



20 – 24 January 2025

WORKSHOP ON VTS COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

Establishing and operating VTS under national law

Rome, Italy

160th Anniversary of Italian Coast Guard

Roma Eventi, Piazza di Spagna

PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – Monday 20 January 2025

Time	Activity	
0930 – 1045	Steering Committee Meeting with Session Chairs, Speakers and Rapporteurs	VTS Committee Chairs and Italian Coast Guard
1000 – 1130	Registration	IALA secretariat/host
1130 – 1300	Session 1 – Opening of the Workshop	Chair: Monica Sundklev (VTS Chair)
5 mins	Administration and Safety Briefing	Representative of the venue or host
10 mins	Welcome from IALA	IALA Secretary-General, Francis Zachariae
45 mins	Welcome from Italy	Italian Coast Guard and Italian authorities representatives
1300 – 1315	Group photo	
1315 – 1430	Light lunch	
1430 – 1630	Session 2 – Introduction / Background	Chair: Dirk Eckhoff (VTS Vice-Chair)
1430 – 1445	Workshop aim and objectives	Monica Sundklev (Sweden)
1445 – 1500	Introduction workshop topics	Trond Ski (Norway)
1500 – 1515	Break	
1515 – 1545	Background - IALA history and role in VTS	Trond Ski (Norway)
1545 – 1630	Results from the previous VTS Questionnaire and the workshop questionnaire	Neil Trainor (Australia)
Evening event 1830 – 2030	Welcome Reception Venue: Roma Eventi Congress Center Dress code: Casual	

DAY 2 – Tuesday 21 January 2025

Time	Activity	
0900 – 1030	Session 3 - Regulatory and Legal Framework	Chair: Trond Ski
0900 – 0945	3.1 International Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea IMO Resolution A.1158(32) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services IALA Standards National Law 	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
0930 – 0950	3.2 Policy, Legislation, Regulation and Governance The role and interrelationships of policy, legislation, regulation and governance.	Presentations and open discussions by a panel



0950 – 1700	Session 4 - Translating international commitments into actionable and enforceable measures at national level	Chair: Neil Trainor
0950 – 1030	4.1 Contracting Governments – their responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a legal basis for VTS that gives effect to SOLAS regulation V/12 	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
1030 – 1100	Break	
1100 – 1230	4.1 Contracting Governments – their responsibilities (continue) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointing and authorizing a competent authority for VTS Compliance with the provisions of VTS Future technical and other developments 	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
1230 – 1330	Lunch	
1330 – 1500	4.2 Competent Authorities - their responsibilities 4.2.1 Regulatory framework Establishing a regulatory framework for VTS in accordance with relevant international conventions and IMO instruments, IALA standards and national law, concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VTS providers Training Organizations Participating ships 	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
1500 – 1520	Break	
1520 – 1700	4.2.2 Authorization of VTS providers Policies, processes and procedures associated with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizing VTS providers under national law. Assessing conformance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The responsibilities of VTS providers as described in IMO Resolution A.1158(32) The responsibilities of VTS providers associated with normative provisions of IALA recommendations, guidelines and model courses specifically related to the establishment and operation of VTS The regulatory framework set by the competent authority 	Presentations and open discussions by a panel

DAY 3 – Wednesday 22 January 2025

Time	Activity	
0900 – 0915	Summary of Day 2	Chair: Monica Sundklev
0915 - 1230	4.2 Competent Authorities - their responsibilities (cont.)	Chair: TBD
0915 - 1030	4.2.3 Ensuring VTS providers continue to conform with their responsibilities and that appropriate equipment, systems and facilities are provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How should the functional and performance requirements for VTS systems and equipment be demonstrated? How is digitalization of VTS being handled? 	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
1030 – 1100	Break	
1100 – 1230	4.2.4 Compliance and enforcement Establishing a framework with respect to violations of VTS regulatory requirements. Ensuring participating ships conform with the regulatory framework set by the competent authority.	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
1230 – 1330	Lunch	
1330 – 1700	4.3 Competent Authorities – training responsibilities	Chair: Stefaan Priem
1330 – 1500	4.3.1 Ensuring that VTS training is approved and VTS personnel are certified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a framework for the accreditation of VTS training organisations, approval of model courses and certification of VTS personnel. Ensuring VTS training organisations continue to conform with the regulatory framework set by the competent authority. International recognition of VTS certification 	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
1500 – 1520	Break	



1520 – 1700	4.3.2 Ensuring VTS personnel are appropriately trained and qualified for their VTS duties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic VTS training • On-the-job training • Periodic assessments and revalidation training • Possession of appropriate certification 	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
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DAY 4 – Thursday 23 January 2025

Time	Working Groups	
0900 – 0915	Summary of Day 3	Chair: Monica Sundklev
	4.4 VTS Providers – their perspective and experiences	Chair: TBD
0915 – 1030	Relationships between VTS providers and Competent Authorities for VTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competent authority and VTS provider are the same entity 	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
1030 – 1100	Break	
1100 – 1230	Session 5 – Other elements to consider	Chair: TBD
1100 – 1230	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two or more Governments have a common interest in establishing VTS in a particular area • VTS beyond the Territorial Sea • Cyber security considerations • Any other issue 	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
1230 – 1330	Lunch	
	Session 6 - IMSAS	Chair: Trond Ski
1330 – 1415	How to demonstrate conformance with IMSAS – experiences to date	Presentations and open discussions by a panel
1415 – 1815	Technical Tour (to a historical place in Rome)	
Evening event 2000 – 2200	Workshop Gala Dinner Venue: Roma Eventi Congress Center Dress code: Black tie	

DAY 5 – Friday 24 January 2025

Time	Activity	
0900 – 0915	Summary of Day 4	Chair: Monica Sundklev
	Session 7 – Open Discussion	Chair: Italian Coast Guard
0915 – 1000	Outcomes and feedback from the surveys and comments from the floor during the week	All workshop session chairs
1000 – 1030	Break	
	Session 8 – Workshop review and conclusions	Chairs: VTS Chair and Vice-Chair
1030 – 1100	Workshop review and conclusions	Monica Sundklev & Dirk Eckhoff
1100 – 1110	Way forward for the VTS Committee	Trond Ski
1110 – 1120	Closing remarks	Monica Sundklev
1120 – 1130	Closing the workshop	Italian Coast Guard & IALA
1200 – 1300	Lunch	

Please note that the times are preliminary and may be adjusted to follow the discussions.