

# **EMSA**

## **European Maritime Safety Agency**



# **The maritime sector and the EU**

## **The Size and Weight of the European Union Maritime sector:**

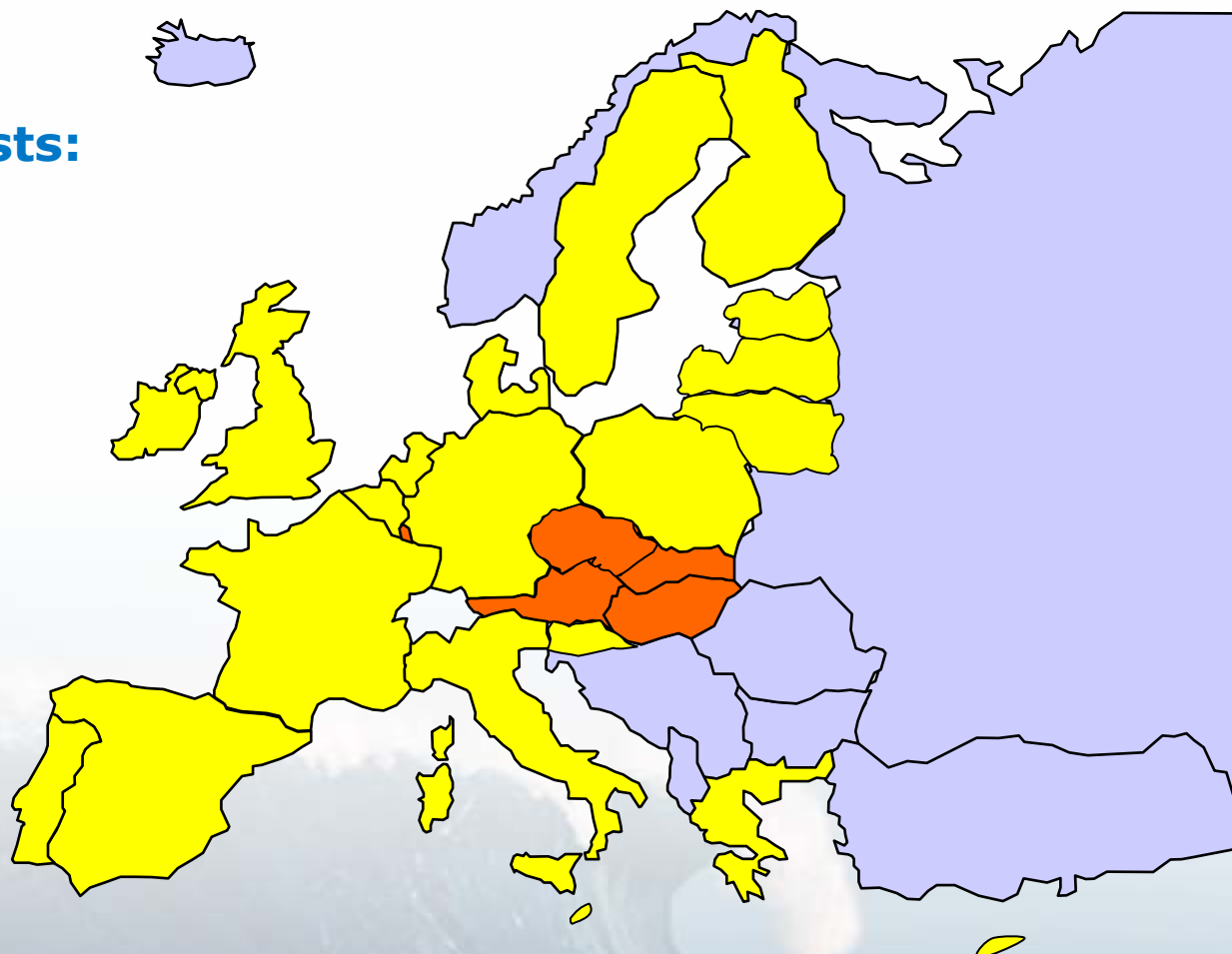
- **25 Member States, all with a maritime interest, all members of IMO**
- **About one third of global shipping has an EU port as origin or destination**
- **23 % of the world tonnage is registered in and flying the flag of an EU Member State**
- **31 % of the world tonnage is controlled by EU interests**

