SECOND QUARTER TRAINING ACTIVITIES - EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND AND NORWAY

Four training sessions were held in the March-June period. The first session, "Best practices on PSC and Ro-Pax directives" addressing policy staff, focused on the content of the current PSC Directive and the relationship between the New Inspections Regime and the additional Ro-Pax inspections established under Directive 99/35/EC. In addition, 15 participants from Member States and EEA countries (from Austria to Italy) were invited to attend a training session on "ISPS Code – Ship security". The training covered the main elements of the ISPS code and auditing procedures, providing participants with a practical approach to the interpretation and application of the ISPS Code. A training session on the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 was attended by 24 participants from Member States’ maritime administrations. It focused on national provisions for the implementation of the convention and EU activities in this field. Presentations were given by Haakon Storhaug, on Norway’s experience of implementing the convention and relevant EU legislation, and by the UK’s Julie Carlton who presented the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance as prepared by her maritime administration. A regional training session on "EU maritime legislation" was organised in Helsinki in cooperation with the Finnish Maritime administration. Thirty-nine participants including representatives of EFTA’s surveillance authority and the Netherlands’ maritime administration attended the event.

Third training session was held in the June-September period. The first one will be training on Flag State issues (Quality and Monitoring ROs). It will focus particularly on quality management systems, internal evaluation and on the monitoring of recognised organisations. EMSA’s training sector has also planned:
- an Illegal discharges & MARPOL investigation course, organised in cooperation with INTERPOL, informing participants about both international and European legislation and outlining the various tools available for conducting a MARPOL investigation;
- fifteen participants from Member States and EEA countries (from Latvia to UK) will be invited to attend a training session on "ISPS Code – Ship security".

1. Training on Flag State issues (Quality and Monitoring ROs) (4-5 September)
2. Illegal discharges and MARPOL Investigation (18-20 September)
3. ISPS Code (24-28 September)

SECOND QUARTER TRAINING ACTIVITIES - CANDIDATE AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATE (IPA) COUNTRIES

Four training sessions were held for IPA countries during the March-June period. Two in-the-country sessions were organised in Zagreb for the Croatian maritime administration. The first, attended by 28 participants, focused on “Environmental issues” and the second on “LRIT and SafeSeaNet” which was attended by 15 participants. Additionally, two training sessions open to all candidate and potential candidate countries were organised in Lisbon on:
- "EU maritime legislation": the training provided participants with a general overview on the European Institutions and European maritime safety legislation. It was attended by nine participants from IPA countries which were the main recipients of this session and by one representative from Sweden and one from the Netherlands;
- "PSC and Ro-Pax directives": this session covered the basic principles of the two directives and the connection between them. The session was attended by ten participants from Albania, Croatia and Turkey.

SECOND QUARTER ACTIVITIES – CANDIDATE AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

Three training sessions will be held for IPA countries during the June-September period. The first one will be a training session on "working and living conditions of seafarers". It will focus particularly on the need and role of national provisions and will give participants examples of national legislation on each Title of the Convention (MLC). In addition, a training session focusing on "Environmental issues” has been organised in cooperation with the Turkish maritime administration and will be given in Ankara on the 17-18 July. A training session on the "Third maritime package” has been organised in cooperation with the maritime authority of Montenegro and will be delivered in Podgorica on 25-26 July.

1. Lisbon: "Training on working and living conditions of seafarers" (10-11 July)
2. Turkey: "Environmental issues" (17-18 July)
3. Montenegro: "Third maritime package" (25-26 July)

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