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Dear CEDA Member,

## **INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO REPRESENT CEDA IN THE MARINE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS**

### **Background**

The aim of the European Union's ambitious Marine Strategy Framework Directive is to protect more effectively the marine environment across Europe. The Marine Strategy Framework Directive was adopted on 17 June 2008. The Commission also produced a set of detailed criteria and methodological standards to help Member States implement the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. These were revised in 2017 leading to the new Commission Decision on Good Environmental Status.

The Commission adopted a **report on the first implementation cycle of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive** in June 2020. This report shows that while the EU's framework for marine environmental protection is one of the most comprehensive and ambitious worldwide, it needs to be beefed up to be able to tackle predominant pressures such as overfishing and unsustainable fishing practices, plastic litter, excess nutrients, underwater noise and others types of pollution.

The new **EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030** (adopted in May 2020) aims to strengthen the protection of marine ecosystems and to restore them to achieve "good environmental status", including through the expansion of protected areas and the establishment of strictly protected areas for habitats and fish stocks recovery. It stresses the need for an ecosystem-based approach to the management of human activities at sea.

Article 23 of the MSFD sets an obligation to **review the Directive by 2023** and, where appropriate, propose any necessary amendments. The review of the MSFD will follow a [back-to-back evaluation and impact assessment](#). The European Commission has launched this review with the publication of a [combined roadmap/inception impact assessment](#) 8 April 2021.

Formed in 2009 and chaired by CEDA, the [Marine Strategy Navigation Group \(MSFD NAVI\)](#) is a 'thematic cluster' of navigation sector bodies (see Annex I) that coordinates the exchange of knowledge, experience and views of the participating associations and provides professional advice that can be used in the implementation of the MSFD.

Continuation of CEDA's active involvement in the MSFD implementation process and its role as MSFD NAVI chair is seen essential by the CEDA Board as decisions are relevant to CEDA member activities in the marine environment. The MSFD NAVI work done so far has proven that we do have the ability to make a positive contribution to the process to ensure that decisions are based on sound current technical and scientific knowledge, and take account of best practice. Until most recently, MSFD NAVI was chaired for CEDA by Dr. Katherine Cronin at the time with Deltares. Due to Dr. Cronin changing jobs there is now a vacancy. **The Board of CEDA therefore invites experts to express interest to undertake the role of MSFD NAVI Chair.**

## Responsibilities of the MSFD NAVI Chair

These could be summarised as follows:

- Chair the MSFD NAVI and provide the secretariat;
- Attendance at the Strategic Co-ordination Group (MSCG) meetings and contribution to debate;
- Review meeting papers, solicit views from members and prepare agreed comments;
- Prepare position statements on a consensus basis (as required);
- Exchange information with and provide updates for OSPAR-ICG MSFD and/or OSPAR-EIHA.
- Updates to CEDA members, CEDA Environment Commission, CEDA-UK and PIANC-EnviCom.

## CEDA Members participating in the MSFD work are and supporting the Chair are:

- Sonja Wild-Metzko (Hamburg Port Authority, Germany) – MSFD NAVI Member
- Dafydd Lloyd Jones (Marine Space, UK) – MSFD NAVI Member, represents NAVI and CEDA on the Working Group Good Environmental Status (WG GES), one of the three Working Groups set up by the EC under the MSFD implementation process.
- Frank Thomsen (DHI, Denmark), represents CEDA on the EC MSFD Technical Subgroup Underwater Noise and the OSPAR Intersessional Correspondence Group Noise.
- Ivana Prusina (Witteveen+Bos, the Netherlands), represents CEDA on the OSPAR Intersessional Correspondence Group MSFD

CEDA's MSFD work is carried out under the remit of the [CEDA Environment Commission](#).

## Estimated effort

An overview of the estimated effort required is provided in the table below.

*MSFD NAVI Chair estimated effort by main work areas and activities*

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Estimated effort</b>
MSFD NAVI work and attendance at meetings organised by the EU Commission	15 - 16 days
MSFD NAVI activities between meetings	2 days
CEDA activities	3 - 5 days
Exchange information with OSPAR-ICG and OSPAR-EIHA	2 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 – 25 days</b>

Detailed information about the estimated effort for these activities is provided in Annex II .

## Required skills and qualities

- Sound technical knowledge of the MSFD topics and a good understanding of the practical concerns of the dredging/navigation sector and capability to discuss and present these topics at the required level;
- Strong project management and verbal skills;
- Good understanding of CEDA and its aims;
- Willingness and capability to represent the wider interests of the MSFD NAVI members and not only the interest of a particular sector or company/organization;
- Willingness and ability to travel to Brussels (or other European cities) to attend the various meetings of the European Commission;
- Commitment for a period of three years (2022 – 2025);
- Approval and support of the employer;
- Ability to carry out the work on a voluntary basis without compensation for time or travel costs.

