchange of experience in connection with the operation and development of national AIS monitoring systems (e.g. FATDMA planning and service area definitions)
    - continue the development of AIS Application Specific Messages and promote their use especially in the Baltic
    - monitor the international AIS-development (e.g. VDES) and prepare changes of the HELCOM AIS-system as appropriate as well as provide feedback to the international forums, such as IMO, IALA and EMSA, with regard to testing and implementation of new solutions and regulations e.g. use of additional messages
- Follow the implementation of HELCOM Recommendation 34E/2 on e-navigation
    - ensure mutual support, technical harmonisation and exchange of experience in connection with the establishment, operation and development of national infrastructure related to e-navigation services
    - monitor the international development on e-navigation infrastructure and recommend technical standards to be used in the Baltic Sea Area and by the participating States
    - consider and find solutions on how to exchange e-navigation related data between the participating States

AIS EWG reports to HELCOM MARITIME Working Group and follows the HELCOM Rules of Procedure.