INCREASED CYBERSECURITY ADVISED FOR EU AGENCIES ADVISED BY THOR

On 31 March, the Danish Maritime Authority and the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) attended the 21st CleanSeaNet User Group online meeting. This event is held annually and attended by representatives from EU member states, third countries and regional organisations for the purpose of sharing and learning from each other. The agenda included the SafeSeaNet (SSN) system, which is a key component of the CleanSeaNet project. The system is used for the reception and processing of Automatic Identification System (AIS) data, which is essential for maritime navigation and safety.

The meeting highlighted the importance of increased cybersecurity for EU agencies, as the CleanSeaNet system is a vital tool for maritime operations. THOR, a tool provided by EMSA, was discussed as a way to improve the security of this system. THOR is a tool that helps to identify potential threats to the system, allowing agencies to take proactive measures to protect their infrastructure.

The group also discussed the importance of training and awareness raising among EU agencies to ensure that they are prepared to handle potential cybersecurity threats. The group agreed to continue to work together to improve the security of the CleanSeaNet system and to share best practices among agencies.

A new version of the THOR tool is expected to be released later this year, which will further enhance its capabilities to identify potential threats to the CleanSeaNet system.

BLACK AND CASCAP SEAPROJECT TO CONTINUE WELL INTO 2022 AS EXTENSIONS GRANTED

The Black Sea and Carpathian Sea (B&CS) project is a EU-funded initiative that aims to improve the quality of marine environment in the Black and Carpathian seas. The project is being extended to continue well into 2022, allowing for further improvements to be made.

The project has focused on monitoring, mapping and modelling the marine environment in the B&CS region, and has contributed to the improvement of marine management and planning. The project has also provided data and information to stakeholders, helping them to make informed decisions.

The extensions granted will allow the project to continue its work on monitoring and modelling the marine environment, and to share data and information with stakeholders.

COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL EDRS TO IMPROVE MARITIME SECURITY

EMSA has been cooperating with the International Emergency Response Coordination Centre (IECC) to improve maritime security. The cooperation includes the sharing of information and services, as well as the development of joint projects and activities.

The cooperation is aimed at improving the safety and security of maritime operations, and reducing the impact of marine incidents on the environment. The cooperation is funded by the EU and is part of the EU's effort to improve maritime security in the region.

The cooperation is expected to continue in 2022, with further improvements to be made.

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