

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Association's Europe and Africa Regional Committee held on 17 January 2025 from 09:00 BST via videoconference

## 1 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy, which had been circulated with the meeting agenda, was drawn to the attention of all present.

## 2 Welcome and attendance

**MN** welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded, with the latest meeting attendance now as follows:

Name	Company	This							
Cinthya Lopes (CL)- Chair	Simwave	Attended							
Rolf Røssland (RR)- Vice	NUI	Attended							
Andrew Laing (AL)	Unique	Attended							
Jannie Scholtz (JS)	Marine Mackay	Apologies							
Ekkehard Stade (ES)	Global Maritime	Attended							
Giampaolo Bonalumi (GB)	Saipem	Attended							
Erik Bergh (EB)	Deep Ocean	Attended							
Luke Dicks (LD)	Boskalis	Apologies							
Rolf de Vries (RV)	Bluestream Offshore BV	Apologies							
Lindi Brogneri (LB)	Logiit	Attended							
Darren Shannon (DS)	Oceaneering International	Apologies							
Norman Skillen (NS)	Jan De Nul	Attended							

Legend:

☒ Attended
 ☒ Part-Time
 ☐ S Substitute
 ☐ Apologies
 ☐ Absent
 ☐ N/A

Also present or joining via videoconference were:

David Bloom (DB)	IMCA,
Mary Ntamark (MN)	IMCA,
Giulia Luerti (GL)	IMCA,
Winnie Dehaney (WD)	IMCA,
Luisa Corricelli (LC)	IMCA

## 3 Minutes of the previous meeting

### 3.1 Approval of the minutes

The minutes were agreed and were duly signed as an accurate record by the Chair.

### 3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not covered by existing agenda items. All previous actions have now been met.

## 4 Election results

There were 23 nominations and 12 people were elected to the committee. **MN** welcomed and congratulated the new members.

## 5 Welcome and Apologies

**MN**, **GL** and **DB** welcomed the new committee members and introduced themselves. All the committee members in turn introduced themselves.

## 6 Objectives review and Leadership

**MN** outlined the Terms of Reference for Europe and Africa committee. These include working in compliance with the competition compliance policy, using skills and expertise from the committee to develop a workplan for EA, keep a braise with current developments in this region, keeping the profile of this committee raise and high working with regulators and local organisations.

**DB** mentioned that recently the team went to IMCA team building event to plant 1500 trees and learned how to set SMART objectives. He mentioned that one of the objectives of the committee could be to be working with EU regulators as that is something IMCA is taking forward in 2025 (advocacy). **CL** agreed and mentioned that objective number 6 is one of the most important such that IMCA is helping members in this region that are facing challenges.

**DB** mentioned that normally the committee is elected and then the Chair and Vice-Chair are selected by the committee but that in this case he suggested to keep Cintya as Chair and Rolf as vice chair up until after the first in person meeting and then decide after that. There were no objections. **ES** mentioned that in another group that he is part of they don't elect a Chair but only a Vice Chair that take over the chair place after a period of time. **MN** will take it into consideration.

## 7 Date and Potential Agenda of Next Regional

The committee discussed the location and timing of the next in person regional. Events like the Africa Energies Summit in London in May and OMC Med Energy in Ravenna were talked about as possible events to align the Europe regional with. The event in London is quite expensive so members might not attend it. For the African regional it might be aligned with the AOW Energy in Ghana in September. **RR** suggested putting together a list of events for 2025 on the Offshore industry that members would go to. **AL** suggested that there is Ocean Business in Southampton in April as well.

In terms of agenda **MN** outlined the previous regional meeting agenda from Aberdeen and asked the committee to think about possible speakers and topics. For the next regional in Africa, Ghana in September with a collab from someone local seems the option to choose. **RR** and **AL** mentioned that the price for AOW is very expensive so a lot of companies might not attend it. Some potential topics are: Net Zero shipping industry, Diving technologies, IMO emission reporting. **EB** suggested CSRD reporting and ETS is an important topic and that if we bring in an expert it could be very useful. **DB** also suggested ROV as a topic. **ES** suggested that John from the Nautical institute in London could be a good speaker to give an update on latest competence. **WD** also mentioned All energy event in Glasgow.

## 8 AOB

## 9 Summary of action items

Action	Responsible	Target
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Fill in the excel sheet for Events in Offshore industry and topics	All members	23 <sup>rd</sup> /01/2025
Liase with MPRA lead to check for CSRD and ETS topic	MN	13 <sup>th</sup> /02/2025
Draft Agenda	MN/GL	13 <sup>th</sup> /02/2025

## 10 Date and location of next meetings

13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 11:00am BST

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Signed as a true record

Name

Date




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