



1st SSN LRIT Group Meeting

Overview on the migration of the Regional Servers

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- On 8 April 2016, the Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) informed EMSA and the HELCOM Secretariat of its decision to cease the hosting of the HELCOM Information Center by the end of 2016.
- The Norwegian Coastal Administration (Kystverket/ NCA) offered to host both the HELCOM and North Sea RS.

Actions by the participating States

- **The HELCOM AIS 27th Experts Working Group (31 May 2016)**
 - considered the minimum requirements of the HELCOM AIS RS to be supported.
 - defined the additional functions to be implemented.
 - agreed to the minimum requirements of EMSA.
- **The 50th meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegations (15 June 2016)**
 - decided to transfer the HELCOM AIS services from Denmark to Norway before the end of 2016, in order to avoid breaks in the service.
 - requested the HELCOM Secretariat and the Contracting Parties to take the necessary steps for the migration of the services.
- **North Sea AIS EWG meeting (25 August 2016)**
 - the participating States agreed to be connected to the RS hosted by Norway.
- **EMSA / NCA technical meeting (26 September 2016)**
 - agreed that the participating states having completed successfully their interface with the RS would be connected to the central SSN production environment, whenever they were ready.

Actions by EMSA, Norway and Denmark



- **24 October 2016**
 - SSN NCAs (HELCOM and North Sea region) were requested to inform EMSA on their status, and the planned/agreed date for migration.
- **4 November- 22 December 2016:**
 - MSs connected to the SSN pre-production environment through the RS hosted by Norway (in four steps).
 - the connection stability tests by EMSA and NCA.
- **20 December 2016 - 18 January 2017:**
 - MSs connected to the SSN production environment through the Norwegian RS (in three steps).
 - MSs were recommended to maintain the data streams to both RSs (DMA and NCA) during the transition period.
- **19 January 2017**
 - Migration completed.
 - Video conference (EMSA, Norway, Denmark and the HELCOM Secretariat) to review the status of the handover, and to discuss the next steps.
 - Status information to NCAs(after prior coordination between EMSA, NCA, DMA and the HELCOM Secretariat):

Further steps

- **EMSA / Italy / Norway technical meeting on AIS Regional servers (Lisbon, 7 February 2017):**
 - The availability of MSs 24/7 contacts:
 - SSN 24/7 operational contacts and AIS 24/7 contacts are different.
 - RSs should be given access to SSN 24/7 contact information for contacting MSs in cases where AIS data has not been provided and AIS 24/7 contacts are unavailable.
 - The role of AIS regional server administrators:
 - The role of the RS administrator or its 24/7 service is not defined in the IFCD.
 - Further improvements
 - The Parties agreed to work further defining a standardized requirements for the NPRs maintenance and configuration, and the AIS Regional Servers further harmonisation.



The SSN Group is invited to:

- note the above information;
- agree on use of the SSN 24/7 contacts by AIS regional servers should the AIS contacts be unavailable;
- agree to reflect the role of the RS administrator or its 24/7 service in future amendments to the IFCD.



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