EMSA HOSTS STUDY VISIT FROM ALBANIAN MARITIME AUTHORITIES
On 21-22 January 2020 EMSA hosted a study visit for four officials from the Albanian Interdepartmental Maritime Organisations and Coastal Control (IMOC), accompanied by two team consultants from the EU-funded Pameca V project. IMOC was set up in May 2020 as a national centre of maritime information and surveillance. It will be attended by the Maritime Agency in Tirana and the Albanian Border Police. The visit also included a trip to the Agency's Maritime Support Base and the Agency's Maritime and Surveillance Services and the Maritime Support Services. The session gave the IMOC responsibilities and interests at sea, ranging from border domain, bringing together national authorities with various tasks and responsibilities. The session concluded with a video of the Maritime Support Services and a demonstration of the new Sat-AIS service.

EMSA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MAJA MARKOVIČ KOSTELAC, HAVE ASKED THE NEW THERIS-MED TASK FORCE TO HELP IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
EMSA’s Executive Director, Maja Markoč Kostelac, have asked the new THERIS-Med task force to help improve the Agency’s environmental management system and to support the Agency on implementing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

IMPROVING SATELLITE-AIS COVERAGE
EMSA has recently signed a contract with a new Satellite-AIS data provider following an open call for tenders. The new SAT-AIS provider, NordicUnmanned/SES, is working with a new second-generation Satellite-AIS (S-AIS) system, providing the ability to time-share the positions of data from the transmission to its availability and thus reduce the number of positions and the number of unique ship positions identified. EMSA expects that its users will benefit from improved quality in SAT-AIS data services whenever possible. The new satellite data stream provides the capability for a more accurate worldwide tracking of ships due to more frequent position reports, it also offers additional benefits for the new satellite data stream. The new data set provides the capability for a more accurate worldwide tracking of ships due to more frequent position reports. It also offers additional benefits over the current set up, such as improved data quality and availability in areas of low satellite coverage, as well as additional benefits including improved data quality and availability in areas of low satellite coverage.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PREPARATION
The 14-hour skills training course for accident investigators took place at EMSA on 20-24 January. This course is geared towards those who conduct, or participate in, marine safety investigations as per Directive 2009/18/EC and introduces the participants to the basic elements in the process of conducting a marine casualty safety investigation as per Directive 2009/18/EC and introduces the participants to the basic elements in the process of conducting a marine casualty safety investigation. This course is geared towards those who conduct, or participate in, marine safety investigations as per Directive 2009/18/EC and introduces the participants to the basic elements in the process of conducting a marine casualty safety investigation as per Directive 2009/18/EC and introduces the participants to the basic elements in the process of conducting a marine casualty safety investigation as per Directive 2009/18/EC and introduces the participants to the basic elements in the process of conducting a marine casualty safety investigation.

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RPAS SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS BEING USED TO ENHANCE FISHERIES CONTROL
EMSA has been cooperating closely with the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) to support enhanced fisheries control by providing additional surveillance capacity. EMSA used a remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS) for fisheries control by providing additional surveillance capacity. It has been provided with the RPAS service, which is a beneficial approach for EFCA's chartered offshore patrol vessel (COPV) and the new Sat-AIS service. EFCA offers complementary support to EMSA, which has been recently signed a contract with a new Satellite-AIS data provider following an open call for tenders. The new SAT-AIS provider, NordicUnmanned/SES, is working with a new second-generation Satellite-AIS (S-AIS) system. The RPAS service provides the capability for a more accurate worldwide tracking of ships due to more frequent position reports, improved data quality and availability in areas of low satellite coverage, and is cost-effective by making EMAs procurers as generous as possible. The RPAS service offers improved quality in SAT-AIS data services whenever possible. The new satellite data stream provides the capability for a more accurate worldwide tracking of ships due to more frequent position reports. It also offers additional benefits over the current set up, such as improved data quality and availability in areas of low satellite coverage.

VIEW OF THE MARITIME AUTHORITIES OFFICE IN ALBANIA: OFFICERS FROM ALBANIAN MARITIME AUTHORITIES (ALBA) FOCUS ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR MARITIME AUTHORITIES OFFICIALS
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ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE
EMSA TO BETTER ITS OWN ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE
EMSA laid down a policy and a set of principles to enhance the Agency’s own environmental performance. In 2020, EMSA will apply this environmental policy Agency-wide, across all activities. The move follows an environmental review conducted by the Agency in 2019, which triggered the preparation and development of an environmental management system. Since this system is fully in place, EMSA is planning to regularise under the EMS system’s management and audit scheme (EMAS). The new environmental policy is setting its sights on minimising carbon dioxide emissions and improving the Agency’s environmental performance. The move follows an environmental review conducted by the Agency in 2019, which triggered the preparation and development of an environmental management system. Since this system is fully in place, EMSA is planning to regularise under the EMS system’s management and audit scheme (EMAS).

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