SHIP-TO-SHORE REPORTING: SIMPLIFYING THE WORK OF SHIP AND COASTAL STATION OPERATORS

The second meeting of the project set up to encourage interoperability between industry and competent authorities in the European Maritime Single Window environment under the CISE project took place on 29 September at EMSA. The project aims to simplify the work of both ships and coastal station operators by exploring the synergies between the data needed by port state control and the data shared in the SafeSeaNet ecosystem. The project will identify and treat these synergies to simplify reporting by ships and the MRS/VTS centres. The deliverables of the project should also be of benefit to other types of coastal basins like MINECO, as well as providing them with integrated ship data which should lead to better awareness in their specific areas of responsibility and enhanced safety.

RPA USER GROUP: OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR OF OPERATIONS PAST & PRESENT

The second stakeholder group meeting of the operational phase of the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) took place on 3 October, gathering representatives from 17 EU/EEA member states, the European Commission, EFCA, Frontex, EASA, ESA, and Europol. EMSA hosted the event in Lisbon, where all parties concerned agreed to work together to ensure that the CISE platform is functional and available to all relevant stakeholders. EMSA also presented the activities (training, provision of tools and services, studies and scholarships) undertaken from September 2018 to September 2019. Beneficiary countries from both projects (CISE and BCSEA) were represented in the meetings in Lisbon. The event was very successful and allowed for a fruitful exchange of views on the use of EMSA’s remotely piloted aircraft system by member states and EU authorities in support of maritime surveillance and emergency management.

COMMON INFORMATION SHARING ENVIRONMENT: TRANSITIONING TO THE OPERATIONAL PHASE

The second stakeholder group meeting of the transitional phase of the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) took place on 3 October, gathering representatives from ITA-MUSA member states, the European Commission, EFCA, Frontex, SAI/Saen and the European Defence Agency. The group discussed the progress of the transitional phase activities and highlighted results on the status of the implementation of national nodes for CISE. The meeting also marked the launch of new CISE webpages on EMSA’s website which are multi-language in nature.

ENSURING THE SAFE OPERATION OF RO-RO & HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER SHIPS

On 24-25 September, EMSA organised and hosted a workshop on the implementation of Directive (EU) 2017/2110 on a system of inspections for the safe operation of ro-ro passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft in regular service (entering into force on 20 December). During the workshop, the guidance documentation developed by EMSA for inspectors was finalised. In addition, updates were given on the Technical Committee for Maritime Safety, the joint safety inspections. TTSI EU for Flag States. EMSA hosted numerous breakout sessions in its HQ in Lisbon, including the presentation of national nodes and internal data bodies such as the MARVAL Advisory Board (MAB). Task Force 31 and Task Force 51. The meeting also took place in its capacity as data manager, task force leader and member.

BUILDING UP NATIONAL CAPACITY TO RAISE STANDARDS ACROSS THE BOARD

EMSA hosted a meeting of the national stakeholder committee on 3-4 September and the third BCSEA steering committee on 31 October. The BCSEA steering committee session presented the activities (training, provision of tools and services, studies and scholarships) undertaken from September 2018 to September 2019. Beneficiary countries from both projects (CISE and BCSEA) were represented in the meetings in Lisbon. The event was very successful and allowed for a fruitful exchange of views on the use of EMSA’s remotely piloted aircraft system by member states and EU authorities in support of maritime surveillance and emergency management.

INTEGRATED MARITIME SERVICES TRAINING & SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION SESSION GIVEN IN ESTONIA

All the request of the Estonian Maritime Administration, EMSA provided training and information sessions for various national authorities. The session, which took place in Tallinn, Estonia, on 18 September, covered the use of the graphical interface (SSG), SafeSeaNet (SSN) data. Copernicus Marine and Environment (M&E) products, Automatic Behaviour Monitoring (ABM). In addition, an additional session on SafeSeaNet, data quality-related aspects, management of user and other rights policies was held.

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TEAMBUILDING WITH A CAUSE

On 20 September, EMSA staff took the coastline in a movement across Europe to clean up marine litter from our beaches. EMSA’s efforts brought a calculated 300 kg of litter from the shore to local waste management and recycling facilities. This was a perfect conclusion to a year 2020 EMSA staff to gather and get to know new faces in a relaxed setting. The morning session was followed by a light aperitif and afternoon fun and games. EMSA would like to thank the local authorities which accommodated and in certain cases arranged the event (Câmara Municipal de Sesimbra, Capitania do Porto de Setúbal, Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente, Guarda Nacional Republicana, Sessimbrinos de Sesimbra).

EMSA EUROPE INNOVATION PRIZE 2020

The second edition of the European Maritime and Fisheries Innovation Prize 2020 (EMFIP 2020) is now open for applications! The European Maritime and Fisheries Innovation Prize 2020 (EMFIP 2020) is an annual prize which aims to reward innovation initiatives and support to implement capacity building activities (2019/2020). See website for more information.

EMSA HOSTS SEA EUROPE MEETING IN MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL EXCHANGE

On September 23, Sea Europe, the European association of shipping federations, held its annual general meeting and held its technical group meeting in Lisbon. EMSA hosted the event and, on October 19, participated in a panel session at EMSA’s workshop to discuss issues of mutual benefit from a technical point of view. The agenda included topics on safety, security and protection of the marine environment are common concerns of EU member states and EU authorities in support of maritime surveillance and emergency management.

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