

11th Meeting of the EuroMed Maritime Working Group

Brussels, 20 April 2016

Conclusions

The group:

- Welcomes the progress in the implementation of the RTAP 2014-2020 and expresses the continued need to support this implementation, through projects for technical assistance and notably SAFEMED III implemented by EMSA;
- Reaffirms the need to build on the work done through bilateral and regional initiatives to pursue the implementation of the actions related to maritime in the RTAP 2014-2020, as well as the need of coordination and cooperation in support of the implementation of the existing and envisaged maritime transport agreements between the EU and Mediterranean Partners;
- Coordination and cooperation should also be ensured with the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from ships (2016-2021) and the Mediterranean network of law enforcement officials relating to MARPOL (MENELAS);
- Notes the results achieved by the SAFEMED III project implemented by EMSA in cooperation with the beneficiary countries, welcomes the proposed approach to the SAFEMED III follow-up project and recommends the continuation of activities implemented in the framework of SAFEMED III;
- Stresses the importance of maritime security as common priority and encourages the sharing of information;
- Confirms the necessity to pursue the development of Motorways of the Sea as Multimodal integrated services and connected links between the TMN-T and TEN-T;
- Takes note of the updates on the Blue Economy and the related UfM Ministerial Declaration of November 2015. The Blue Economy takes a holistic approach to economic, environmental and societal development in the Mediterranean and coordination shall be ensured with the UfM Working Group on the Blue Economy;
- Recommends holding a next meeting end 2016 or early 2017 notably to prepare the progress report on the implementation of the maritime component of the RTAP 2014-2020. The agenda of this next meeting will also include a point about the efficiency and transparency of ports.