

DEAL OVER EXTENDED REMIT FOR EMSA

A deal was struck between the European Parliament, Council and Commission on the revision of EMSA's founding regulation. The legal basis sees EMSA's remit divided into core and ancillary tasks. Core tasks include assistance to the Commission in preparing and updating legislation and working with member states to develop technical solutions for the implementation of relevant EU maritime law. Also now included in this category is assistance in the event of pollution from offshore oil and gas installations. Examples of ancillary tasks include assisting the Commission in the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting the use of GMES data. With the revision of the text, the Executive Director will be expected to report on the preparation of the multiannual strategy and the annual work programme to the Parliament and Council. All the latest changes need now to be formally approved by Parliament and Council.



Rapporteur Knut Fleckenstein presenting the compromise

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PAX PASSENGER SHIP SAFETY UNDER REVIEW



EMSA actively participated in a major conference on passenger ship safety held by Commission Vice President Siim Kallas on 24 April. A number of speakers and specialists made presentations and participated in three panel discussions on operational procedures, passenger ship stability and innovation in maritime safety. Mr Kallas stated that the findings of two recent EU funded studies (University of Strathclyde funded by EMSA and GOALDS funded through FP7) will be shared with the IMO to enhance existing rules internationally, rather than just on a regional basis. A public consultation on passenger ship safety is now underway until 5 July in preparation for the legislative proposals the Commission will present by the end of the year.

BALTIC STATES GET TRAINED UP IN SAFESEANET AND LRIT



Following a request from the Latvian Coast Guard, a training course on the latest versions of both SafeSeaNet and the EU LRIT CDC was organised for the Baltic Sea region. Users from Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland attended the course held in Riga's port authority offices on 27-29 March. Participants included MRCC/VTS operators, port authorities, PSC coordinators and officers, police and national staff using the two services.

NEPT - NEW ACRONYM, NEW ROLE

EMSA welcomed a delegation of human resource officers from the Norwegian maritime authority to its premises on 27 April. The delegation was interested in finding out more about EMSA's day-to-day tasks and about the latest



short-term placement opportunities. The National Expert in Professional Training programme, or NEPT for short, enables participants to receive on-the-job training in EMSA's core activities for a

fixed period of between three to five months. The two very first beneficiaries of this programme are Matti Eronen, from the Finnish Transport Agency, and Joe Coloe, from the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine.

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Documents: Handbook EMSA Vessels Network & Equipment, Safe Platform Study - development of vessel design requirements to enter & operate in dangerous atmospheres

Procurement: Purchase of tilt-up power sockets for conference centre tables, Software Maintenance Support Service for EU LRIT DC, LRIT-IDE, and LRIT-Ship DB systems, high resolution optical licenses and value adding services

Vacancies: Maritime Support Services Duty Officer with IT background, Maritime Support Services Assistant with IT background