

## EMSA'S NEW DIRECTOR COMES BEFORE EU PARLIAMENT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

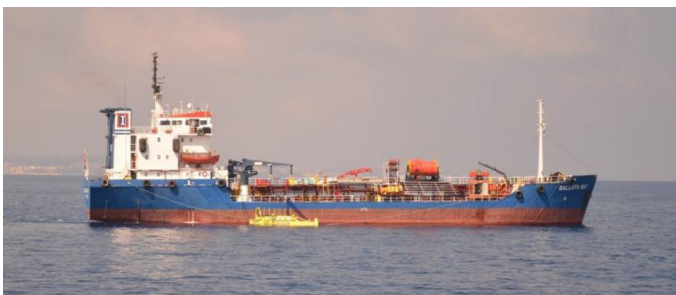


Finland's Markku Mylly gets off to a busy start

EMSA's new Executive Director, who took up his duties on 1 September, was invited to an exchange of views at the European Parliament's transport committee on Thursday 6 September. This step marks Mr Markku Mylly's official appointment following the Administrative Board meeting held on 8 June.

Transport committee chair, Brian Simpson, paid tribute to the achievements of EMSA's former Executive Director, Willem de Ruiter, who was, he said, a familiar face to the transport committee. The meeting gave Mr Mylly the opportunity to set out his vision for EMSA. "EMSA's mission is to secure and improve maritime safety at European level. EMSA must become a more and more respected body in the field of maritime safety and marine environment protection. EMSA's brand must be known widely at European level and also worldwide," explained Mr Mylly.

## EMSA AWARDS NEW CONTRACT TO BALLUTA BAY OIL RESPONSE VESSEL



Balluta Bay back in service for another four years

The *Balluta Bay* re-entered into service on 15 August as part of EMSA's [network of stand-by oil pollution response vessels](#). Based in Malta, *Balluta Bay* had previously been contracted as a replacement vessel. Both vessel and crew have plenty of experience therefore in the assigned task. She is now ready to begin a four-year service period after a renovation process dramatically improved her capabilities. *Balluta Bay* has increased storage capacity to 2 800m<sup>3</sup>, renewed cargo handling and recovery systems and is certified to operate with products whose flash point is below 60°C.

## MONTENEGRO GETS TO GRIPS WITH THIRD MARITIME SAFETY PACKAGE

A two-day [training course](#) was held by EMSA in Montenegro as part of a project financed by the European Commission's Directorate General for Enlargement. The project is geared

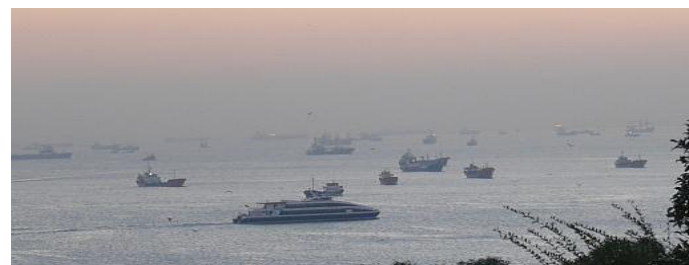


Some 25 staff from the ministry of transport, central and local maritime and port authorities all attended the course

towards EU candidate and potential candidate countries and is designed to help them align their national maritime safety legislation with that of the EU. Montenegro's transport minister, Andrija Lompar, gave

a welcome speech in which he highlighted some of his country's achievements so far. Maritime safety legislation has been prepared for adoption by parliament and Montenegro is actively cooperating with the relevant regional agreement on Port State Control. Recently, Montenegro gained cooperative member status at the Paris MoU.

## EQUASIS ANNUAL REPORT NOW OUT



The [world merchant fleet in 2011](#) is now available for download on the Equasis and EMSA websites. This report provides a picture of the world's merchant fleet derived from data contained in the Equasis database. This year's publication comes with a number of changes. The layout has been improved with new graphs and colours and chapter five on Port State Control has been entirely reshuffled so that it now uses PSC ship types and gives information on recognised organisations.

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