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Coordination Group for the 2020 IALA VTS Questionnaire

# Summary

At VTS45 it was agreed to implement a Coordination Group to prepare for the effective conduct of the 2020 IALA VTS Questionnaire. This Coordination Group has been implemented and has met twice with the following participants:

* Monica Sundklev – Chair of the VTS Committee
* Dirk Eckhoff – Vice Chair of the VTS Committee
* Neil Trainor – Sub-working Group Task 1.1.1 Chair
* Trond Ski – Chair of Working Group 1
* Lilian Biber – Chair of Working Group 3
* The Secretary for the Coordination Group was Kevin Gregory

## Related documents

Report of VTS45 (VTS46-2.2.1) paragraph 8.8.

# outcome of coordiination group meetings

## Hosting of the software application / database

It was considered that it would be the preferred solution for IALA to host the software application and database for the VTS questionnaire. It may also be advantageous to operate the same type of application / database for both the VTS and AtoN questionnaires. This would provide an in-house and supported solution for the technical and administrative management of future IALA questionnaires including a capability for more in-depth analysis and evaluation of results.

In order to confirm this approach, it was recommended that a policy decision is made at the forthcoming Policy Advisory Panel.

## Questionnaire format and content

A decision is required as to whether the VTS questionnaire should be re-run on a similar basis to the previous version or whether the format and/or content of the questions should be amended. The last VTS questionnaire which was conducted in 2016 returned some 400 responses therefore, there may be advantages in using the same or similar questions in the next questionnaire to monitor for any changes. Alternately, a change to the format and content of the questionnaire may give some useful information to inform the work of the VTS Committee into the future, especially taking into account the current process of revising IMO Resolution A.857(20).

Pending further discussion at VTS46, it was agreed that as little change as possible to the questions should be made so as to enable the comparison of the results.

## Draft Work Programme

Once the approach has been determined to both the technical and operational aspects, it will be possible to develop appropriate plans and procedures at VTS46 for the conduct and management of future questionnaires.

It was considered that the bulk of the preparatory work should be completed by or at VTS47 so as to enable the VTS questionnaire to be conducted and analysed before the 2020 Symposium in Rotterdam.

# Action requested of the Committee

The VTS Committee is requested to:

1. Note the outcomes from the meetings of the Coordination Group.
2. Provide, as the Committee deems appropriate, advice on the format and content of the 2020 IALA VTS Questionnaire.

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