## Introduction - The Maritime Sector and the EU

**EU States with coasts:**

**All EU MS, except:**

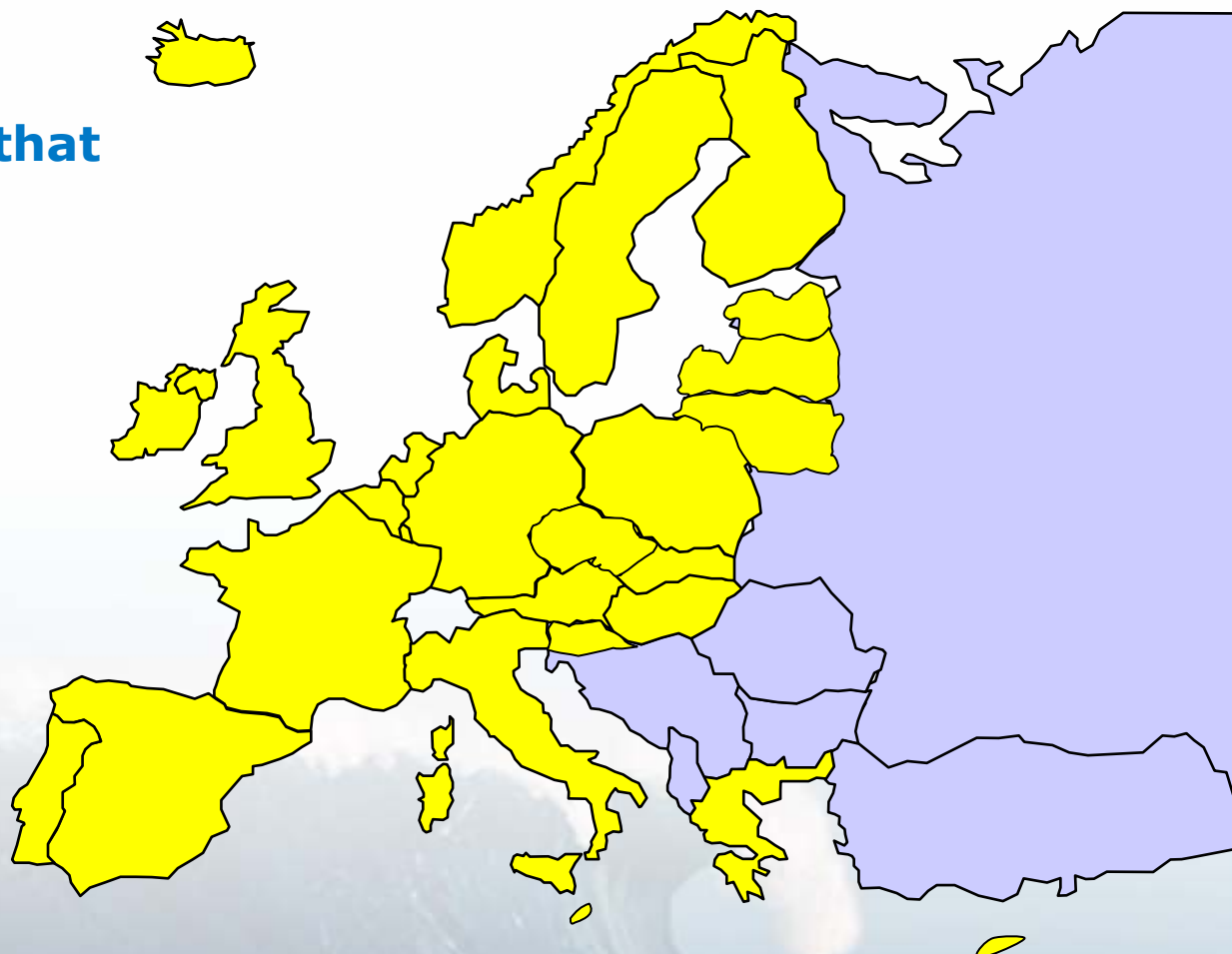
- **Austria**
- **Czech Republic**
- **Hungary**
- **Luxembourg**
- **Slovakia**



## Introduction - The Maritime Sector and the EU

**EU and EEA States that  
rely on maritime  
transport:**

**All EU and EEA MS**



## **Introduction - Legal Basis**

**The European Maritime Safety Agency was established by:**

- **Part of the “ERIKA II package”**
- **Regulation (EC) 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27th June 2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency**
- **Accelerated set up following the Prestige incident**

# **Introduction - Tasks**

**The Agency carries out a number of technical tasks for:**

- **Improving Maritime Safety**
- **Prevention of pollution at sea**
- **Response to pollution by ships**
- **Ensuring Maritime Security (ship-related aspects)**

## **Introduction - Objectives**

**Within the fields of maritime safety, pollution prevention from ships and ship security, EMSA has the following main operational objectives:**

