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THIRD QUARTER TRAINING ACTIVITIES – EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND AND NORWAY

Three training sessions were held in the July-September period. The first session, **Training on flag state issues** was based on Directives 2009/21/EC "on compliance with flag state requirements" and 2009/15/EC "on common rules and standards for ship inspection and survey organisations and for the relevant activities of the maritime administrations". The session focused on quality management systems, internal evaluation and monitoring recognised organisations, and had 31 participants. It was aimed at officials working in the central maritime administration and dealing with relevant topics.

This year EMSA's training and cooperation sector started a new training activity together with Interpol. The three-day Illegal discharges and Marpol investigations training session brought together EMSA, the US Department of Justice, the Swedish Coast Guard and Rotterdam's Dutch seaport police and had 26 participants from the EU Member States. The course focused on improving investigations into shipping pollution violations (illegal discharge of oil, oil residues and oily mixtures) and on collecting evidence to support successful prosecution. Interpol's clean seas project began in 2007 and developed a manual on "illegal oil discharges from vessels" with the purpose of providing guidance for investigations involving illegal oil discharges from vessels.

The third session on the **ISPS code – Ships** was attended by 11 participants representing 14 MS (from Latvia to UK). It covered the main elements of ISPS, such as auditing procedures, and how to develop a practical approach to the interpretation and application of the ISPS code.



Lisbon, 18-20 September 2012: Training on illegal discharges and Marpol investigations

FOURTH QUARTER ACTIVITIES – EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND AND NORWAY

Three training sessions will be held in the October-December period. The first one will be an <code>In-depth EU maritime legislation</code> session that will primarily address officials who have already attended the training session on EU maritime legislation for newcomers. The second will be a regional training session on <code>EU maritime legislation</code>, which will be held in Greece and will have a broader range of issues presented at the request of the Greek Administration. EMSA's training sector also plans to hold a training session on <code>EU maritime legislation</code> addressing those who have recently started to work in the Member States' maritime administrations or those who wish to broaden their knowledge of topics outside their daily working activity.

- EU maritime legislation (in-depth) (Lisbon, 5-7 November)
- Regional training on maritime legislation (Athens, 20-22 November)
- 3. Training on EU legislation (Lisbon, 27-30 November)

THIRD QUARTER TRAINING ACTIVITIES – CANDIDATE AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

Three training sessions were held for IPA countries during this period. Two in-country sessions were organised in Ankara (Turkey) and Podgorica (Montenegro). The first session focused on **environmental legislation** and presented EU and international maritime law to the Turkish Administration in preparation for their possible EU membership. The session was well attended with 37 participants.

The second session on the **Third Maritime Package** gathered 40 participants. It was designed to provide national administration with information on the Regulations and Directives adopted by the Council and the Parliament on April 2009. The third session held at EMSA covered the **Maritime Labour Convention** and had seven participants. The focus was on national provisions, giving examples of national legislation for each of the Convention's various titles.



Podgorica, 25-26 July 2012: Training activities in Montenegro

FOURTH QUARTER ACTIVITIES – CANDIDATE AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

Two training sessions will be held for IPA countries during the October-December period. The first one will be a training session on the **ISPS code**. It will focus on the relevant legislation and will enable participants to develop a practical approach to its interpretation and application.

In addition to this, a training session on the **Education and certification of seafarers** will be held to cover the latest amendments to the STCW Convention and to explore how to adopt a practical approach to their implementation into EU legislation.

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