

2nd Meeting of the Consultative Network on Technical Assistance

Draft conclusions

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- i. The Consultative Network on Technical Assistance (CNTA) is a network of focal points from the Member States working primarily via e-mail with one meeting being conveyed each year. The experts from the Member States participating in this meeting renewed their general support for this initiative of EMSA underlining the need of coordination on matters of technical assistance in the field of maritime safety, security and pollution.
- ii. The CNTA focal points express their general appreciation for the follow-up of the first CNTA meeting and the programme for technical assistance prepared by EMSA for 2007.
- iii. The training on "EU maritime legislation for newcomers" is an appreciated opportunity offered by EMSA as the past attendees requested the course to continue in the coming years. The Agency is invited to explore the possibility to provide such training also in an "advanced" version.
- iv. The presentations and explanations delivered on different forms of technical assistance between Member States highlighted a growing need for coordination in these fields. The attendees express their general feeling to enhance, through the CNTA, the exchange of co-operation and of technical assistance between Member States.
- v. The representatives of the CNTA recognised the possibility to tailor some technical assistance activities to the concept of "Train the Trainers" in order to make a best use of available resources.
- vi. The representatives of the CNTA highlighted the need of focussing on the EU aspects when organising technical assistance activities. This should be reflected on the long term scheme for EMSA technical assistance.
- vii. Prior to the meeting, a first set of EMSA's input for technical assistance was forwarded to the CNTA focal points. During the meeting they were discussed together with input for additional topics given by the attendees. The CNTA focal points will forward to EMSA by 31/08/2007 the priority and comments given to the proposals discussed during the meeting. EMSA will then consolidate its programme for 2008 in line with the funding available and EMSA mandate and circulate it to the Member States. The

representatives of the Member States agreed on using the EMSA technical assistance fiche for future request to be sent to the Agency.

- viii. The contact details of each CNTA focal point, as up-dated by the participants to the meeting, will be published on the EMSA website together with the relevant information and documents of each technical assistance activity.
- ix. The focal points from the Member States agreed also on continuing providing EMSA with an up dated version of the information contained in the EMSA project "An overview of the 29 European Maritime Administrations". The possibility to include fishing vessels and pleasure boats in the "fleet composition" may be explored in the future.