- **To ensure the proper implementation of EU maritime legislation**
- **To foster technical cooperation and development and disseminate best practice**
- **To provide technical advice to the Commission and MS**
- **To provide operational capabilities, in particular to top up Member State's capabilities for oil pollution response**

## **Administrative Board**

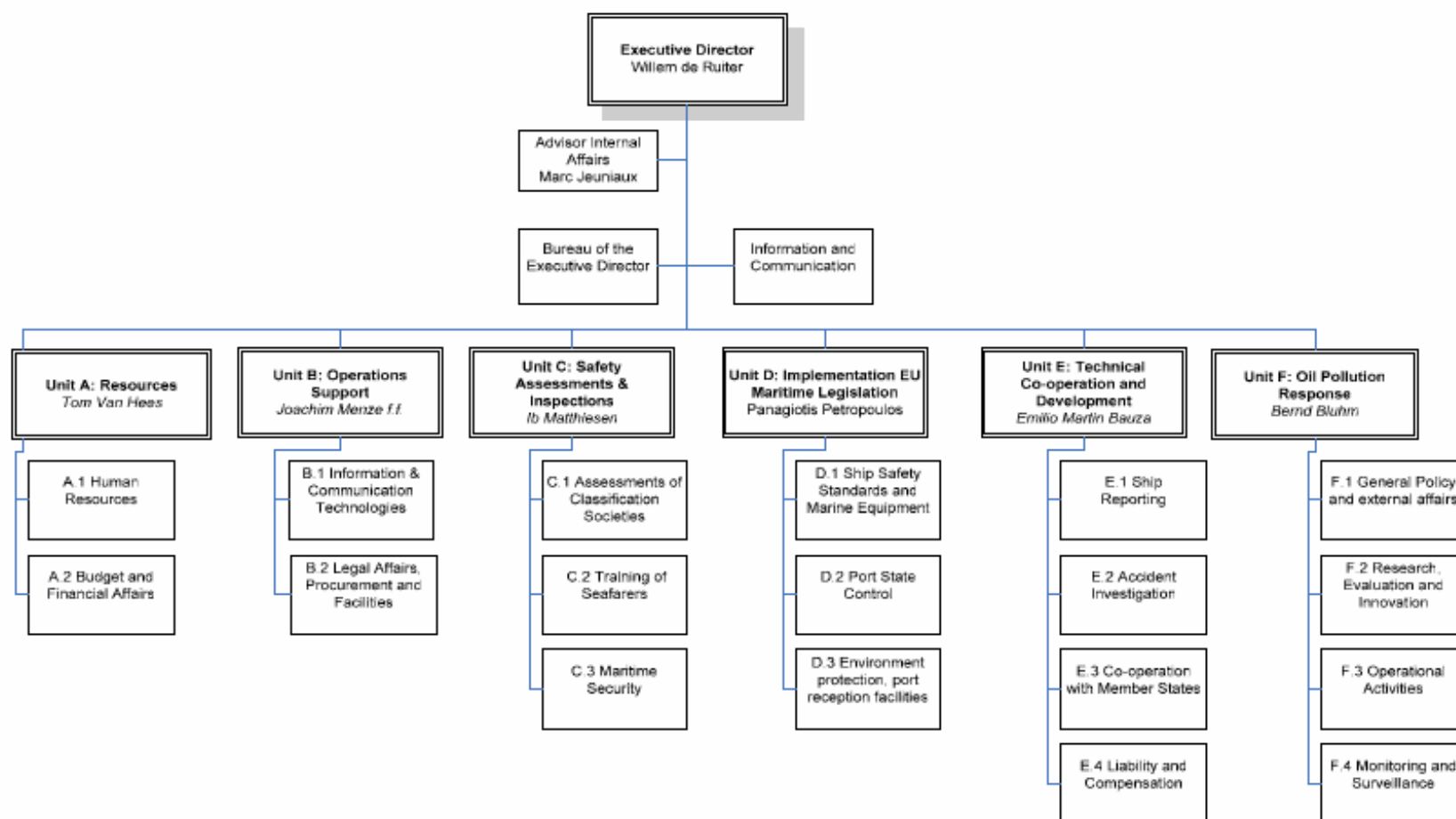
**The Board first met on 4th December 2002, and is now chaired by Brian Wadsworth (UK).**

**It comprises:**

- 1 representative per Member State (25 as from 1st May 2004)**
- 4 representatives from the European Commission**
- 4 professionals from the sectors most concerned**
- 1 representative each from Iceland and Norway.**



