



## 7 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

### *7.1 – Committee structure and working arrangement*

Note by the Secretariat

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

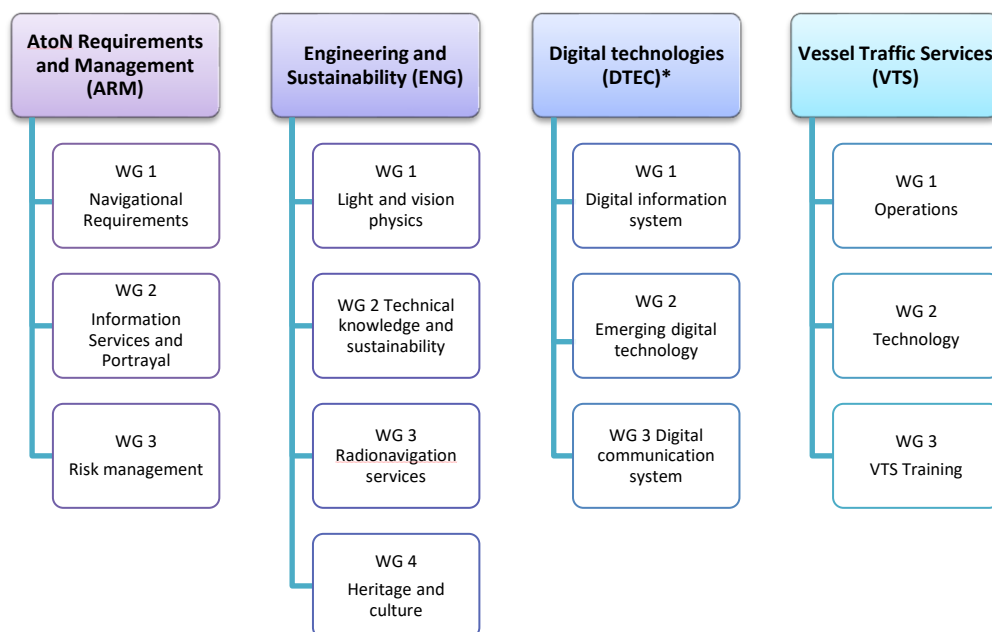
The work of the committees is governed by the Council and aligned with the Work Programme, which provides a structured framework for their activities. The Committees play a central role in developing standards, recommendations, guidelines, and manuals, supporting the Organization's aim and objectives.

The working arrangements of the committees underwent modifications during the pandemic period, primarily with the adoption of hybrid meeting formats. This approach has since been incorporated into regular operations across all Committees. For the upcoming 2025-2027 Work Programme, the Committees intend to maintain continuity with established practices while ensuring alignment with the strategic vision approved by the General Assembly.

This document outlines the proposed Committee arrangements, offering relevant details for the Council's consideration.

#### 2. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The four Committees, agreed by the General Assembly, operate under the authority of the Council and are structured to ensure efficient progress in their respective areas. Their work is guided by the Work Programme, which defines key tasks, priorities, and timelines.



*Figure 1 Structure of the committees and the working groups*

## 2.1. Hierarchical Structure

Each Committee consists of:

1. **Committee Leadership:** A Chair and Vice Chair, appointed by the Council for a three-year term. Their term is renewable once, unless an extension is approved by the Council.
2. **Working Groups:** Subsidiary groups within each Committee, responsible for advancing specific work items in accordance with the Work Programme.
3. **Task Groups:** Specialized groups under the Working Groups, focusing on defined technical and policy-related topics. These groups may meet intersessionally, following the approval of the Committee Chair.

The Committees follow a structured workflow where decisions and recommendations move through Working Groups and Task Groups before being presented to the Committee for endorsement and, where necessary, to the Council for final approval.

