



# **Republic Of Lebanon**

**Ministry of Public Works & Transport**

**Directorate General of Land & Maritime Transport**

**Integrated Maritime Policy**

**in LEBANON**

**Approach & Progress**

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# **Integrated Maritime Policy in LEBANON**

## **Presentation Outline**

- ✓ Mandate of the Directorate General of Land & Maritime Transport
- ✓ Objectives of the Integrated Maritime Policy
- ✓ Establishment of the National Committee for IMP

# Maritime Transport – DGLMT Mandate

*DGLMT is responsible for setting, implementing and monitoring all policies related to land & maritime transport, its Maritime Transport Duties Include:*

- ✓ *Preparing plans and studies for implementing the policy, including developing and upgrading the infrastructure of Commercial, Tourist & Fishing Ports*
- ✓ *Improving port logistic services*
- ✓ *Encouraging private sector participation and investment in the sector*
- ✓ *Training and Certification of seafarers & registration of vessels*
- ✓ *Licensing of operators & companies involved in maritime transport*
- ✓ *Enforcing Safety & Security measures in ports and on Lebanese flagged vessels*
- ✓ *Protecting the marine environment and ascertaining environment-friendly practices in ships and ports operations*
- ✓ *Managing maritime public properties and waterfront development*
- ✓ *Supervising & following up on the search-and-rescue missions for stranded & distressed vessels*
- ✓ *Investigating vessel accidents taking place in Lebanese territorial waters, and accidents happening to Lebanese vessels anywhere in the world*
- ✓ *Making bilateral and multilateral agreements that can facilitate maritime transport*

# Objectives of the Integrated Maritime Policy

*General Objective: Promote the multiple social, economic and environmental targets:*

- ✓ *Ensure Efficiency and Cost Effectiveness of marine and maritime activities*
- ✓ *Establish Self Sustainable Maritime Transport System*
- ✓ *Protect marine Environment*
- ✓ *Ensure Safety and Security*
- ✓ *Enhance the Role of the Maritime Transport Sector in the National Economy*
- ✓ *Open the Competition of the Market*
- ✓ *Enhance participation of the Private Sector*
- ✓ *Develop Geographically Balanced Maritime Transport System*
- ✓ *Integrate with Regional and International Policies*

# Decision for Establishing a National Committee for Integrated Maritime Policy

*A Decision was prepared for establishing a National Committee for Integrated Maritime Policy. The Decision shall be endorsed by H.E. the Prime Minister.*

*The Decision is composed of Six Sections:*

- ❖ *Section I:* Establishment of National Committee for Integrated Maritime Policy
- ❖ *Section II:* Objectives of the National Committee for Integrated Maritime Policy
- ❖ *Section III:* Tasks & Activities of the Committee
- ❖ *Section IV:* Organization of the Committee
- ❖ *Section V:* Financing of the Committee
- ❖ *Section VI:* General & Final Provisions

# SECTION I - Establishment of National Committee for Integrated Maritime Policy

## ❖ *The National Committee for IMP consists of:*

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| ✓ <i>Minister of Public Works &amp; transport</i>               |                      |
| <i>Chairman</i>   |                      |
| ✓ <i>D.G. of Land &amp; Maritime Transport</i>                  | <i>Vice Chairman</i> |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of Environment</i>                                | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of Agriculture</i>                                | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of General Health</i>                             | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of Economy &amp; Trade</i>                        | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of Energy &amp; Water</i>                         | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of Interior &amp; Municipalities</i>              | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of National Defense</i>                           | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of Culture</i>                                    | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of Tourism</i>                                    | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of Telecommunication</i>                          | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Ministry of Finance - Customs</i>                          | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>National Council of Scientific Research</i>                | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>Balamand University – Environment Institute</i>            | <i>Member</i>        |
| ✓ <i>American University of Beirut – Environment Department</i> | <i>Member</i>        |

# SECTION I - Establishment of National Committee for Integrated Maritime Policy

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## ❖ *Submission of Recommendations & Proposals*

- ✓ The **Committee shall submit periodic recommendations and proposals** on topics and issues addressed in this Decision to the Prime Minister for discussion in the Council of Ministers who shall take appropriate decisions and direct the Ministries and Departments concerned accordingly.
- ✓ The **Committee shall promote coordination between all line Ministries, other public administrations and stakeholders** in the private sector for the implementation and follow-up of decisions taken, and shall provide the Prime Minister with periodic report on:
  - the progress made in the implementation of decisions and any obstacles to its implementation, and
  - any new proposal in light of the actual progress made or obstacles encountered.