## Benefits

While undertaking this work requires considerable commitment from the individual and his/her organisation, it is equally rewarding both professionally and personally. Benefits include:

- Exposure to knowledge, ideas, and approaches in a multinational, multidisciplinary range;
- Opportunity to gain experience with the European Commission's ways of working;
- Opportunity to broaden the professional network by international, leading experts specialized in the marine environment;
- Opportunity to contribute with state of the art dredging knowledge and best practice experience to a process that can have long lasting implications to dredging activities in Europe;
- International, professional recognition to the individual and his/her organization.

## Expressions of interests

Interested experts are kindly requested to provide the following information to the CEDA Secretariat (Mieke van Loenen, [miekevanloenen@dredging.org](mailto:miekevanloenen@dredging.org)) by **30 April 2022**:

- Name and affiliation
- E-mail address
- Brief description of relevant experience
- Brief curriculum vitae

All other aspects being equal candidates from CEDA Corporate Members will be given preference.

Applicants will be notified by 10 May 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact Frederik Roose, Chairman of the CEDA Environment Commission +32 473927807; [frederik.roose@mow.vlaanderen.be](mailto:frederik.roose@mow.vlaanderen.be).

Thank you in advance for considering the invitation of the CEDA Board and the support.

Best regards,

Frederik Roose  
Chair CEDA Environment Commission

Mieke van Loenen  
General Manager CEDA

Encl. Annexes

**Members of the MSFD NAVI**

Non-lobby, professional organisations:

CEDA - Central Dredging Association,  
PIANC - International Navigation Association

Lobby organisations:

EBA - European Boating Association,  
EBI - European Boating Industry  
ECSA - European Community Shipowners Association  
EuDA - European Dredging Association (Corresponding Member)  
ESPO - European Seaports Organisation  
ICOMEA - International Council of Marine Industry Associations  
ISU - International Salvage Union

**Detailed information on MSFD NAVI Chair estimated effort for 2020*****a) Meetings***

<b>Meeting Name</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Preparation and follow up</b>	<b>Total annual effort</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
MSFD NAVI	Twice yearly	0.5 days	2 days (1 day prep and 1 day follow up comprising both admin and policy/technical work)	5 days	MSFD NAVI Chair
SCG	Three times a year:	2 day(s)	1.5 days (0.5 day prep and 1 day follow up comprising both admin and policy/technical work)	10.5 days	MSFD NAVI Chair

***b) MSFD NAVI Activities in between meetings***

The Commission and Working Groups occasionally circulate papers for comment outside of the specified meetings. The activity of reviewing the papers, collating comments and preparing a coordinated consensus response on behalf of the MSFD NAVI can be time-consuming. It is estimated that **2 days** should be allocated for the MSCG activity.

***c) CEDA Activities***

Within CEDA, this work is carried out under the auspices of the CEDA Environment Commission (CEC). Briefing of and liaison with the CEC including attending one meeting per year (2 days) as well as preparation of update notes for CEDA members (twice yearly) requires **3 - 5 days**.

## Glossary

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
GES	Good Environmental Status	The environmental standard (made up of 11 descriptors) which must be achieved in Europe's seas by 2020. Those of particular relevance to the dredging and navigation sectors are: Biological diversity; Non-indigenous species; Sea-floor integrity; Hydrographical conditions; Concentrations of contaminants; Energy (including underwater noise)
MSCG	Marine Strategic Coordination Group	Group chaired by the Commission responsible for overseeing the implementation of the MSFD. Includes Member States and stakeholder organisations.
MSFD	Marine Strategy Framework Directive	Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive)
MSFD NAVI	Marine Strategy Navigation Group	Cluster of navigation organisations chaired by CEDA and responsible for the sector's coordinated input to the MSFD.
OSPAR	OSPAR Convention, OSPAR Commission (the same acronym is often used interchangeably for both)	Administrator of the Oslo and Paris Conventions for the protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic.
WG GES	Working Group on Good Environmental Status	Group chaired by the EU COM. It is concerned with the development of criteria and methodological standards for marine good environmental status. This Group also focuses on the aspects of 'consistency' and 'comparability' between MS and within geographic regions. In this activity, WG takes account of MS activities in the regional sea conventions, seeking synergies and the avoidance of duplication of efforts.