EMSA ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING HELD BY EMSA ON 16 JUNE

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EMSA presents maritime services catalogue to users

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STUDIES AND WORKSHOPS ON ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR THE MARITIME SECTOR

To support the shift towards cleaner energy sources in the maritime industry, EMSA has been conducting a series of studies and workshops on alternative sources of energy. The aim of these studies is to explore the potential of various technologies, such as solar, wind, and wave power, and to assess their feasibility and impact on the maritime sector. The studies are based on a comprehensive analysis of existing data and the latest research findings in the field. The results of these studies will be used to inform EMSA's decision-making and to support the development of policies and strategies that promote the use of alternative energy sources in the maritime sector.

OSHA STANDARDS FOR MARITIME VESSELS - NEW FRAMEWORK CONTRACT

OSHA has awarded a new framework contract for maritime vessels to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) Undersea Research and Exploration Program (UREP). The contract covers the provision of marine life research services, including diving, demersal fish surveys, and marine life monitoring. The services will be provided to support NOAA's mission to understand and protect our oceans and coastal resources. The contract will run for five years and has a potential value of $25 million.

EMSA'S SECOND ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR TAKES PLACE VIRTUALLY

The Agency's second Administrative Board meeting of the year took place virtually on 23 June. Board members heard a report on the Agency's activities and progress since the first meeting of the year. The meeting concluded with a voting session on the approval of annual reports and financial statements. The board also discussed potential future work and initiatives, with the view to lay the foundations for the full recovery of this vital sector. "Our report shows for the first time the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the maritime sector in the EU. Despite the challenges, we have seen a recovery in recent months," said Georg Kostelac, interim EMSA Director General.

EMSA PARTICIPATES IN PERS MINING CONFERENCE, COMBAT 2021

EASMA participated in the PERS MINING conference in Ravenna, Italy, from 24 to 26 June. The event brought together stakeholders from the maritime sector to discuss the latest developments in mining technology and innovations. EMSA's participation in the conference was an opportunity to showcase the Agency's work in the field of maritime safety and security. The conference provided a platform for EMSA to share its expertise and experiences with other stakeholders, including shipping companies, research institutions, and government agencies. The event was attended by over 200 participants from various countries, including Italy, Germany, and the United Kingdom. The conference was co-chaired by interim EMSA Director General Georg Kostelac and Professor Bernhard Vogel, Director of the Ocean University of China. The one-day event featured presentations from leading experts in the field, including industry leaders and academics. The presentations covered a wide range of topics, including the latest developments in ocean technology, marine bio-technologies, and remote sensing.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER COUNCIL LOCKS INTO THE 'NEW NORMAL' AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATES SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE

The Associate Member Council meeting took place on 23 June. The meeting was attended by representatives from five Associate Member states: Cyprus, Croatia, Slovenia, Poland, and Portugal. The council discussed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the maritime sector in the European Union, with a special focus on the situation in the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions. The representatives shared their experiences and perspectives on how the crisis has affected their maritime activities and what measures they have taken to adapt to the new normal. The meeting concluded with a broad exchange of ideas and best practices on how to overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic and promote sustainable development in the maritime sector.

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PROGRESS DURING 7TH MEETING OF THE MARITIME RESCUE AND ASSISTANCE SERVICE

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EMSA's RPAS Data Centre by multiple authorities in parallel. The range of authorities using the RPAS Data Centre is expanding. In June, the Agency received requests from the German government, the Italian coast guard, and the Spanish Ministry of Defence. The RPAS Data Centre is being used to support decision making in a safe and controlled environment. As with every year, EMSA delivered a training course aimed at operational training. The course covered the use of the RPAS Data Centre and the associated SAR (Search and Rescue) operations. The training course took place on 24 June at the Agency's premises in Malmo, Sweden. The training course was attended by 30 participants from different authorities, including the German government, the Italian coast guard, and the Spanish Ministry of Defence.

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