Three training sessions were organised during the period April-June 2011. The training session “Core skills for accident investigators” (11-15 April) was attended by 12 investigators involved in marine safety investigations, focusing on Directive 2009/18/EC. 12 participants from EU Member States also attended the training session on the “ISM Code and the auditing techniques”. A third training session, on “liability and compensation for maritime claims” (18-19 May), was well-received by the participants, with good feedback given about participation by lecturers from the IOPC Fund, the ITF and some Member States.

A regional training on “EU maritime legislation” was held in Rome at the premises of the Ministry of Transport from 15-17 June. 71 participants from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, the Ministry of Environment and the Italian Coast Guard attended the event.

On 29 June, the annual meeting of the Consultative Network on Technical Assistance (CNTA) was held. This was the sixth meeting since the network was established in 2006. An outline of the 2012 training programme was discussed, to be finalised in October 2011. In addition the representatives of the Member States at the CNTA:

- invited EMSA to increase the number of the yearly regional sessions, within the limit of available resources and budgetary constraints;
- supported the EMSA’s proposal of developing and publishing on the Agency’s website a “training catalogue” with the content and objectives of all trainings offered by EMSA. This would be a useful tool for maritime administrations to identify the training sessions that best fit their needs.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2011. Four training sessions will be held during the period July - September 2011.

1. Training on Maritime Labour Convention – Lisbon, Portugal (5-7 July 2011)
2. Training on Ballast Water Management (Sampling) – Lisbon, Portugal (21-22 September)
3. Training on ISPS Code (15 participants for MSs in alphabetical order from Austria to Italy) - Lisbon, Portugal (26-30 September 2011)
4. Training on Flag State Implementation– Lisbon, Portugal (27-28 September 2011)

The first session, “Maritime Labour Convention”, aims to provide technical assistance to Member States and EEA countries concerning the ratification phase of the Convention. The second session, on the “Ballast Water Management Convention”, focuses on the sampling process. The third training session, on “Flag State Implementation” will deal with the oversight responsibilities and tasks of flag States. A fourth training session, on the ISPS Code, aims to provide participants with a combined knowledge on the main elements of ISPS, together with auditing procedures and develop a practical approach to the Code.

REPORT ON PREVIOUS TRAINING FROM APRIL-JUNE 2011 FOR CANDIDATE/POTENTIAL CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

One training activity took place for candidate and potential candidate (IPA) countries during the period April-June 2011.

- Training on Marine Equipment Directive for the benefit of the Turkish administration – Istanbul, Turkey (12-13 April 2011)

On 12-13 April, a training session was held in Istanbul for the benefit of the Under-Secretariat of Maritime Affairs of Turkey. The subject of the session, attended by 40 officials from Turkey’s maritime administration, was the Directive 96/98/EC on Marine Equipment.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2011

A training session on the ISPS Code, which aims to provide participants with overall knowledge of the main elements of ISPS and auditing procedures, and to develop a practical approach to the interpretation and application of the ISPS Code (all ship-related aspects of the code) will be organised. Representatives from Albania, Croatia, Montenegro and Turkey are invited to attend.

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