

NATIONAL EXPERT SECONDED TO EMSA

PROJECT OFFICER FOR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

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The European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002¹ provides the legal basis for the establishment of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

The goal of the Agency is to provide technical and scientific assistance to the European Commission and Member States on matters relating to the proper implementation of European Union legislation on maritime safety and pollution by ships. To do this, one of EMSA's tasks is to improve cooperation between Member States in all key areas. This includes undertaking a range of actions aimed at improving safety on tankers and passengers ships, as well as bulk carriers, container ships and fishing vessels.

In addition to its initial safety and pollution related work, in April 2004, EMSA was also given additional tasks by the European Council and the European Parliament related to oil pollution response, ship security and training of seafarers.

EMSA invites you to send your application for a Seconded National Expert as Project Officer for Accident Investigation. This position will be attached to Unit B.2, 'Ship Safety', 'Accident Investigation Section'.

More information about the Agency and its structure and activities can be found on our website: <http://www.emsa.europa.eu>

Conditions of Employment:

This vacancy notice concerns a National Expert position. Rules applicable to National Experts seconded to EMSA can be found on the following link: <http://www.emsa.europa.eu/end179d006d003.html>

Please read carefully these rules before applying.

The initial duration of the secondment is one year with possibility for extension.

The place of employment is Lisbon, Portugal.

¹ OJ L 208, 5.8.2002, p.1, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1644/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 10) and Regulation (EC) No 724/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 (OJ L 129, 29.4.2004, p. 1).

Functions and Duties:

Reporting to the Head of Unit, the Project Officer for Accident Investigation will be responsible for:

- Collecting, comparing and evaluating information on how Member States deal with accident investigation;
- Assisting the Commission and Member States in the implementation of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council, establishing the fundamental principles governing the investigation of accidents in maritime transport;
- Analysing marine casualties and investigation reports and advising on best practices;
- Assisting in the conduct of any other activity EMSA may be tasked with in the field of accident investigation.

Main skills and qualifications:

- University degree or equivalent qualification or professional experience;
- At least five years of experience as a marine accident investigator having worked on safety focussed investigations in an accident investigation body, acquired after the award of the required qualification. When no university degree or equivalent qualification has been acquired, nine years of experience is required, of which five must be as a marine accident investigator;
- Thorough knowledge of legislation and instruments on marine casualties (including SOLAS and the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council, establishing the fundamental principles governing the investigation of accidents in maritime transport);
- Very good level of written and spoken English;
- Experience in training and familiarity with casualty analysis will be considered as an asset.

Submission of applications:

Each application shall contain the following documents:

a) A detailed curriculum vitae in European format (that can be obtained at the following address

<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/vernav/Europasss+Documents/Europass+CV/navigate.action>

or downloaded from our site).

b) A duly completed and signed declaration of honour (which can be as well downloaded from our site).

The Permanent Representation must send your application to EMSA, to the following email address, before the deadline: Lucy.Urbanski@EMSA.europa.eu

EMSA will only take into account applications received before the deadline which is **20th of April 2011 at 17 hours (Lisbon time)**. Please liaise with your Permanent Representation to ensure that your application reaches it well on time.