2015 THIRD QUARTER ACTIVITIES – EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND AND NORWAY

The activities held between July and September included four events: two ISPS Code training courses, one EU maritime legislation course and a PSC seminar.

Training on ISPS Code, Lisbon 7–10 July
Training on EU maritime legislation, Lisbon 8–11 September
Training on ISPS Code, Lisbon 22–25 September
38th PSC seminar, Lisbon 28 September–1 October

The two four-day training courses on the ISPS Code were attended by 30 participants (the July session by 15 people from 11 member states and Iceland, and the September session by 15 people from 10 member states and Norway). The training provided the attendees with an understanding of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, as well as relevant EU legislation. The trainers focused on increasing participants’ knowledge of the main elements of ISPS and auditing procedures in order to develop a practical approach to the interpretation and application of the ISPS Code, both for ship and port facility-related aspects. Presentations, videos, workshops, group discussions, and individual assessments were all used as part of the course. Participants’ feedback showed great satisfaction with the training.

The training and cooperation team managed to organise an extra training course on EU maritime legislation for 2015 in addition to those initially planned. The training session was held on 8–11 September and much interest was shown by member states requesting additional places. The course was attended by 34 participants from 23 countries who were introduced to the wider spectrum of basic EU maritime legislation. Through a number of practical exercises including multiple choice tests and case studies, the participants extended their understanding of the applicable legislation.

The 38th PSC EMSA Paris MoU seminar took place on 28 September–1 October. It was attended by 32 participants from the member states and Norway, and five representatives of other parties to the Paris MoU on PSC. The participants took part in a number of exercises, which will help to achieve a harmonised approach and consistent application of the Paris MoU procedures in all ports within the memorandum.

EMSA plans to renew the training activities for enlargement countries and is currently negotiating a grant contract with the European Commission under the IPA II programme. Beneficiaries of the project will be enlargement countries, including Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey. The grant is expected to last for 30 months and will include activities such as training sessions, in-country training, workshops, seminars and meetings on specific subjects related to maritime safety, security and prevention of the pollution of the marine environment from shipping.
The project is designed to:

- support enlargement countries in drafting and adopting national legislation aligned with European maritime legislation
- strengthening the capacity of national administrations to enforce and implement standards aligned with those of the EU
- promoting best practices in the field of maritime transport outside the EU
- ensuring the efficiency and sustainability of the measures intended to enhance maritime safety, security and improve the protection of the marine environment, and to keep these as priorities within the administrations.

The first event to be organised under the project will be a kick-off meeting with the directors of the maritime administrations or the relevant departments in the ministries of transport and the focal points for EMSA of the beneficiary countries.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the new agreement and to discuss the specific needs of the beneficiaries and the activities to be implemented under it.

2015 FOURTH QUARTER ACTIVITIES – EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND AND NORWAY

Six activities are envisaged to be organised and held between October and December 2015 for the EU Member States, Norway and Iceland.

- Training on EU maritime legislation, 8—11 September
- Regional training on EU maritime leg., Norrköping 21–23 October
- Training on Flag State Implementation, Lisbon 4–5 November
- Training on Liability & Compensation, Lisbon 11–12 November
- 39th PSC seminar, Lisbon 16–19 November

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