

## **WORKSHOP CONCLUSIONS**

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1. All the experts present from the EU Member States, the acceding and candidate countries took note of the conclusions of the traffic monitoring workshop held in Brussels on 27 and 28 January 2005. This workshop is a follow-up to the Vessel Traffic Monitoring Workshop. The participants may get access to the documents of that workshop as follows:
  - Go to the EMSA-website using the URL <http://www.emsa.eu.int/>
  - On top of the main page click on "Ship reporting".
  - On the bottom of the "AIS".
  - Choose the option "Open"
  - Select the wanted link to the document.
2. The EU Member States, the acceding and the candidate countries' experts belonging to the region of East Mediterranean consider necessary to closely monitor and follow up the study on the Real Time Data Exchange Information System (RTDEIS) that EMSA launched by providing support on collection of data, existing infrastructure, participate at the expert's review etc.
3. The development of the Real Time Data Exchange Information System is purely a transnational activity and may be funded by using relevant E.U. funds (e.g the Interreg IV programme). The experience of the North Sea Interreg. III B, Northern Periphery Interreg. III B, North-West Europe Interreg. III B and Baltic Sea Neighbourhood Interreg. III B programmes may be used.
4. The cost for the development of the Real Time Data Exchange Information System is expected to be relatively low. However there is a lot of coordination work needed between the countries concerned and support from EMSA in this field will be required.
5. The general view of the participants is that it might be opportune to incorporate in the Mediterranean RTDEIS, the traffic monitoring information systems of other third countries with a coastline on the Mediterranean. The work that will be carried out in the framework of the SAFEMED project should be taken into consideration.
6. The division of Mediterranean to East and West has been defined in the framework of the SSN project. This division does not prejudice the same grouping of the Member States for the purposes of the RTDEIS. The participants agreed on having a full Mediterranean traffic image related to the above mentioned issue.
7. The experts that participated in this meeting for three Member States, the acceding and the candidate countries were of the opinion that there is a need for setting up an Experts Working Group (EWG) that will further work on the traffic monitoring issue (following the example of the Baltic and North Sea countries). One expert from a Member State considered that this EWG should be set up after the completion of the EMSA study on the RTDEIS. It may be helpful that the discussions on traffic monitoring issues are conducted in the framework of an

existing institutional body / entity; though this is not a prerequisite. The work of the EWG has to be compatible and complementary with the results of the EMSA RTDEIS study.

8. The EU Member States and the acceding countries will send to EMSA the coordinates of their Administrations and their representatives who should be the contact points for the RTDEIS programme (by 15/12/2005) and that will participate in the EWG. The candidate countries may also send the above mentioned information on a voluntary base.
9. The representatives of the acceding and candidate countries expressed their wish to participate in the future process of developing traffic monitoring network within the regional framework, including observing status in the EWG.