## EMSA structure



## **EMSA – Organisation**

**EMSA's support functions are organised by Unit A and Unit B**

**EMSA's operational tasks are organised around 3 pillars**

**Pillar 1:        Ensuring the correct implementation of  
existing community legislation.  
(Unit C and Unit D)**

**Pillar 2:        Working and developing technical cooperation  
projects with the Commission and Member  
States. (Unit E)**

**Pillar 3:        The operational task for oil pollution response  
(Unit F)**

## **Unit C Safety Assessments and Inspections:**

### **Sub-Unit C.1: Assessment of Classification Societies**

- 12 EU-RO, to be assessed each once every 2 years
- Assessments cover head offices and regional offices and may include visits to specific ships (the whole cycle is 6/8 weeks)
- Possibilities include initial assessment of CS for which EU recognition is requested

### **Sub-Unit C.2: Training of Seafarers**

- Verification of compliance of third countries with requirements of the 1978 International STCW Convention
- Assessment of systems and procedures in third countries which have seafarers working on EU ships

### **Sub-Unit C.3: Maritime Security**

- Provision of assistance to the Commission in its work on matters related to the ship and port facility security Regulation
- Monitoring the implementation of the ship related elements of the Regulation by the Member States

## **Unit D Implementation of EU maritime legislation:**

### **Sub-Unit D.1: Ship Safety Stds & Marine Equipment**

- Assistance to COM in developing, and monitoring the application of, EU ship safety standards legislation
- Preparation of technical annex updates of MED Dir.
- Monitoring of the work of the group of notified bodies (MarED)
- Managing a database of EU approved marine equipment

### **Sub-Unit D.2: Port State Control**

- Assistance related to COM participation in the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (PMoU)
- Host and administer the database of Ro-Ro ferry insp. (99/35)
- Analysis of statistics on ships visiting Member State ports
- Publication and management of the blacklist

### **Sub-Unit D.3: Environment Protection**

- Identification of solutions based on best practice
- Analysis of fee systems applied in Member States

## **Unit E Technical Cooperation and Development:**

### **Sub-Unit E.1: Ship Reporting**

- Management of SafeSeaNet, the EU electronic data exchange system
- Coordination of actions relating to places of refuge
- Incorporation of LRIT system developments in the EU ship reporting and monitoring system
- Development of Real Time Data Exchange Information System

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### **Sub-Unit E.2: Accident Investigation**

- Common methodology for investigating maritime accidents
- Creation of a European Marine Casualty Information Platform (EMCIP)

### **Sub-Unit E.4: Environment Protection**

- Provision of support to the COM in developing legislation relating to passenger carriers' liability and pollution liability

### **Sub Unit F.1 : General Policy & External Affairs**

- **Developing and up-dating EMSA policy framework for pol. response**
- **Assistance to COM in up-dating and developing legislation**
- **Supporting COM in OPR Regional Agreements related issues**
- **Liaising with the pollution response services of COM and MS**

### **Sub Unit F.2: Research, Evaluation & Innovation**

- **Providing COM and MS with scientific assistance**
- **Establishing a "Centre of Knowledge"**
- **Dissemination of best practices**
- **Development of innovative techniques & procedures**

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### **Sub Unit F.3: Operational Activities**

- **Supporting MS with additional anti-pollution vessels**
- **Liaising with the anti-pollution vessels' providers**
- **Providing MS with technical assistance**

### **Sub Unit F.4: Monitoring and Surveillance**

- **Providing MS with satellite-based oil spill detection services**
- **Supporting MS to monitor illegal discharges**
- **Maintaining and facilitating co-operation between EMSA, COM and MS**

## **Co-operation with Member States Legal Basis**

**European Maritime Safety Agency has been tasked to work with the Member States to:**

- Art. 2 (c) (i) organise, where appropriate, relevant training activities in fields which are the responsibility of the port State and flag State;**
- Art. 2 (c) (ii) develop technical solutions and provide technical assistance related to the implementation of Community legislation.**
- Art. 2 (g) In the course of negotiations with States applying for accession the Agency may provide technical assistance as regards the implementation of Community legislation in the field of maritime safety, maritime security, and prevention of pollution by ships.**



## **Co-operation with Member States**

### **The process of co-operation:**

- **Identifying and promoting best practices,**
- **Supporting the harmonisation of procedures,**
- **Sharing experiences.**



## Co-operation with Member States

**Web based** → [www.emsa.europa.eu](http://www.emsa.europa.eu)

### **Presence:**

**EMSA provided technical assistance to the last acceded Member States, Acceding and Candidate States in the form of:**

- Workshops**
- Expert missions**
- Trainings**

# Thank you