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PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL VISITS EMSA

On 27 October, the President of Portugal, His Excellency António José Seguro, visited EMSA's Lisbon headquarters. His Excellency was welcomed by the Executive Director, Maja Markovčić Kostelac. During his visit, he held bilateral discussions with the Executive Director, before seeing EMSA's operational work in action in our European Maritime Awareness Centre. President Seguro then addressed EMSA's staff in our conference centre, underlining the work of the Agency and its connection to Portugal.







President Seguro met EMSA staff during his visit to the Agency's headquarters, as well as visiting the European Maritime Awareness Centre to learn more about EMSA's operational work.

IMS, SSN/LRIT, AND SRS USER AND WORKING GROUPS MEET AT EMSA

In the last week of October, EMSA hosted three key meetings, which brought together maritime experts from national administrations across the Member States. Experts gathered for the 20th SafeSeaNet/LRIT Group meeting, the 27th Integrated Maritime Services User Group meeting, and the 10th meeting of the Working Group on the Facilitation of Ship to Shore Reporting, in an intensive and busy week of discussion and feedback. Through these meetings, delegates exchange information, operational experience and lessons learned, perform regular assessments of the service, and identify areas for improvement.





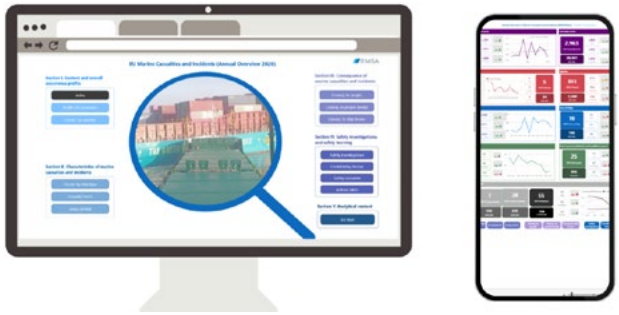


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ANNUAL OVERVIEW OF MARINE CASUALTIES AND INCIDENTS 2026 PUBLISHED

The Annual Overview of Marine Casualties and Incidents 2026 is now available on EMSA's website. The Overview is a high-level analysis of marine casualties and incidents reported by the Safety Investigation Authorities of the 27 EU Member States, Iceland, and Norway and recorded in the European Marine Casualties Information Platform (EMCIP). This year, the statistics are also presented in an interactive dashboard which accompanies the report. The report and the dashboard can be accessed here.



This year the Overview is presented together with an interactive dashboard

EMSA HOSTS THE 20TH MEETING OF THE CTG MPPR

Marine pollution response experts from EU and EEA coastal states and the European Commission gathered at EMSA headquarters and online for the 20th meeting of the Consultative Technical Group for Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response (CTG MPPR). The group reviewed relevant national and EU-level operational, technical and R&D developments, shared lessons learnt from recent incidents and discussed the CTG MPPR work programme. A dedicated workshop on Risk Assessment also formed part of the meeting.



Delegates attending the CTC MPPR meeting at EMSA

UNDERWATER RADIATED NOISE WORKSHOP AT EMSA

On 10 and 11 October, EMSA held a workshop on Underwater Radiated Noise for shipping, which gathered over a hundred experts from the EU and beyond. The two-day workshop was delivered in an interactive format, with presentations from policymakers, scientists, national authorities, and international organisations. Participants discussed a wide range of use cases on URN from shipping in a structured interactive format throughout the workshop.



Over a hundred participants attended the URN workshop held at EMSA in October

NEW VESSEL IN EMSA'S FLEET OF CHARTERED OIL SPILL RESPONSE VESSELS

Following the conclusion of a procurement procedure, a new vessel has entered into service in EMSA's fleet of chartered oil spill response vessels. The Panama 100, based in the Canary Islands, Spain, is an oil/chemical tanker with a storage capacity of 7009 m3, sweeping arms, booms, a high-capacity skimmer, an oil spill detection system and a dispersant application system. The pollution response equipment and dispersant stockpile is located in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.



The Panama 100 in the waters around the Canery Islands

WORKSHOP ON OVERSIGHT OF EU RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS AT EMSA

In October, EMSA hosted a two-day Workshop on the Oversight of EU Recognised Organisations. The first day brought together representatives from the European Commission, Member States, and EMSA. On the second day, the Recognised Organisations, IACS, and IQARB also joined. The workshop aimed to facilitate the exchange of experiences and best practices among Member States and EMSA regarding the oversight of Recognised Organisations, promote a consistent and effective implementation of the relevant framework, and explore opportunities to further enhance oversight practices and cooperation.





The two-day workshop brought delegates from all over the EU and beyond to EMSA's headquarters to exchange experiences and best practices on the oversight of ROs.

MMO 2026 IN LA MANCHE AND THE SOUTHERN NORTH SEA CONCLUDES WITH REVIEW IN BRUSSELS

On 16 October, EMSA joined national authorities and EU Agencies to review the EMSA- coordinated 2026 Multipurpose Maritime Operation (MMO) in La Manche and the Southern North Sea. The MMO MSNS 2026 Review and Outlook Event was hosted by the Directorate-General Shipping of the Belgian Federal Public Service Mobility and Transport, in close cooperation with EMSA, and brought together representatives of the participating authorities, the European Commission, EFCA and Frontex. Running from 11 May to 11 September 2026, this was the third consecutive MMO in the region coordinated by EMSA, in close cooperation with EFCA and Frontex, and the first in this region for the Netherlands and Frontex.



At the Review and Outlook Event for the 2026 Multipurpose Maritime Operation, held in Brussels.

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VACANCIES: Senior Specialist - Horizontal Digital Services (23/11/2026); Officer - Decarbonisation of Shipping (26/11/2026)

PROCUREMENT: Provision of brokering services in training (16/11/2026), Furniture Supply (16/11/2026); Provision of brokering services in training (16/11/2026); Sale of Assets, Oil pollution response equipment (19/11/2026); Nuclear technologies for ships (07/12/2026) See website for more.