

EMSA AND ITALIAN COAST GUARD CO-HOST ECGFF WORKSHOP ON MARITIME TRAFFIC MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE SERVICES

On 1 and 2 April, EMSA co-hosted, with the Italian Coast Guard, the European Coast Guard Functions Forum (ECGFF) Thematic Workshop on Maritime Traffic Monitoring and Surveillance Services for Multipurpose Activities. The event brings together representatives of Coast Guard functions from EU Member States, the European Commission, the European Fisheries Control Agency, Frontex, and the current Italian ECGFF Chairmanship. In her opening remarks, Ms Maja Markovčić Kostelac, EMSA's Executive Director, emphasised the alignment of the workshop with EU policy priorities: "For this year's workshop we have a focus on security, and in particular critical maritime infrastructure, as well as the tools and services to enhance European coast guard surveillance capacities." Together with Captain Giulio Piroddi of the Italian Coast Guard and Ms Fotini Ioannidou, Director Waterborne Transport, at the Directorate General Mobility and Transport at the European Commission (DG MOVE), she welcomed participants to two days of dialogue and knowledge-sharing.

EMSA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRESENTS EMTER REPORT TO THE TRAN COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

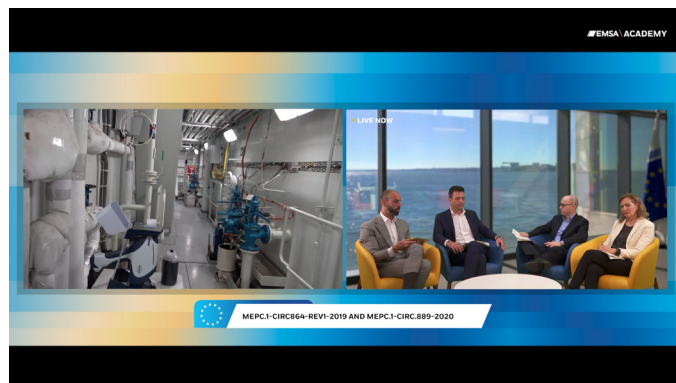
Our Executive Director Maja Markovčić Kostelac presented the European Maritime Transport Environmental Report to the Transport and Tourism Committee of the European Parliament. Together with the European Environment Agency, the co-authors of the report, Ms. Markovčić Kostelac briefed MEPs on the main findings of EMTER and answered a range of questions. This was the second such briefing given since the report's launch; in March Ms. Markovčić Kostelac joined the European Environment Agency to brief MEPs in the Environment Committee on the report's findings.



Our Executive Director presents the EMTER report to the TRAN committee at the European Parliament together with the EEA.

EMSA ACADEMY WEBINAR ON MED SECA ENTRY INTO FORCE NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW ONLINE

The EMSA Academy hosted a webinar on the upcoming entry into force of the Mediterranean Sulphur Emissions Control Area (Med SECA) on 1 May. The webinar covered the legislative framework and requirements of the Med SECA, as well as inspection procedures, compliance measures, and obligations for States. It is now available to view [on EMSA's YouTube channel \(external link\)](#).



The European Coast Guard Functions Forum workshop, held at EMSA, and co-hosted by EMSA and the Italian Coast Guard, gathered delegates from all over Europe.

MEETING WITH ACTING HEAD OF THE STATE SERVICE FOR MARITIME, INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING OF UKRAINE

Our Executive Director Maja Markovčić Kostelac met the newly appointed Acting Head of the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine, Mykola Kravchuk and his team via videolink. During the meeting, Ms Maja Markovčić Kostelac reiterated EMSA's longstanding commitment to, and continued support of, Ukraine in the areas of maritime safety, security and environmental protection and response. She underlined that EMSA was looking forward to further extended and close cooperation in the context of Ukraine's accession to the European Union. Mr Kravchuk also confirmed the commitment of the Ukrainian Maritime Administration to work to that end despite the challenging context of the war.



Remote EMSA meeting with the Acting Head of the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterways Transport, and Shipping of Ukraine

EMSA TRAINEESHIP VIRTUAL OPEN DAY: WEBINAR

For the first time, EMSA is holding a virtual Traineeship Open Day, a live webinar session produced by the EMSA Academy. The webinar is linked to the publication of the 2025-2026 traineeship scheme and is aimed at potential applicants. During the webinar, the traineeship scheme will be explained, and current EMSA trainees will give insights into their experience. The webinar will be broadcast live on YouTube on 14 May 2025 at 11:00 CEST. The applications for the traineeship scheme close on 26 May. [Find out more on EMSA's LinkedIn.](#)



EMSA's 2024-2025 trainees visit the chartered oil spill response vessel Bahia Tres as part of their introduction to our Agency and its tasks.

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VACANCIES: Seconded National Expert: Officer, Visits & Inspections (13/05/2025); Seconded National Expert: Officer, Ship Safety (13/05/2025); Traineeship Notice 2025-2026 (26/05/2025) See website for more.

PROCUREMENT: Framework Service Contract for testing EMSA dispersant stockpiles (19/05/2025), Provision of underwater services (27/05/2025), Sale of oil pollution response equipment (16/06/2025). See website for more.