

SAFEMED III VTMIS Workshop

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Conclusions

- Participating beneficiaries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia) recognised that sharing AIS information among neighbouring countries is of paramount importance in ensuring a high level of maritime safety, security and pollution prevention and response.
- EU Member States bordering the Mediterranean sea have, since 2008, agreed to share AIS information among themselves and with other EU Member States through the creation of a dedicated regional server connected to the EU central SafeSeaNet system.
- Task 3.3 of the EMSA implemented SAFEMED III project, describes the possibility of set up pilot projects to extend AIS information sharing to SAFEMED III beneficiary countries. Participating beneficiaries noted that specific requirements and needs about AIS information sharing were to be discussed during the bilateral meetings with EMSA, planned for the 9 April.
- The participating beneficiaries in this meeting welcomed this new task as carried out by EMSA in cooperation with the Italian Coastguard in its role as hosting authority for MAREΣ.
- Descriptions of national traffic monitoring systems were delivered by each participating beneficiary delegation, highlighting their level of readiness to exchange AIS information.
- Participating beneficiaries expressed their general appreciation and interest in joining this project. The level of participation will depend on existing and planned national AIS systems readiness.
- The Participating beneficiaries expressed their interest to associate the activities of the next session of this working group to that of the MAREΣ expert working group (planned for September / October 2014). EMSA is mandated to explore this possibility.