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LIAISON NOTE

Digitalization of Waterways

# INTRODUCTION

The DTEC committee welcomes the valuable feedback received from VTS57 related to draft new Guideline on Digitalization of Waterways.

The DTEC committee will take into account the general and specific comments provided by VTS committee while continuing the drafting of the guideline intersessionally. Members of the VTS committee are welcome to join the intersessional task group.

# DISCUSSION

The VTS committee is invited to note the following clarifications related to the comments and feedback provided:

* The name of the draft Guideline was modified and agreed at DTEC1 in order to make it more inclusive. Waterway is general term which includes fairways, channels and other navigable waters. However, it was noted that IALA dictionary does not currently give definition to either of the terms “waterway” or “fairway”.
* *Task DTEC-7.1.1 Develop a discussion paper on digitalisation in the scope of IALA* is drafting a high-level discussion paper, which is a living document, outlining IALA's vision for the digitalization of waterways and shipping. It will include definitions of IALA’s digitalisation vision, IALA’s role and approach towards digitalisation and roadmaps for the IALA’s digital technology developments.
* *Task DTEC-7.1.2 Develop guidance on Digitalisation of Waterways* is drafting a Guideline on how to assess the digital maturity, develop digital twins, provide digital services etc.
* *Task DTEC-7.1.2*, as approved by Council for the work programme, was identified under standard S1060: Digital Communication Technologies, and is related to Recommendation R0140. In the review of R0140, DTEC noted that the document requires updating, and this will commence at DTEC5.

DTEC committee plans to continue drafting intersessionally and plans to send an updated version of the draft Guideline on Digitalization of Waterways to other technical committees for review and comments after DTEC5. To support the development of the document, an inter-committee online drafting meeting is scheduled for 6th November 2025, 0900 to 1030 UTC.

# ACTION REQUESTED

The VTS committee is requested to

* note the information provided.
* consider attending the online inter-committee drafting meeting on 6th November 2025, 0900 to 1030 UTC.