

NATO USE OF CIVIL STANDARDS WORKSHOP

Athens, Greece, 25-27 February 2020

Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2020

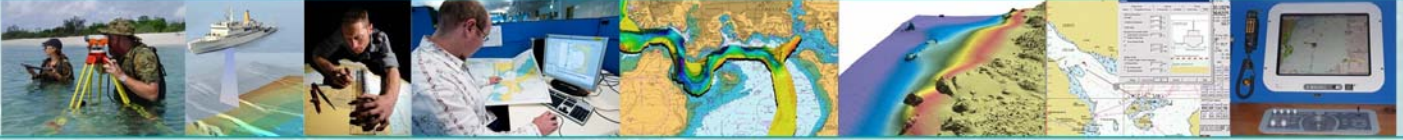
Task 2.1.6	Provide technical outreach, advice and guidance in relation to IHO standards, specifications and guidance
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NATO Use of Civil Standards Workshop was conducted from 25 to 27 February 2020 and hosted by Hellenic National Defence General Staff Defence Planning and Programming Directorate at the Hellenic Armed Forces Officers Club in Athens, Greece. The workshop was attended by 130 delegates, representing 26 nations, 11 Standards Developing Organisations (SDOs) and 35 Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with keynotes by 21 invited guest speakers. Director Abri Kampfer represented the IHO Secretariat.



Participants in the NATO Use of Civil Standards Workshop

The aim of the workshop was to increase awareness about NATO standards and the use of civil standards in order to increase the interoperability of data between users. The IHO presented its work on the development of standards for the maritime domain and how these can apply to NATO geospatial standards. Director Kampfer also provided an overview of current and future standard developments and explained the IHO processes of standards development and maintenance.



The 3-day programme provided delegates with a good overview of NATO Standardization, Civil Standards Developing Organizations (SDOs) Structures, Policies and Procedures for Developing Civil Standards and also Standardization in Aviation. The Workshop provided a valuable opportunity for networking between NATO Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with their counterparts in SDOs that will facilitate standardization efforts in defence and civilian domains and provide education and training opportunities. The feasibility to establish the NATO Use of Civil Standards Workshop as an annual or bi-annual event will be considered.