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PA Safe: Progress Report of the Flagship project

"Speed up re-surveying of major shipping routes and ports"

The BSHC/HELCOM Revised Baltic Sea Harmonised Re-survey Scheme has been adopted by the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting on 3 October 2013 and those parts of the HELCOM 2013 Ministerial Declaration which are related to re-surveys are explained in more details in the MARITIME 13/2013 document 9/2 [to be found on HELCOM meeting portal: http://portal.helcom.fi:81/default.aspx].

Now the main tasks are to take actions to ensure the completion of the re-surveys for areas used by navigation (CAT I and II), to promote wider use of accurate and reliable depth information, and to foster CAT III re-surveys. The work is proceeding as planned. Updated information to main issues are:

- Re-surveys are continuing, mainly with national resources during 2014.

- Sweden has the responsibility to develop re-survey database (link https://helcomresurvey.sjofartsverket.se/helcomresurveysite/) and to organize a workshop to study and discuss the proposed developments.

- Data density in the Baltic Sea depth model will be improved along, when new survey data is available, link: http://data.bshc.pro .

- Sweden coordinates a joint application for an EU (INEA CEF Transport Motorways of the Sea) co-funded FAMOS project. In this project Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden are participating in activity 1 (hydrographic surveys), Denmark still being uncertain. EU call for tenders has opened in September 2014 and is due on 26 February 2015.

- Re-survey progress has also been reported to HELCOM MARITIME 14 meeting document 9-5 (link: MARITIME 14-2014) on 5 November 2014 and an endorsement for the continuity of the re-surveys as well as support for the FAMOS application.

> *HELCOM MARITIME has at its 14th Meeting on 4-6 November 2014 found the proposed FAMOS Project being very well in line with the goals of the HELCOM 2013 Ministerial Declaration, especially to speed up re-surveys on CAT I and CAT II areas on the HELCOM-BSHC Baltic Sea Re-survey Scheme. The MARITIME Group fully supports the project's application for EU co-financing from the Connecting Europe Facility.*

- The Baltic Sea hydrographic activities, specially the re-survey scheme were widely presented in Articles in Autumn 2014 edition of the *International Hydrographic Review*. The edition is available on IHO Web page: http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/IHReview/IHR_Intro.htm