## SECTION II - Objectives of the National Committee for Integrated Maritime Policy

### ❖ *General Objectives:*

- ✓ **Establish an effective climate for dialogue, cooperation and coordination** between all parties involved in maritime affairs, both from the public and private sectors, in order to achieve integration in the work of these parties.
- ✓ **Develop of an integrated maritime policy** aimed at enhancing maritime activities and maintaining natural and archeological wealth and the benefits from them, whilst avoiding harm to the marine environment.
- ✓ **Develop the legal and regulatory frameworks, administrative and operational management** of maritime affairs in order to better achieve policy objectives.
- ✓ **Improve the capacity needed to secure the requirements of maritime safety and security.**
- ✓ **Strengthen and build up skills** in the public and private sectors to better manage the marine and maritime affairs.



## SECTION II - Objectives of the National Committee for Integrated Maritime Policy

### ❖ *Specific Objectives:*

- ✓ **Provide a national forum for the management of maritime affairs** across all sectors.
- ✓ **Lay the foundation for cooperation and coordination among stakeholders** in the public and private sectors to contribute to optimizing the ability of all sectors to benefit from maritime resources, on the one hand, while, on the other hand, ensuring sustainability of the resources and activities.
- ✓ **Propose appropriate mechanisms** to achieve the principles of the Integrated Maritime Policy.
- ✓ **Lay the foundation for ensuring the preservation of the marine environment** as well as **ensuring safety and security factors**.
- ✓ **Make recommendations** to the government for future investments to develop the marine resources and ensure its sustainability.
- ✓ **Increase awareness** among all stakeholders of the benefits from achieving the targets of the integrated maritime policy.

## SECTION III – Tasks & Activities of the Committee

### ❖ *Administrative & Technical Activities:*

- ✓ **Ensure coordination and cooperation** between the various stakeholders in the public and private sectors to achieve the principles of integrated maritime policy as one coherent package.
- ✓ **Review the mandate** of the relevant public administrations and authorities which have responsibilities over the maritime sector.
- ✓ **Collect and distribute information** on the existing regulations and legislation in all fields of maritime affairs and on the implementation actions taken by the various public authorities.
- ✓ **Prepare a draft Integrated Maritime Policy** and submit it to the Prime Minister for submission to the Council of Ministers to take appropriate decisions thereon.
- ✓ **Determine the principles and methods of cooperation and coordination** between the concerned authorities to implement the Integrated Maritime Policy.
- ✓ **Prepare programs and projects** to be implemented to achieve the objectives and principles of Integrated Maritime Policy.
- ✓ **Follow up the implementation** of the principles of Integrated Maritime Policy and develop them as required.

## SECTION III – Tasks & Activities of the Committee

### ❖ *Legal Tasks & Activities:*

- ✓ **Study as necessary the draft texts** of memoranda, circulars, resolutions, decrees and laws prepared by the relevant public authorities in order to apply the principles of integrated maritime policy and make recommendations for consideration by the concerned public authorities prior to its adoption.
- ✓ **Identify the tasks and mandate** of each of the stakeholders and their role in the application of the principles of Integrated Maritime Policy.
- ✓ **Revise existing regulations and legislation** in line with the objectives and principles of the Integrated Maritime Policy.
- ✓ **Ensure the application of the provisions and requirements** of relevant international agreements and conventions.

## SECTION III – Tasks & Activities of the Committee

### ❖ *Development Tasks & Activities:*

- ✓ **Define the programs and projects** aimed at the development of marine resources and the development of methods of conducting maritime activities in ways to ensure the preservation of the marine environment.
- ✓ **Establish effective systems** to monitor all marine works in a way to ensure the safety of the marine environment and the conservation of marine resources.
- ✓ **Carry out studies, define programs and projects** aimed at improving the management of coastal zone and adjacent zones.

