**CHILDREN’S COMPETITION EVOKES A SEA OF IDEAS WHEN ASKED THE QUESTION: HOW DO YOU SEE THE OCEAN IN 20 YEARS’ TIME?**

In celebration of the Agency’s 20th anniversary, EMSA hosted a special art competition for primary school children in the Lisbon area. This was the opportunity for young people – the future stewards of our oceans – to share their ideas about the future of the ocean and society.

Emily Radev, President of Bulgaria to the Agency as part of his State visit to Portugal.

On 13 April, EMSA was honored to welcome Mr Rumen Radev, President of Bulgaria, for a State visit to Portugal.

EMSA provided operational support to Bulgarian authorities following the Vera Su grounding in 2021.

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For any vessel with a measurement above 0.1%, for which no measurement is available, the sulphur content of marine fuel in these SECA should be no greater than 0.5%.

EMSA RROs are equipped with special gas sensors which can measure the amount of SOx and NOx emitted in the ship and, in doing so, indicate possible cases of non-compliance for follow-up port authorities.

**EMSA AND TRANSPORT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION HOLD SECOND MEETING ON PORT STATE CONTROL AND MULTIMODALITY**

This meeting is the continuation of its fruitful cooperation with the Transport Community Organisation which assists Western Balkan countries in adopting and implementing EU transport legislation and supports projects which connect regional partners with the EU. EMSA and the Transport Community Organisation cooperate in several activities of mutual interest, among which the one being highlighted here is the facilitation of the Pan-Association Assistance (RAA). This aims to foster the close cooperation between Transport Community countries and EMSA towards the facilitation of the implementation of the Port State Control Directive (2002/59/EC).

The meeting was held virtually, on 23 March 2023, for the second meeting of the Technical Committee on Multimodality, under the auspices of the Single Programming Document 2021-2023 as agreed on by the Agency.

The purpose of the report is to share how the integration of the transport markets of the Western Balkan parties into the EU transport market and thereby work together on achieving greater efficiency and added value services provided to Bulgaria, especially in terms of training, research, and added value services provided to Bulgaria, especially in terms of training, research, and advanced services.

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The THETIS system was launched to allow port state control authorities in the EU, as well as governments and unions in the Mediterranean, to report inspection data in one single window. THETIS also supports the European Commission’s objective of creating a Single Window for Maritime Port State Control (MSC-PSC), under the 2016 Directive (2016/802) and the recently adopted Directive (2020/1146). The target is to support the reporting of inspection results of ships entering the Port State Control regime and to allow the sharing of information between these authorities. The system framework is discussed in the Directive (2016/802) that lays down the maximum permitted sulphur content of marine fuels.

The primary objective is to support the enforcement of the WASTE (Waste Incineration Power Stations) Directive (2000/14/EC) and the ISM (International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea) Code (1974) within the framework of the WISE (Western Mediterranean Incineration Site) project. The project aims at the development of a process to support the enforcement of the WASTE (Waste Incineration Power Stations) Directive (2000/14/EC) and the ISM (International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea) Code (1974) within the framework of the WISE (Western Mediterranean Incineration Site) project. The project aims at the development of a process to monitor the sulphur content of marine fuel entering the SECA and to support the early detection of vessels non-compliant with the new measures.

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