



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

20 – 24 January 2025

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME*

DAY 1 – Monday 20 January 2025

Time	Activity	
0930 – 1045	Steering Committee meeting with session chairs and rapporteurs	Workshop session chairs, rapporteurs and host
1000 – 1130	Registration	Host
1130 – 1230	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	Representatives of the Italian Government and Coast Guard
1230 – 1300	Group photo	
1300 – 1430	Light lunch	
1430 – 1630	Session 2 – Introduction / Background	Chair: Dirk Eckhoff (VTS Vice-chair)
1430 – 1445	Workshop aim and objectives	Sweden, Monica Sundklev
1445 – 1500	Introduction workshop topics	Norway, Trond Ski
1500 – 1515	Break	
1515 – 1545	Background - IALA history and role in VTS	Norway, Trond Ski
1545 – 1630	Results from the previous VTS Questionnaire	Australia, Neil Trainor
1630 – 1730	Session chairs and speakers liaison opportunity	
Evening event 1830 – 2030	Welcome Reception Venue: Roma Eventi Congress Center Dress code: Smart casual	



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0900 – 0950	Session 3 - Regulatory and Legal Framework	Chair: Trond Ski
0900 – 0930	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 <i>Norway, Trond Ski</i>
0930 – 0950	3.2 Policy, legislation, regulation and governance The role and interrelationships of policy, legislation, regulation and governance.	Presentations and open discussions <i>Australia, Neil Trainor</i>
0950 – 1030	Session 4 - Translating international commitments into actionable and enforceable measures at national level	
	4.1 Contracting Governments – their responsibilities	Chair: Trond Ski
0950 – 1030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a legal basis for VTS that gives effect to SOLAS regulation V/12 	Presentations and open discussions <i>Australia, Neil Trainor</i>
1030 – 1100	Break	
1100 – 1700	4.1 Contracting Governments – their responsibilities (continue)	Chair: Neil Trainor
1100 – 1230	<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: <i>Netherlands, Maarten Berrevoets</i> <i>Japan, Mayumi Arita</i>
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: <i>Australia, Neil Trainor</i> <i>UK, Keeta Rowlands</i> <i>Finland, Matti Latvalahti</i> <i>Sweden, Monica Sundklev</i>
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: <i>Australia, Neil Trainor</i> <i>UK, Keeta Rowlands</i> <i>Finland, Toni Sobott</i> <i>Netherlands, Maarten Berrevoets</i>



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0900 – 0915	Summary of Day 2	Chair: Monica Sundklev
0915 - 1230	4.2 Competent Authorities - their responsibilities (cont.)	Chair: Richard Aase
0915 - 1030	4.2.3 Ensuring VTS providers have appropriate equipment, systems and facilities in place to interact with vessel traffic and respond to developing situations within a VTS area <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: <i>Norway, Richard Aase</i> <i>Korea, Song-I Song</i> <i>Australia, Neil Trainor</i>
1030 – 1100	Break	
1100 – 1230	4.2.4 Compliance and enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <i>Sweden, Monica Sundklev</i> <i>UK, Keeta Rowlands</i> <i>Australia, Neil Trainor</i> <i>Norway, Jeanette Assev-Lindin</i>
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: <i>Australia, Kerrie Abercrombie</i> <i>Belgium, Stefaan Priem</i> <i>Italy, Elisa Giangrosso</i> <i>Spain, Juan Carlos Salinas & Raquel Rojo</i>
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: <i>Australia, Kerrie Abercrombie</i> <i>Spain, Juan Carlos & Raquel Rojo</i> <i>Norway, Malin Dreijer</i> <i>Netherlands, Maarten Berrevoets</i>



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: Remi Hoeve
0915 – 1030	Views from a VTS provider’s perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VTS provider’s experiences in fulfilling their responsibilities and their interaction with the Competent Authority VTS provider’s challenges 	Presentations and open discussions: <i>Netherlands, Milou Aerts</i> <i>Finland, Sari Talja</i> <i>Japan, Mayumi Arita</i>
1030 – 1100	Break	
1100 – 1230	Session 5 – Other elements to consider	Chair: Trond Ski
1100 – 1230	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When Competent Authority and VTS provider are the same entity Two or more Governments have a common interest in establishing VTS in a particular area VTS beyond the Territorial Sea 	Presentations and open discussions: <i>Italy, Barbara Magro</i> <i>UK, Keeta Rowlands</i> <i>Denmark, Niels Mygind</i> <i>Belgium, Stefaan Priem</i> <i>Italy, Michele Landi</i> <i>Australia, Neil Trainor</i>
1230 – 1330	Lunch	
1330 – 1415	Session 5 - Other elements to consider (cont.)	Chair: Trond Ski
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyber security considerations 	<i>Netherlands, Martijn Ebben</i> <i>Norway, Richard Aase</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrating conformance with IMSAS (IMO Member State Audit Scheme) 	<i>Norway, Jeanette Assev-Lindin</i> <i>Finland, Matti Latvalahti/Toni Sobott</i>
1415 – 1815	Tour to the Vatican Museums	
Evening event 2000 – 2200	Workshop Gala Dinner Venue: Roma Eventi Congress Center Dress code: Business attire	

DAY 5 – Friday 24 January 2025

Time	Activity	
0830 - 0910	Steering Committee meeting with session chairs and rapporteurs	Workshop chairs, rapporteurs and host
0915 – 0930	Summary of Day 4	Chair: Monica Sundklev
	Session 6 – Open discussion	Chair: Piero Pellizzari
0930 – 1000	Outcomes, feedback and comments from the sessions	All workshop session chairs
1000 – 1030	Break	
	Session 7 – 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 – 1200	Closing the workshop	IALA Secretary-General, Francis Zachariae / Representative of the Italian Government and the Italian Coast Guard, Admiral Nicola Carlone
1200 – 1300	Lunch	

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