

## WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

### COMPETENT AUTHORITIES FOR VTS - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

<b>VISION</b>	<b>G1 – MARINE AIDS TO NAVIGATION ARE DEVELOPED AND HARMONISED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE PROVISION OF STANDARDS.</b>
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>WORKSHOP/SEMINAR ON THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETENT AUTHORITIES FOR VTS</b>
<b>NEED</b>	<p>Existing IALA guidance for the establishment and operation of VTS is largely focused on the delivery of VTS that is the VTS provider.</p> <p>There is little guidance available describing practices to assist competent authorities, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing a regulatory framework for establishing and operating VTS in accordance with relevant international conventions and IMO instruments, IALA standards and national law.</li> <li>• Authorizing VTS providers and establishing appropriate policy and regulatory mechanisms to ensure VTS providers continue to meet their obligations.</li> <li>• Ensuring that VTS training is approved and VTS personnel are certified.</li> <li>• Demonstrating conformance with IALA standards and associated recommendations, guidelines, and model courses.</li> <li>• Establishing a compliance and enforcement framework with respect to violations of VTS regulatory requirements.</li> </ul> <p>It is envisaged that such guidance would complement IALA <i>Recommendation R0119 - Establishment of a VTS</i> as well as <i>Guideline G1150 Establishing, Planning and implementing a VTS</i>, but focusing on the roles and responsibilities of a VTS competent authority.</p>
<b>PURPOSE(S)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate discussion and active engagement to identify key subject matter areas for inclusion in the preparation of guidance to assist competent authorities establish an appropriate policy and regulatory framework to ensure both themselves and VTS providers meet their respective obligations.</li> <li>• Identify gaps in existing IALA documentation with regards to the role of competent authorities and practices that should be considered.</li> <li>• Provide the opportunity to broaden the participation and engagement in preparing the draft guidance.</li> <li>• Assist the Committee in completing <i>Task 1.1.5 - Develop Guidance to assist Competent Authorities for VTS establish an appropriate policy and regulatory framework to meet their obligations</i> as described in the Committee Task Plan (Refer <i>VTS Task Register 2023-2027</i>).</li> </ul>
<b>GOAL(s)</b>	To support and contribute to the development of guidance to assist competent authorities for VTS establish an appropriate policy and regulatory framework to ensure both themselves and VTS providers meet their respective obligations.
<b>WHO</b>	<p>The workshop will provide a forum for discussion between stakeholder groups. It is envisaged that invitations will be sent to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IALA National members and their associated Government Departments with responsibility for VTS</li> </ul>

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<b>SIZE OF GROUP</b>	It is expected that the Workshop will attract a group of up to 50 persons.
<b>WHERE</b>	To be determined
<b>DURATION</b>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> days
<b>WHEN</b>	To be determined (preferably 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2024)
<b>COST TO PARTICIPANTS</b>	Registration fee (to be determined)
<b>PROCESS</b>	<p>4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Day Workshop</p> <p>Day 1 - Introduction, Keynote speech, presentations to set the scene</p> <p>Day 2 - Discussion / break-out Groups</p> <p>Day 3 - Discussion / break-out Groups</p> <p>Day 4 - Break-out Group Presentations / Discussions</p> <p>Day 5 – Review of Outcomes / Recommendations</p>
<b>STEERING COMMITTEE</b>	<p>Proposed Steering Committee for the Workshop:</p> <p>Chair &amp; Vice-chair of IALA VTS Committee</p> <p>Chair &amp; Vice-chair of WG1 of IALA VTS Committee</p> <p>Task Group Leader of task 1.1.5 <i>Develop guidance to assist competent authorities for VTS establish an appropriate policy and regulatory framework to meet their obligations</i></p> <p>Deputy Secretary-General / Dean, WWA</p> <p>Workshop host National member/competent authority for VTS</p> <p>IALA Technical Co-ordination Manager (Secretary)</p>