

50TH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING LED BY NEW CHAIR ANDREAS NORDSETH

EMSA's 50th Administrative Board meeting was held on 15-16 March under the lead of the new chairman, Andreas Nordseth. The meeting gave members the opportunity to run through the single programming document covering 2019-2021, as well as to review the draft budget and staff establishment plan. Follow-up to the outcome of EMSA's external evaluation has now been formally approved in the form of an action plan. Also on the agenda were presentations updating the members on areas such as requests for capacity building from non-EU countries and from the Caribbean MoU for access to EMSA's ship inspection support tool Rulecheck, as well as on access to EMSA's Integrated Maritime Services via mobile applications.



DRAWING LESSONS FROM EMCIP DATA - GREATER SAFETY ON FISHING VESSELS

EMSA has developed a methodology to analyse data from the European Marine Casualty Information Platform (EMCIP), thereby enabling the detection of potential safety issues. The methodology has been designed as a data-driven tool supporting sound analysis with a view to turning data into information. To assess the methodology and its potential value, EMSA undertook a safety analysis of fishing vessels. The key safety issues that were highlighted include: training and skills of the crew members; the safety assessment and review carried out for the fishing operation; legislation; standards and their implementation on fishing vessels; the work methods used; maintenance; management factors; and, tools and hardware used in an emergency situation related with a fire and/or explosion. The outcome of the analysis can be used for further investigation on how to improve safety in the areas of concern. The analysis on fishing vessels, including a description of the methodology, is [available on the EMSA website](#).



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT

The European Commission's Director General for the Environment, Daniel Calleja, paid a visit to EMSA on 14 March. Mr Calleja met with senior management and was briefed on EMSA's activities in the environmental field (training, eLearning modules, development of best practices and guidance, studies, ESSF and IMO). Many of these activities support the enforcement of legal acts that come under the scope of DG ENV, including the Sulphur Directive and Ship Recycling Regulation as well as a series of tools (THETIS-EU, an air emissions calculator). Mr Calleja also had the opportunity to visit EMSA's Maritime Support Services centre where he observed in real time the support offered by EMSA



to member states in the areas of oil spill detection by satellite (CleanSeaNet) and Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, and pollution response thanks to a network of stand-by oil spill response vessels. Mr Calleja expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the positive cooperation and commended EMSA on the role it plays in protecting the marine environment.

EMSA PLAYS ACTIVE ROLE AT INTERSPILL 2018 IN LONDON

Europe's leading oil spill conference and exhibition, Interspill, took place in London on 13-15 March. The event got underway with welcome speeches from IMO Secretary General, Kitack Lim, and EMSA's Executive Director, Markku Mylly. EMSA's activities also included: manning an exhibition stand; delivering presentations on the CleanSeaNet satellite-based oil spill monitoring and vessel detection service, as well as on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems; and, chairing a conference session on strategic aspects of preparedness. In parallel, EMSA held a joint workshop for member state authorities together with the European Commission's DG ECHO on the topic of Risk Assessment and Response Planning in Europe.



INTERAGENCY COOPERATION BRINGS TOGETHER DIFFERENT AUTHORITIES FOR COMMON TRAINING

The first session of the joint EFCA-EMSA training on safety/fisheries control rules applicable to fishing vessels was held on 4-5 April at EFCA premises in Vigo, Spain. The training is part of a series of cooperation activities in the field of capacity building as foreseen by the common article added to the agencies founding regulations. Attendees came from both user communities, namely fisheries control and safety inspectors. Presentations were delivered on areas such as the EU and international regime on fishing safety standards, international and EU environmental legislation applicable to fishing vessels, and Standards for Training and Certification for Seafarers aboard fishing vessels. A second session is scheduled to be held at EMSA on 23-24 May 2018.

EMSA GIVES IMS TRAINING IN CROATIA WITH ATTENDEES FROM SLOVENIA AND MONTENEGRO

On 20-21 March, EMSA delivered a training course at the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure Ministry, in Zagreb, Croatia. The course covered EMSA's Integrated Maritime Services, the SafeSeaNet Ecosystem Graphical User Interface (SEG) and an overview of the Copernicus Maritime Surveillance Service. The event brought together 42 attendees representing different national authorities, including Vessel Traffic Services (VTS), Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres (MRCC), Harbourmaster offices, Coast Guard, Customs and Navy. Among the topics covered was the use of Automatic Behaviour Monitoring Tools and Copernicus services for maritime surveillance operations. The local hosts also demonstrated Croatian VTMS (CoastWatch), the CMIS reporting system, and, the free Nautical Information Service mobile application. The training comes in response to one of several requests from member states for locally held courses on EMSA's maritime information services.



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VACANCIES: MSS Officer with IT background (deadline: 20/4/2018)

PROCUREMENT: General communication and publication services (deadline: 14/5/2018); Provision of SATCOM services for RPAS (deadline: 21/5/2018); Long endurance and long range RPAS (deadline: 10/5/2018); Service contract for Equipment Assistance Service - Northern Baltic Sea (30/4/2018); see website for more.