

NATIONAL EXPERTS IN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING NOTICE

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The European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002¹ provides the legal basis for the establishment of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

The goal of the Agency is to provide technical and scientific assistance to the European Commission and Member States on matters relating to the proper implementation of European Union legislation on maritime safety and pollution by ships. To do this, one of EMSA's tasks is to improve cooperation between Member States in all key areas. This includes undertaking a range of actions aimed at improving safety on tankers and passenger ships, as well as bulk carriers, container ships and fishing vessels.

In addition to its initial safety and pollution related work, in April 2004, EMSA was also given additional tasks by the European Council and the European Parliament related to oil pollution response, ship security and training of seafarers.

Detailed information related to the activities and structure of the European Maritime Safety Agency can be found by visiting the EMSA website at <http://www.emsa.europa.eu>

The European Maritime Safety Agency offers a National Experts on Professional Training (NEPTs hereinafter) programme for a period of at least 3 months and at most 5 months. More information regarding the definition of a NEPT, as well as general provisions can be found in Article 23 of the **Decision of the Administrative Board of 20 November 2009 laying down the rules on secondment to EMSA of National Experts and National experts in Professional Training**. This Decision also contains other relevant information regarding the NEPT programme. From the publication of this call, EMSA envisages to select five NEPTs. The starting date of the professional training is **1 or 16 March 2012 and will finish on 31 July 2012 or 15 August 2012**.

The purpose of the professional training programme is:

- to provide NEPTs with experience of EMSA's working methods with regard to Marine Pollution Response, Vessel Traffic Information Systems and EU Maritime Safety Legislation;

¹ OJ L 208, 5.8.2002, p.1, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1644/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2003 (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 10) and Regulation (EC) No 724/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 (OJ L 129, 29.4.2004, p. 1).

- to enable them to gain practical experience and understanding of the day-to-day work of EMSA and to give them the opportunity to work in a multicultural environment;
- to enable staff from the National Administrations to put into practice the knowledge they acquired in their studies, particularly in their respective areas of responsibility.

Please note that NEPTs shall continue to be paid by their employer without any financial compensation from EMSA.

Interested candidates should apply as follows:

- The application form must be sent by the candidate to the Permanent Representation or, as the case may be, the EFTA Secretariat, administrations of non-member countries or IGOs by the deadline of **11 January 2012**;
- Applications shall then be forwarded by the Permanent Representations or, as the case may be, the EFTA Secretariat, administrations of non-member countries or IGOs to: Mail_Recruitment@EMSA.europa.eu by the deadline, which is **11 January 2012** at 17.00 hours.

In order to facilitate the selection process, candidates are kindly invited to provide their documentation in English.

The closing date for applications for the professional traineeship programme is **11 January 2012** at 17:00 hours (Lisbon time).