

**TRAINING SESSIONS FOR EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND AND NORWAY: JULY-SEPTEMBER 2011**

Four training sessions were organised during the period July-September 2011. A training session on the "Maritime Labour Convention" (5-7 July) was attended by officials from 25 Member States plus Iceland and Norway, which will be involved in the implementation and enforcement of the Convention once it enters into force. Representatives from the European Commission presented an overview of the EU policy on working and living conditions of seafarers, with a special focus on Directive 2009/13/EC. A representative from the Danish Maritime Directorate presented Denmark's experience in the implementation of the MLC, together with relevant EU legislation.

On 22-23 September a training session on "Ballast Water Management: sampling for compliance" was attended by 20 officials from EU/EEA countries, mostly official dealing with Port State Control. EMSA's Head of PSC Sector presented the Port State Control point of view, while two Member States' experts gave a practical demonstration of collection and analysis of samples, and statistical analysis of the results. In addition, a representative from the Croatian Maritime Authority presented the national implementation of the regulatory and PSC framework in Croatia in relation to ballast water sampling.



Lisbon, 22-23 September 2011, participants at the training session on 'Ballast Water Management - sampling for compliance' take a sample from the Tagus river for analysis

On 26-30 September EMSA's training on the International Ship and Port Security Code (ISPS) was attended by representatives from 15 EU Member States (in alphabetic order, from Austria to Italy) dealing with monitoring and control of compliance with security measures on-board ships and those put in place by companies. The training covered the main elements of the ISPS code and auditing procedures, aiming to provide participants with a practical approach to the interpretation and application of the ISPS Code.

On 27-28 September, officials from Member States and EEA countries attended EMSA's training on Flag State Implementation, looking at the oversight responsibilities and tasks of flag States under international and EU legislation. In particular, the training covered delegation of tasks to and monitoring of ROs, accident investigation, education and certification of seafarers and ship security. A representative from Denmark presented the organisation and the quality system of the Danish Maritime Authority as well as their RO monitoring system, and also introduced the Dutch and UK systems. Representatives from Cyprus and Spain introduced their national systems for the fleet monitoring and the accidents investigation respectively.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2011.**

Three training sessions will be held during the period October- December 2011.

Participants from 14 EU/EEA Member States (from Latvia to UK) will be invited to attend the second session on **ISPS Code**. The second session of the 'Core Skills training for accident investigators' aims to provide technical assistance to Member States and EEA countries in the implementation of Directive 2009/18/EC establishing the fundamental principles governing the investigation of accidents in maritime transport. Finally, the training on **compliance methods with Directive 2005/33/EC** seeks to provide participants with a practical approach to the application of the directive in relation to the reduction in the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels.

1. Training on ISPS Code (14 participants for MSs in alphabetical order from Latvia to UK) - Lisbon, Portugal (24-28 October 2011)
2. Core Skills training for accident investigators- Lisbon, Portugal (7-11 November 2011)
3. Training on Compliance Methods in relation to Directive 2005/33/EC- Lisbon, Portugal (29 November 2011)

**TRAINING SESSIONS FOR CANDIDATE/POTENTIAL CANDIDATE COUNTRIES: JULY-SEPTEMBER 2011**

One training activity took place for candidate and potential candidate (IPA) countries during the period April-June 2011. On 18-22 July, a training session on the **ISPS Code** was attended by representatives from Albania, Croatia, Montenegro and Turkey. The training provided participants with overall knowledge of the main elements of ISPS and auditing procedures, and assisted them in developing a practical approach to the interpretation and application of the ISPS Code in relation to ship-related aspects.



Podgorica, January 2011, training session on FSI, delivered under the Contribution Agreement 'Preparatory measures for the participation of candidates and potential candidates countries in EMSA's work'

This action was the last one to be delivered under the Contribution Agreement 2009/200-101 entitled 'Preparatory measures for the participation of candidates and potential candidates countries in EMSA's work'. The Contribution Agreement ran from 17 April 2009 to 17 August 2011, and has permitted the organisation of 36 training sessions, with the total participation of 365 staff from the beneficiaries' administrations. A new Contribution Agreement of 30 months' duration is likely to be signed very soon by the European Commission and the Agency, to continue providing candidate and potential candidate countries with technical assistance with the aim of strengthening the compliance of the beneficiaries' legislation with the EU acquis in the field of maritime safety, security and pollution preparedness/prevention.

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