

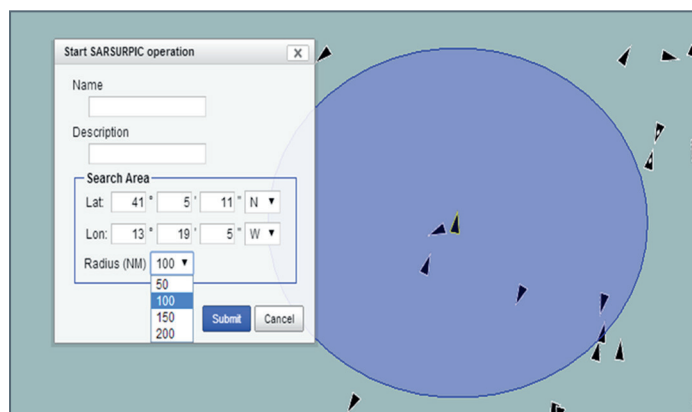
“INFORMATIVE AND FRUITFUL” DISCUSSIONS HELD AT EMSA ADMIN BOARD



Markku Mylly gives feedback on the meeting via a short internal video

“A lengthy and intensive one-day meeting with very informative and fruitful discussions” was how Markku Mylly, EMSA’s Executive Director, described the Administrative Board meeting on 26 March. Points on the agenda included: preparations for the 2015 work programme; the new European Neighbourhood Policy-related cooperation project for the Black Sea and Caspian Sea; and, the multi-annual staff policy plan for 2015-2017. Guidelines for authorising the use of EMSA contracted vessels by third parties were adopted, as was the agency’s new communication strategy for 2014-2020.

NEW FEATURES FOR INTEGRATED MARITIME SERVICES RELEASED



Immediate assistance for Search and Rescue operations is made easier when vessels can be located in the vicinity of an accident regardless of their reporting system

Following close on the heels of SAT-AIS data availability worldwide, EMSA has added three powerful new features to its **integrated maritime services** for end users:

- there is now the possibility of getting automatic alerts for ships entering or leaving specific user-defined areas;
- alerts can be given for vessels substantially deviating from a planned voyage, whether shifting speed, course, or both;
- information is available on ships located within a Search and Rescue area, irrespective of their reporting system (AIS, LRIT or VMS).

The integrated services will continue to grow and evolve over the course of the year with additional new features such as vessel behaviour algorithms tailored to users’ operational needs. This will make EMSA’s integrated maritime services (also known as IMDatE) one of the most versatile maritime interfaces available to EU Member States.

SAFEMED III PROJECT ENTERS SECOND QUARTER AFTER A PROMISING START



Training session for CleanSeaNet operators, 18-19 March

The first nine-month quarter of the 36-month-long **SAFEMED III project** to protect Mediterranean waters against the risk of accidents at sea and marine pollution is now over. Many events have

been held to promote the uniform implementation of the relevant international conventions and rules among nine countries from the Eastern and Southern Mediterranean region. Various workshops and seminars have been held, covering MARPOL annexes, ISPS Code, ship source pollution, MLC 2006, Flag State implementation and CleanSeaNet. As the project enters its second quarter, many more meetings will be held adapted to the specific needs of the various beneficiary countries.

SAFEGUARDING OIL POLLUTION RESPONSE IN THE AEGEAN SEA



The Aktea tanker has been recontracted by EMSA as an oil spill response vessel for the Aegean Sea, following a tender held in 2013. The vessel is now back in operation since 1 April. The vessel is based in Piraeus and provides a contracted

storage capacity of 3,000m³ which is distributed over ten cargo tanks. The oil spill response equipment assigned for this contract covers a full set of sweeping arms and booms, as well as a high capacity skimmer and oil slick detection system.

ON THE WEBSITE

Procurement: Data centre equipment and associated services (Deadline: 5/05/2014)

Publications: EMSA work programme 2014; Maritime surveillance in practice, EMSA 5-year strategy

Careers: Project Officer for Environmental Protection (Deadline: 11/03/2014); Software Engineer for Integrated Services to FRONTEX (2/05/2014); SNE Project Officer for Marine Accident Investigation (Deadline: 05/05/2014); SNE Maritime Support Services Duty Officer with IT background (Deadline: 05/05/2014); SNE Project Officer for Quality Management (Deadline: 05/05/2014)