

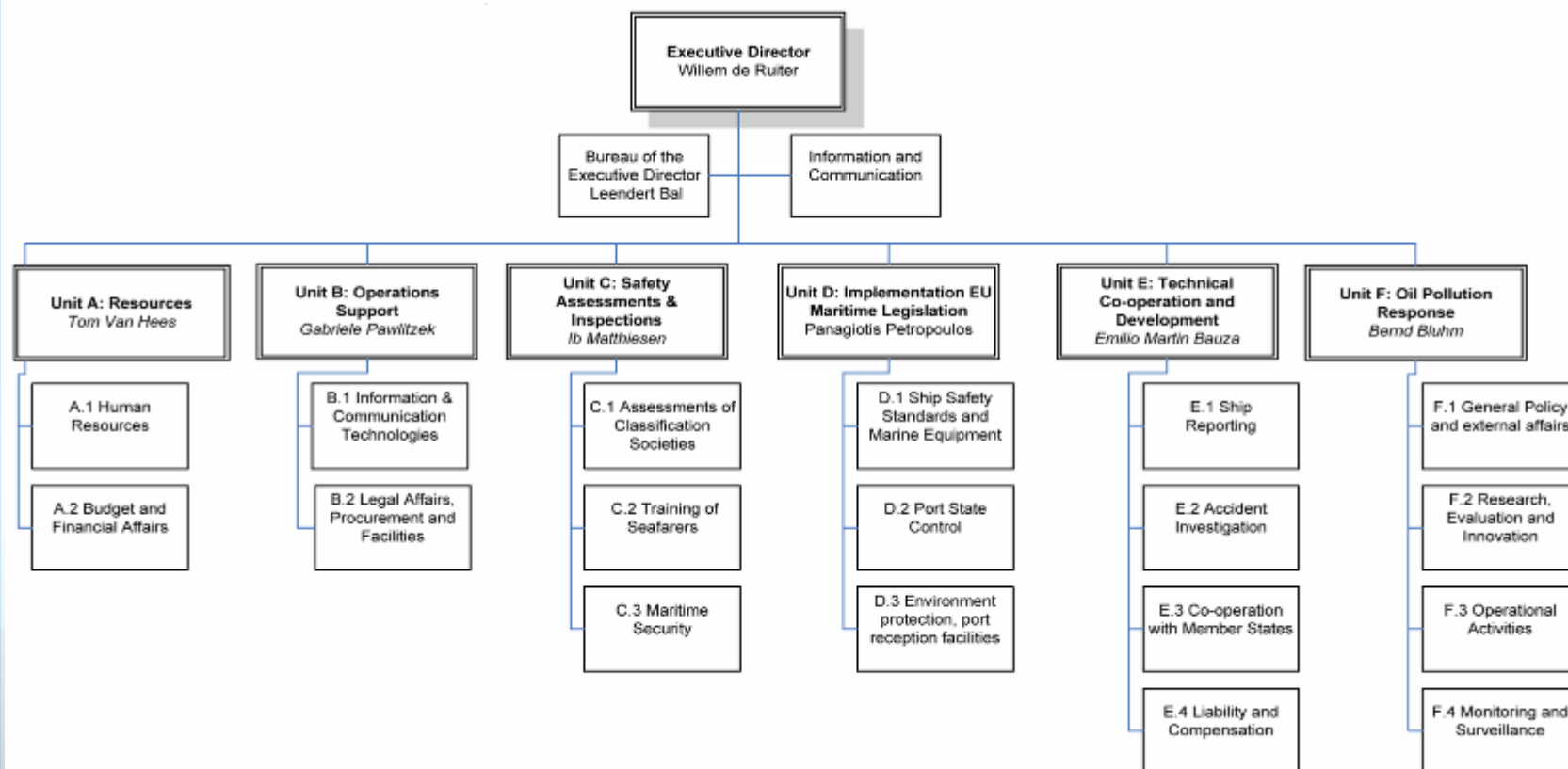
## **“EMSA’s role in pollution response”**

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F.1 General Policy  
and external affairs

F.2 Research,  
Evaluation and  
Innovation

F.3 Operational  
Activities

F.4 Monitoring and  
Surveillance

## EMSA's tasks in field of Pollution Response

Background:

- Post-Prestige
- Legal basis: Regulation 724/2004 (April, 2004)

EMSA to:

- Provide '**technical and scientific assistance** in the field of ship-sourced pollution' and
- '**support, on request, with additional means in a cost efficient way** the pollution response mechanisms of Member States'

# Action Plan: Overall Strategy

## 3 Themes:

### **1) Operational assistance**

- Experts in pollution response
- Network of European Stand-by Oil Recovery Vessels
- Providing satellite monitoring and surveillance services

### **2) Co-operation and Co-ordination**

- Regional Agreements in the field of pollution response
- Consultative Technical Group

### **3) Information**

- Decision Support Tools
- Address HNS pollution
- R&D
- EMSA Web pages

## Major Activities in 2007

- 1) Operational phase-in of the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of oil pollution response vessels
- 2) Tendering of the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of oil pollution response vessels
- 3) Establishing & operational set-up of a satellite monitoring & information service
- 4) Facilitating the dissemination of knowledge among Member States (tools, website, publications, etc.)
- 5) Framework document for EMSA HNS role