



First notice of an International Workshop:



Land & Marine Information Integration

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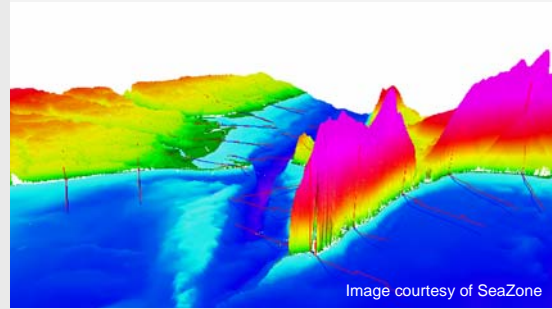
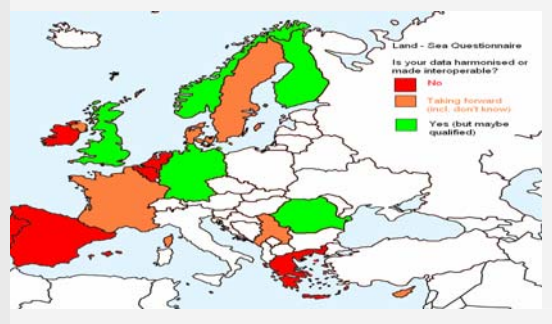
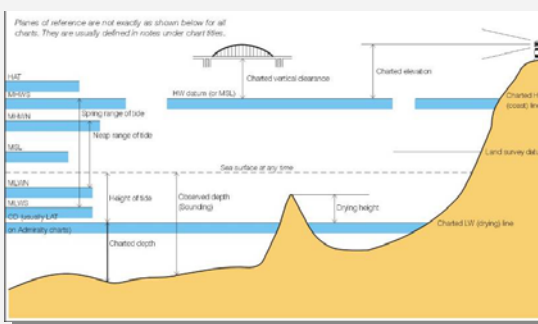


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Workshop: Land and Marine Information Integration

This is a first notice of a jointly sponsored workshop organised jointly by EuroSDR and the International Hydrographic Organization and supported by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission and EuroGeographics.

Purpose of the Workshop

With climate change, rising sea levels pressing harder year on year and the need to manage our resources more carefully the absence of a seamless spatial information framework is an increasing problem in many countries. The absence of such a framework exposes us all to unnecessary risks due to the inability to georeference information that crosses the land-sea interface. This inhibits the use and sharing of information by those organisations in the front line of stewardship, leads to data duplication and a proliferation of discrete projects (which can be substantial investments in themselves) but where the data are rarely reused.

For the European Commission and Member States of the EU this topic is very relevant to INSPIRE, as part of cross theme data consistency (data matching and semantics) for a number of Annex III themes (environmental monitoring facilities, area management, natural risk zones, sea regions, bio-geographical regions, habitats and biotopes, species distribution & energy resources).

The aims of this workshop is to determine and document the state of the art and progress at national level and across Europe in integrating maintained national land and marine databases, specifically by exploring:

- the drivers for integration at national level
- current status
- issues that require attention
- examples of best practice
- future steps

Outline Programme

Day 1 - 21 March 14:00-18:00	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Why is land-sea information important? <input type="checkbox"/> Results of EuroSDR questionnaire 	
Day 2 - 22 March 09:00-13:00 14:00-18:00	State of Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Examples where solutions are in place <input type="checkbox"/> Breakout Technical Challenges and Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Issues to be addressed such as vertical datum integration <input type="checkbox"/> Breakout 	
Day 3 - 23 March 09:00 – 13:00	Moving forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What do we need to do to promote best practice? <input type="checkbox"/> Panel Discussion – Next Steps 	

Workshop Organisation:

It is intended that the programme will consist of a series of presentations/reports and breakout discussions. We anticipate speakers from Cyprus, the European Commission, France, Ireland, United Kingdom *and others*. A second notice will be issued before the end of January with a draft programme and this will open workshop registration.

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What do you need to do?

You can put the date in your diary and register your interest in participating with the hosting team above.

Formal registration will be open from late January 2007

If you have a good example of land-marine integration that you feel should be presented – make your proposal to a member of the technical team above

Workshop fee

The three day fee to cover the workshop, the workshop dinner and a copy of the proceeding will be finalised and announced when registration opens in January 2007.