## SECTION III – Tasks & Activities of the Committee

### ❖ *Training Tasks & Activities:*

- ✓ **Organize training programs** to publicize the importance of marine resources and the need to preserve the marine environment in order to ensure its sustainability.
- ✓ **Organize seminars and workshops** for decision-makers at all levels to introduce them to the importance of achieving the objectives of the Integrated Maritime Policy and the implementation of associated programs and projects.
- ✓ **Organize short visits and outreach programs** for the exchange of information and knowledge, in the public and private sectors, in particular to highlight cutting-edge methods of management of the various maritime activities.

## SECTION IV – Organization of the Committee

### ❖ *Executive Secretariat:*

- ✓ The Executive Secretariat consists of the **Secretary-General** of the Committee and **three members** of the Committee, as selected during the first meeting of the Committee.
- ✓ The Executive Secretariat shall **prepare the documents and agendas for meetings**, make other preparations for committee meetings as required and follow up the implementation of its decisions and recommendations. It will also organize training activities, seminars, workshops and awareness programs in order to achieve the objectives of the Committee.
- ✓ The **Secretary General** of the Committee shall act as a **liaison officer of Lebanon** with other countries and third parties, particularly the European Union and its implementing administrations and agencies.
- ✓ The **Chairman** of the Committee shall **identify the tasks of the Executive Secretariat** and take appropriate actions to support and facilitate the work of the Committee.

## SECTION IV – Organization of the Committee

### ❖ *Reports:*

- ✓ The **Committee shall report periodically** on its work, at least every four months, **to the Council of Ministers**. Such reports shall include the results of the Committee's work, its recommendations and proposals and describe any obstacles and challenges facing the execution of its work.

## SECTION IV – Organization of the Committee

### ❖ *Formation of Sub-Committees and Technical Working Groups:*

- ✓ The Committee shall **constitute Sub-Committees and/or Technical Working Groups** to study specific activities or issues related to one or more of the sectors involved in maritime affairs.
- ✓ The **Committee shall determine the membership, functions and tasks** of the Sub-Committees and Technical Working Groups. Membership shall be drawn from the public and private sectors in accordance with the technical expertise required by the work of each Sub-Committee or Working Group.



## SECTION IV – Organization of the Committee

### ❖ *Work Procedures of Sub-Committees and Technical Working Groups:*

- ✓ **The Sub-Committees and Technical Working Groups, according to their respective competences, shall perform the following tasks:**
  - Data Collection
  - Identifying and reviewing the existing relevant laws and regulations
  - Reviewing the mandate of each ministry and department concerned
  - Studying existing sectoral policies of the ministries concerned
  - Submitting appropriate proposals on its task
  - Preparing and submitting to the Committee reports on the progress of its work and on the findings
- ✓ **Meetings of Sub-Committees and Technical Working Groups shall be at the invitation of its Chair, at a place where he deems appropriate. Participating members in meetings of Sub-Committees and Technical Working Groups shall be proposed by the Committee.**

## **SECTION V – Financing of the Committee**

### **❖ *Financial and Technical Resources:***

- ✓ The financial and technical resources necessary for the Committee, its Executive Secretariat and its Sub-Committees and Technical Working Groups will be derived from the following sources:
  - Government financial contributions
  - Financial and technical assistance from national, regional and international bodies
  - Private sector contributions

## SECTION VI – General & Final Provisions

### ❖ *Avoiding Redundant Work & Effort:*

- ✓ The Committee at the beginning of its work shall **conduct a study of the status of existing committees and bodies related to its work** and submit a proposal to the Council of Ministers to adopt appropriate relations and measures for each of them so as to avoid duplication, to consolidate efforts and to increase effectiveness and efficiency.

### ❖ *Committee Meetings:*

- ✓ The Committee shall hold **regular meetings at least once every two months** or at the invitation of the Chairman or the Prime Minister.



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