

Meeting: 13th Mediterranean AIS Expert Working Group

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Agenda item: Connection of Gibraltar to MAREΣ

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Submitted by the UK

Summary	This document introduces the request to connect Gibraltar with MAREΣ and seeks approval of the Group
Action to be taken	As per paragraph 3.
Related documents	The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency letter to DG MOVE (dated 26 June 2015)

1. Introduction

Gibraltar Port Authority, the designated SafeSeaNet Competent Authority for Gibraltar, provides the data input to SSN for both PortPlus notifications and AIS notifications through a common server, feeding the data from its Vessel Management System (VMS) database and a separate AIS Notification Generator.

Gibraltar Port Authority intends to remove this common server and proposes feeding the PortPlus data directly from their VMS module into the new SSN version 3 and connecting their AIS notification data feed directly to the MAREΣ Regional AIS Server instead.

The Port Authority's SSN representative has confirmed that they have the capability to provide the required AIS data feed in the correct format in accordance with the EMSA operational and technical requirement, and if the application is approved Gibraltar would like to commence preparation testing at the earliest opportunity with the Italian Coast Guard technical team.

The UK sent letter to the Commission requesting to connect Gibraltar with the Mediterranean Regional AIS server (MAREΣ). The Commission advised the UK to introduce their request at the next MAREΣ Expert Working Group (EWG) meeting.

2. The UK proposal

The UK invites the Group to approve the connection of Gibraltar with the MAREΣ regional AIS server at the earliest convenience.

3. Action required

MAREΣ Member States are invited to approve the request.