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# Draft Guideline XXXX - Competencies for Planning and Implementing VTS

# Summary

The Committee commenced work on Task 1.1.3 - *Develop guidance on training needs for those involved in the planning and implementation of a VTS* at VTS49. Key outcomes from VTS49 included:

* Adoption of guiding principles for drafting the guidance (*VTS49-12.2.1.1 TG 1.1.3 WP - Guiding Principles (V0.1))*;
* Preparation of a first draft of the proposed guidance *(VTS49-12.2.1.2 TG 1.1.3-04 WP - Draft Guideline XXXX Training Needs for Planning and Implementing VTS)*; and
* Formation of an intersessional group (TG1.1.3) to progress the draft guidance for consideration at VTS50.

The intersessional group completed its review/update of the draft guideline and a copy is available at *VTS50-9.1.2.1 TG 1.1.3 WP - Draft Guideline XXXX Competencies for Planning and Implementing VTS*.

## Purpose of the document

The purpose of this document is to introduce the draft revision of the proposed guidance for the Committees consideration.

# introduction

Participants in the Group included:

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The Group met 4 times following VTS 49 via MS Teams and the reports from each meeting are available on the IALA files share in the VTS folder (Current Intersessional TGs). These include:

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| **Meeting** | **Date** | **File Name** |
| TG 1.1.3-05 | 1 December 2020 | TG 1.1.3-05 - Report from Meeting 5 |
| TG 1.1.3-06 | 14 December 2020 | TG 1.1.3-06 - Report from Meeting 6 |
| TG 1.1.3-07 | 18 January 2021 | TG 1.1.3-07 - Report from Meeting 7 |
| TG 1.1.3-08 | 1 February 2021 | TG 1.1.3-08 - Report from Meeting 8 |

# Discussion

Noting a major update to documentation prescribing the practices associated with establishing, planning and implementing VTS (*Recommendation 0119 – Establishment of VTS* and associated *Guideline 1150 – Establishing, Planning and Implementing VTS)* wascompleted at VTS 49, andsubsequently approved by Council at its meeting in December 2020, the Group concluded that:

* The contents of the draft guidance prepared at VTS49 (*VTS49-12.2.1.2 TG 1.1.3-04 WP - Draft Guideline XXXX Training Needs for Planning and Implementing VTS)* required some revision to align with the new R0119 and associated G1150; and
* The guiding principles prepared at VTS49 *(VTS49-12.2.1.1 TG 1.1.3 WP - Guiding Principles (V0.1))* continued to provide a mechanism to ensure those responsible for the planning and implementation are competent in the practices described in R0119 and to implement those practices as described in G1150

Key amendments to the draft guidance, in addition to minor editorial amendments, include:

* **Section 1 - Document Purpose**: Section 1 was reviewed/amended to ensure the text:
  + Was clear and concise in describing the purpose of the document; and
  + Articulated the link between this guidance and *Recommendation 0119 – Establishment of VTS and associated Guideline* and associated *Guideline 1150 – Establishing, Planning and Implementing VTS*.
* **Section 5 - Planning and Implementing:** Noting that the text in ‘highlighted’ Sections 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 in the Working Paper from VTS49 (*VTS49-12.2.1.2 TG 1.1.3-04 WP - Draft Guideline XXXX Training Needs for Planning and Implementing VTS*) was very much an ‘early draft’, Section 5 was extensively reviewed/amended. Key aspects include:
  + Aligning the contents to G1150, in particular the five project management phases.
  + Adopting the same structure as Section 4 for describing “Ability/Competency” (i.e. Table 2)
  + Omitting text that was simply quoting paragraphs from G1150 or already prescribed in existing Recommendations and Guidelines (e.g. Objectives of VTS, Equipment and technologies, Qualifications and Training).
  + Ensuring the contents were consistent with the ‘guiding principles’ (*VTS49-12.2.1.1 TG 1.1.3 WP - Guiding Principles (V0.1)*)
* **Proposed Title**: In reviewing Section 1, it was concluded that the proposed title for the guideline be amended to “*Competencies for Planning and Implementing VTS”.*

# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to consider the revised draft *Guideline XXXX - Competencies for Planning and Implementing VTS* (*VTS50-9.1.2.1 TG 1.1.3 WP - Draft Guideline XXXX Competencies for Planning and Implementing VTS*) prepared by TG 1.1.3.

ENCLOSUREs:

1. Draft revision of IALA *Guideline XXXX - Competencies for Planning and Implementing VTS* (*VTS50-9.1.2.1 TG 1.1.3 WP - Draft Guideline XXXX Competencies for Planning and Implementing VTS*).
2. Guiding Principles (*VTS49-12.2.1.1 TG 1.1.3 WP - Guiding Principles (V0.1)*)

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