## 3. WORKING ARRANGEMENT

### 3.1. Meeting Format and Schedule

The four committees will convene twice per year in person, with the option for virtual opening and/or closing plenaries. Unless otherwise agreed, meetings will be held at the seat of the Organization in Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

Each Committee session will be organized in coordination with the secretariat, which will:

- Disseminate meeting schedules to Member States, Associate Members, and Affiliate Members.
- Facilitate meeting logistics and document distribution.
- Maintain the Committee Dashboard for work tracking and collaboration.

The precise dates for each committee session will be jointly determined by the Committee Chair and the secretariat.

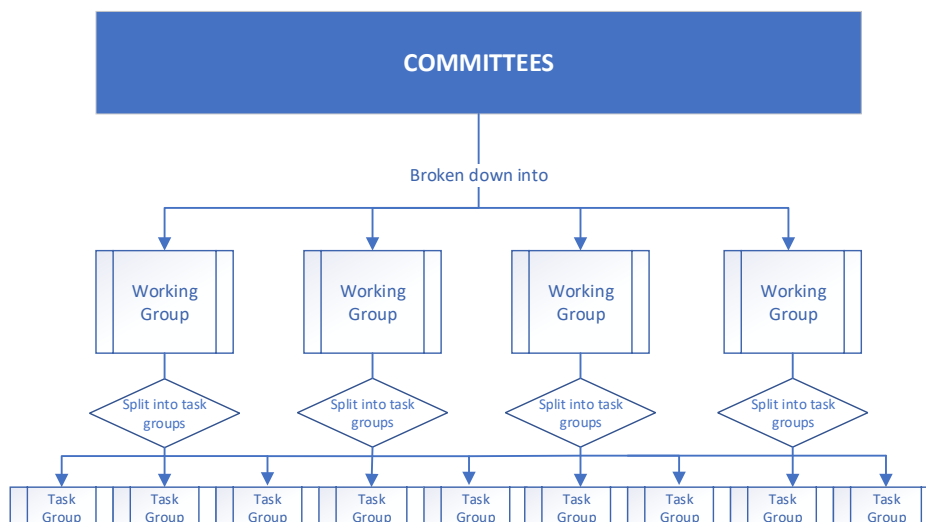


Figure 2 Structure of the working groups and task groups

#### **4. THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO**

**Note** the information and **approve** the working arrangements.

## Annex - Committee topics 2025-2027

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Work Domains (from Standards structure)</b>
<b>AtoN Requirements and Management (ARM)</b>	
AtoN Planning and Service Requirements	Obligations and regulatory compliance
	Risk Management
	Levels of service objectives
	Quality management
	AtoN Planning
	Virtual marking
	Cyber security
Information Services	Management of Maritime Service and S-200 (from Data models and data encoding)
	Terminology, symbology, and portrayal
Training and Certification	Training and Certification
Capacity building	
<b>AtoN Engineering and Sustainability (ENG)</b>	
AtoN Design and Delivery	Visual signalling
	Range and performance
	Design, Implementation & Maintenance
	Power systems
	Floating AtoN
	Environment and Sustainability
	Heritage and culture
Radionavigation Services	Satellite positioning and timing
	Terrestrial positioning and timing (including R-Mode and eLoran)
	Racon & radar positioning
	Augmentation services (DGNSS)
Training and Certification	Training and Certification
Heritage Forum	Activate and manage Heritage Forum as necessary
<b>Digital technologies (DTEC)</b>	
Digital Communications Technologies	Wide/Medium bandwidth systems (AIS & VDES)
	Narrow bandwidth systems (NAVDAT, MF beacons, etc.)
	Harmonised maritime connectivity
Information Services	Data models and data encoding (MRN, S-100, S-200, ASM, etc.)
	Vessel tracking and data exchange systems
	e-Navigation user requirements
Training and Certification	Training and Certification
<b>Vessel Traffic Services (VTS)</b>	
Vessel Traffic Services	VTS implementation
	VTS operations
	VTS data and information management (IVEF, S-212, etc.)
	VTS communications
	VTS technologies
	VTS Auditing and assessing
	VTS additional services
Training and Certification	Training and certification