

## **Consultative Network for Technical Assistance (CNTA)**

### **Workshop conclusions Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

- i. The development of common trainings and technical assistance activities for all EU and EEA Member States is a key factor towards the improvement of maritime safety, security and pollution prevention and the promotion of best practices. The Consultative Network on Technical Assistance (CNTA) is a network of focal points from the Member States working primarily via e-mail with one meeting being convened each year. The experts from the Member States participating in this meeting came from all EU and EEA Member States with the exception of Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands, Slovakia and U.K. They expressed their general support for this new initiative of EMSA underlining the need for coordination on matters of technical assistance in the field of maritime safety, security and pollution prevention.<sup>1</sup>
- ii. The contact details of each CNTA focal point and their alternates will be published on the EMSA website together with the relevant information and documents of each technical assistance activity. All relevant information will be distributed via e-mail to the focal points, participants of the meeting and any other persons indicated by these focal points.
- iii. The CNTA focal points will forward to EMSA their input for next year's EMSA programme on technical assistance by 15/09/2006. EMSA will then consolidate its programme for 2007 in line with the funding available and the EMSA mandate and circulate it to the Member States.
- iv. The organisation of technical assistance activities at regional level should be coordinated with existing regional agreement (HELCOM, Bonn Agreement, REMPEC, etc.) in order to avoid the duplication of some activities. EMSA is invited to make contact with the relevant regional agreements to know which technical assistance activities are running or are planned; Member States will assist in approaching the regional agreement organisations and in establishing the list of the training institutions and available experts.
- v. Although the technical assistance activities for all Member States will start officially in 2007, some participants expressed their interest for a "Training for newcomers on EU legislation" to be delivered in November 2006. Member States who have an interest in this activity shall inform EMSA accordingly.
- vi. The experts representing the Member States took a first note of EMSA draft project "Promoting best practices among the European Vessel Traffic Services centres". The Member States will receive further information on this project and the administrations willing to host such an event will notify EMSA accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with point 2.3.2 of the EMSA Work Programme 2006

- vii. The focal points from the Member States agreed also to provide on a voluntary basis EMSA an updated version of the information contained in the EMSA project: "An overview of the 25 European Maritime Administrations".