



IALA COUNCIL 73rd session



8-10 June 2021
Video conference

10 – TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

10.1 – Committee work organisation

10.1.1 – 1st half 2021 Committees summary

Note by the Secretariat

1. INTRODUCTION

The second round of the virtual Committee meetings were held from 1 March to 28 April for 9 weeks. The Secretariat upgraded the arrangements for virtual meetings and conducted familiarisation sessions before the meetings.

This paper provides the summary and statistics of the Committee operations.

2. COMMITTEES SUMMARY

2.1. Committee durations

Committee meetings gave IALA an opportunity to hold committees over a more extended period of time, accommodating the wide variety of time zones.

- ENAV 27: 1 - 26 March 2021; 20 days
- VTS 50: 10 - 31 March 2021; 16 days
- ENG 13: 22 March – 19 April 2021; 21 days
- ARM 13: 13 - 28 April 2021; 12 days

2.2. Number of participants

The virtual nature of the meetings meant that the number of attendees was higher for all committees than at previous physical meetings. There were 546 participants from 35 countries and sister organisations; 139 participants attended for the first time.

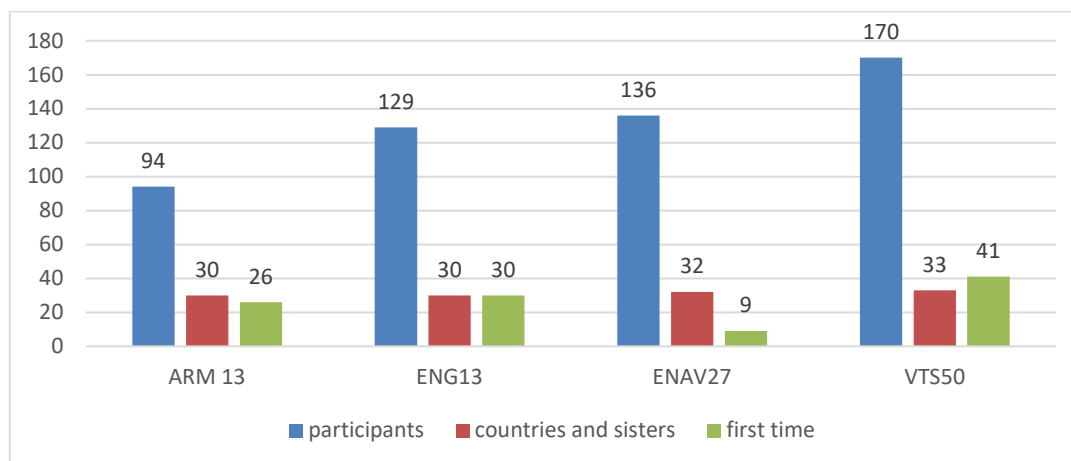


Figure 1 Total number of Committees participants



2.3. Work programme 2018-2023

The committees revised the work programme based on the decision of the Council, and reviewed the document for the extended work period 2018-2023. The revised WP is prepared as C73-10.1.2.

The committees worked on 316 input papers and 241 meetings were arranged during the period.

2.4. Tools for the meetings

The Secretariat upgraded the meeting tools, which provided a calendar function and add to the calendar. And the virtual environment familiarisation sessions were conducted for each committee before the meeting commences.

The image shows a screenshot of a digital calendar for April 2021. The calendar is organized by days of the week (MON to SUN) and dates (29 to 11). Each date cell contains a list of scheduled events, including meeting times (e.g., 09:00-10:00) and topics (e.g., 'VTSD WG1 TO 3.1.1', 'REVIEW OF STANDARDS / HUMAN FACTORS', 'PRESENT. END SESSION4', 'NAVIGUIDE UPDATE', 'END WG3 TO1 - RESOLUTION'). The events are color-coded and listed in a structured manner for each day.

2.5. Presentation sessions

Because of limited plenary time, the presentations were made separately using the Microsoft Teams platform. It also gave an excellent opportunity for the participants to hear other committees' topics. There were 18 presentations made during the committee period, and these are listed in Annex A.

3. FEEDBACK FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

The Secretariat is currently conducting the committee participants feedback survey. The results will be provided in due course.

4. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

NOTE the information provided in this document.