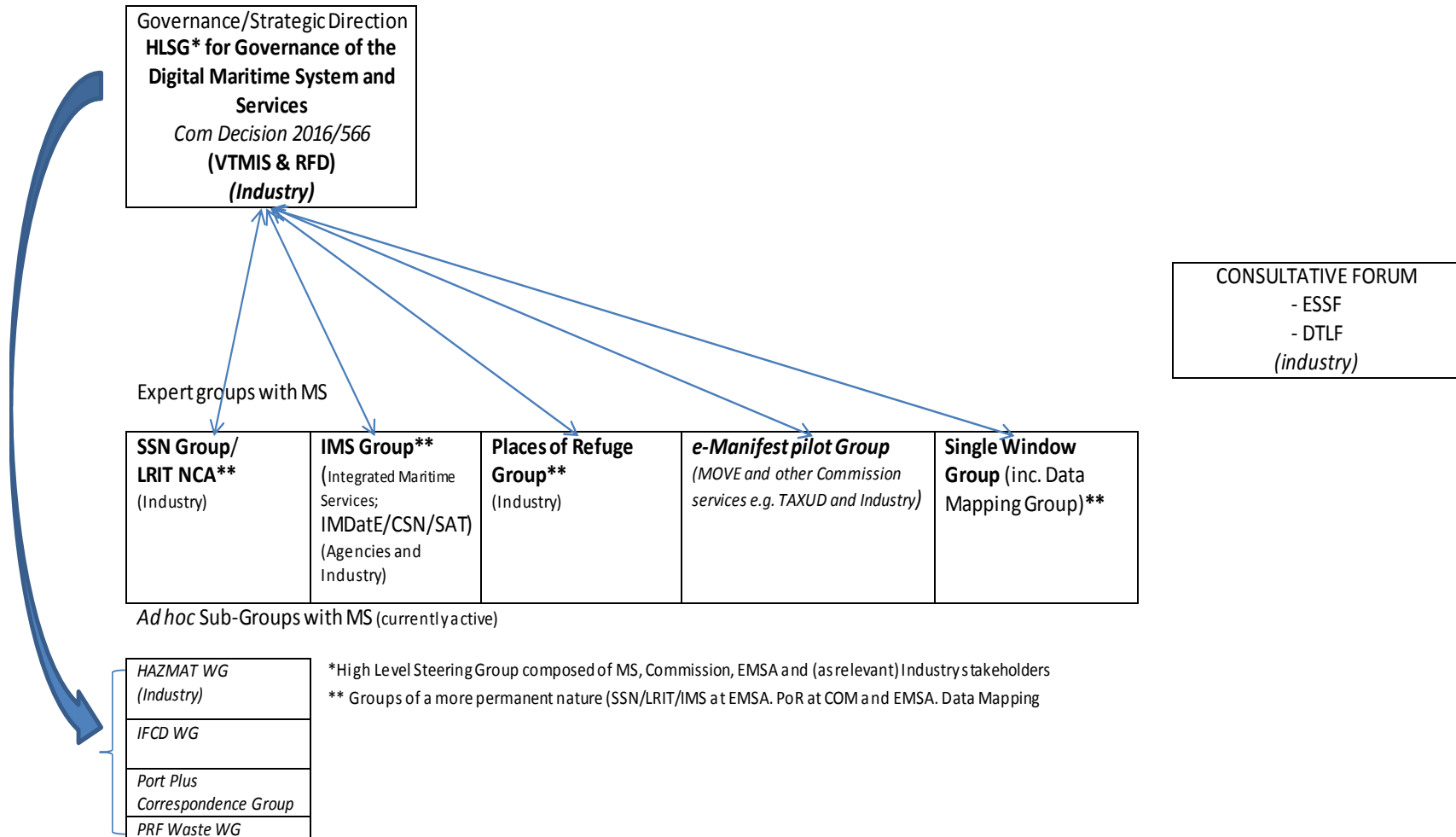


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Schematic Overview



Terms of Reference HLSG expert groups

'The SafeSeaNet/LRIT Group'

'The Integrated Maritime Services (IMS) Group'

1. BACKGROUND

Commission Decision (EU) 2016/566 of 11 April 2016 on establishing the High Level Steering Group for Governance of the Digital Maritime System and Services (hereinafter 'the HLSG') in its Article 2 – tasks – stipulates in:

(c) To establish and maintain cooperation with expert group(s) for specific tasks related to the operation, use and functioning of the Union maritime information and exchange system [...]and,

(d) To establish the cooperation between the Member States bodies and the Commission regarding: [...]questions related to conditions for use of the system and the integrated maritime services;

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) is, among other things, responsible for the technical implementation of the Union maritime information and exchange system (SafeSeaNet), the relevant parts of the long-range identification and tracking system (LRIT) development, operation and integration of the electronic messages and data maintenance of the interfaces with the central SafeSeaNet system, including AIS data collected by satellite, and the different information systems, in cooperation with the Member States and the Commission, in accordance with Directive 2002/59/EC (hereinafter 'VTMIS Directive').

Rules of procedure

These HLSG expert groups – 'The SafeSeaNet/LRIT group' and 'The Integrated Maritime Services (IMS) Group' – are established in accordance with the Rules of Procedure applicable to the HLSG in point 6 - Sub-groups.

The Rules of Procedure applicable to the HLSG apply mutatis mutandis, with the exception of point 2 (4) where the meetings of this group shall normally be held on EMSA's premises and the SSN/LRIT Group and IMS Group own rules of procedure, attached in Annexes 1 and 2 to these Terms of Reference.

In accordance with the IFCD the SSN/LRIT Group and the IMS Group shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.

OBJECTIVES

3.1 ***SafeSeaNet/LRIT Group***

The objectives of the SafeSeaNet/LRIT Group are to manage the technical and operational issues related to the mandatory system functionalities of the SSN and LRIT in the Union Maritime Information and Exchange System (SSN), as stipulated in point 2.1.2 in Annex III of the VTMIS Directive and in support to the tasks specified in Article 2 and 3 of the HLSG.

OBJECTIVES

3.2 *IMS Group*

The objectives of the IMS Group are to manage the technical and operational issues related to IMS in the Union Maritime Information and Exchange System (SSN), as stipulated in point 2.1.2 in Annex III of the VTMIS Directive and in support to the tasks specified in Article 2 and 3 of the HLSG.

3.3 Detailed work of the expert groups are set out in the Interface Functionalities Control Document (IFCD) approved by the High Level Steering Group for Governance of the Digital Maritime System and Services.

DELIVERABLES

4. The expert groups shall endeavor to coordinate their work as far as is practicable and shall report to the HLSG on progress and outcome of the work in point 3.

WORKING METHODOLOGY

The SSN/LRIT Group Rules of Procedure and the IMS Group Rules of Procedure are attached (annexes 1 and 2 respectively) to these Terms of Reference.