

**IALA COUNCIL**  
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**IALA Headquarters**

**17 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

***17.1 Status on assistance to Ukraine***

**STATUS ON ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE**

Note from the IALA World-Wide Academy

**BACKGROUND**

At its 75<sup>th</sup> session, the Council agreed to the establishment of a “Disaster Recovery Fund” to be placed within the World-Wide Academy and should be entirely funded by sponsorships.

At the same session (C75) the Secretary-General informed about actions taken so far by the Secretariat in relation to the request for assistance received from the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU), the IALA national member in Ukraine.

Australia (AMSA) decided to provide a sponsorship of AUS\$ 50.000 to the fund, aimed at assisting Ukraine to recover from its current situation. This enabled IALA, represented by the World-Wide Academy to take an active role in assisting Ukraine to recover from damages incurred to its safety of navigation infrastructure and assets such as lighthouses, beacons and buoys.

At C76, the Council was informed about further actions taken by the World-Wide Academy, and it was explained that the Academy has undertaken a facilitating role, helping donors to better understand the needs of Ukraine as well as reassuring and informing the beneficiaries in Ukraine on the status of aid projects stemming from IALA members and other organizations with which we may have good relations.

**STATUS NOVEMBER 2023**

The Academy has continued its donor facilitation activities. The online meetings between the Academy and the SHSU have continued and are currently held monthly, but no information has been received about new donors.

The transportation of the two buoys, one from MSM in Spain and the other from Singapore MPA, to Ukraine is still an outstanding matter. The Academy has contact with an organisation that specializes in transportation of donated goods to Ukraine, and some progress has been made on arranging for the transport of the two buoys. However, a strike at the Ukraine – Polish border, has blocked for transport of goods into Ukraine for the time being. This situation is of course expected to be resolved, but the timeframe is unknown.

Some of the funds donated by AMSA are being used to sponsor training of SHSU Staff. The state of Martial law in Ukraine only allows for female staff to travel abroad and one female SHSU staff member has been sponsored to participate in a course on the use of the IALA Risk Management Toolbox held at IALA HQ in July, as well as the L1.1 AtoN Manger course currently being conducted by Trinity House in the UK.

This course is delivered partly online and partly residential. Once the SHSU staff member has finished the residential part of the course in Harwich, UK, it is planned for her to stay at IALA HQ for a few weeks to further consolidate her training and relationship with IALA.



One of the tasks to be undertaken during her stay at IALA HQ is the initial planning of a project aimed at recovering from the damages incurred to the AtoN infrastructure in Ukraine once the situation allows such work to commence.

The first part of this recovery project is envisaged to be a comprehensive analysis of navigational requirements in order to prioritize the work to be undertaken. It is envisaged that the Academy will assist with this part of the project as well as the search for funding of major works to be undertaken. On that note, the Dean of the Academy participated in the “Rebuild Ukraine 2023” conference held in Poland in November 2023 where important contacts were made with possible funding sources for such a project.

IALA members are encouraged to inform the Academy of any ongoing or planned safety of navigation related assistance being rendered to Ukraine as well as possible funding opportunities for the SHSU recovery project.

#### **THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO**

**Note** the information provided on the progress made with assisting Ukraine.