

## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD: 1ST 2009 MEETING IN LISBON

On 12 March, the 23rd meeting of the [EMSA Administrative Board](#) took place, under the chairmanship of Jørgen Hammer Hansen (photo). The Board took



note of the progress report on the Agency's 5-year strategy: a final draft will be discussed at the November meeting. The Preliminary Work Programme and related budget and establishment plan for 2010 were adopted, and the Multi-Annual Staff Policy Plan for 2010-2012 approved. EMSA presented the state-of-play on the EU [LRIT Data Centre](#), and the new [STCW Information System](#), currently under construction, was also discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 June 2009.

## 1ST PORT STATE CONTROL VISIT TO AN EFTA STATE



EMSA delegation meets Norwegian Maritime Administration

A team of EMSA staff visited the [Norwegian Maritime Administration](#) between 16 and 19 March 2009 in order to inspect the Port State Control Regime in Norway. This was the first visit in the area of Port State Control to an EFTA State where EMSA provided assistance to the [EFTA Surveillance Authority](#). Previous visits by EMSA to EFTA states have focused on maritime security.

## THIRD PACKAGE ON MARITIME SAFETY ADOPTED

On 11 March, the European Parliament adopted its [3rd package on maritime safety](#). Eight regulations and directives will tighten safety requirements for ships flying an EU Member State flag or navigating in European waters.

## EU COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS: ENHANCING WORK OF EMSA, 'FULL POTENTIAL' OF SAFESEANET

On 30 March, the Council of the EU released two conclusions, the [first on the Commission's 'European maritime transport space without barriers'](#), the [second on the 'EU's maritime transport policy until 2018'](#). The documents make specific mention of enhancing the work of EMSA in providing assistance to Member States and the Commission, as well as the use of SafeSeaNet and LRIT to their full potential to, inter alia, simplify administrative procedures.

## VISIT FROM DG-MARE

On March 27, EMSA received a visit from the European Commission's [DG for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs](#) (DG-MARE, photo). In addition to specific discussions on marine policy and the Commission's communication on the Arctic Region, the event provided an opportunity for the Agency to brief visitors on EMSA's pollution response capabilities, maritime data collection and vessel tracking technology.



## LRIT DATA CENTRES OF THE WORLD, UNITE!



### The LRIT event attracted worldwide attendance

On 16-17 March, EMSA hosted a meeting enabling LRIT Data Centres to exchange views on mutual financial arrangements, co-managed with the [International Mobile Satellite Organization](#) (IMSO). 28 Data Centres attended, from a.o. Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Faroe Islands, Japan, Republic of Korea, Turkey, United States, IMSO, and EMSA. A draft Model Financial Contract for use between Data Centres was developed, and the meeting's results have been submitted as input to the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) meeting 86 in May.

## EMSA GOES LOCAL AT SEGUREX IN LISBON

From 18-21 March, EMSA attended a trade show in Lisbon aimed at the Portuguese public and emergency response professionals (photo). The next public events are: [Mediterranean Coast Guard Forum](#), Genoa (6-7 May); [Interspill](#), Marseille (12-14 May); [EU Maritime Day](#), Rome (18-20 May); the [World Fishing Exhibition](#), Vigo (16-19 September).



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