

COVID-19 CONTINGENCY MEASURES PUBLISHED ON THE EMSA WEBSITE

The COVID-19 outbreak is affecting the lives and work of people in the EU and across the entire globe. At this time, it is extremely important that the authorities responsible for ensuring the safe transportation of goods and people on board a vessel are fully aware of the contingency measures put in place by each EU member state and EFTA country. For this reason, EMSA has created a [single point of reference](#) which lists the information per country as supplied by them. This information is intended to guide, facilitate and protect the maritime transport supply chain and its workers. The European Commission has also issued [guidance on the 'green lanes'](#) and border management measures to safeguard health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services. This makes reference to travel restrictions, quarantine procedures and recognition of professional certificates of competence for transport workers including seafarers.

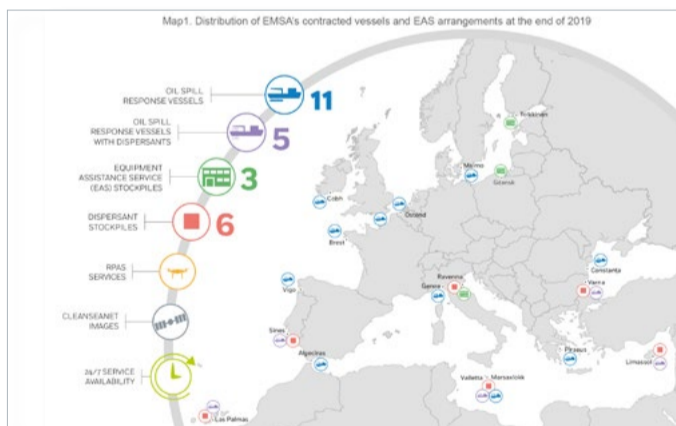


NEW CYCLE OF VISITS PLACES FOCUS FIRMLY ON PASSENGER SHIP SAFETY IN THE EU

EMSA held a workshop in February ahead of a new cycle of visits to member states set to begin later this year. For the first time, these visits will cover multiple pieces of legislation relating to passenger ship safety, namely the registration of persons sailing on board passenger ships, specific stability requirements for ro-ro passenger ships and safety rules and standards for passenger ships. Present at the workshop were representatives from the relevant authorities of the member states, the European Commission and EMSA. This workshop presented the purpose, scope and objectives of the new cycle of visits as per EMSA's methodology of visits. In addition, it gave those present the opportunity to share their experience so far in implementing and enforcing the related legislation.

REGULAR EXERCISES AND DRILLS AT SEA ENSURED A HIGH LEVEL OF POLLUTION PREPAREDNESS IN 2019

EMSA has published its [Drills and Exercises Annual Report](#) for 2019 which gives details of the 116 events held throughout the year to ensure a high level of pollution response preparedness in European waters. At the end of 2019, EMSA had available for mobilisation 16 fully equipped oil spill response vessels, six dispersant stockpiles and three Equipment Assistance Service arrangements. These pollution response assets were subject to regular at sea drills, Equipment Condition Tests (ECTs) and exercises throughout the year. Overall, the outcome of the drills, ECTs and exercises pointed to an efficient delivery of services in keeping with user expectations. EMSA's pollution response services are available in the event of an oil spill at sea caused by ships and oil and gas installations at the request of a coastal state, private entity or the European Commission.



EMSA HOLDS IMSAS TRAINING SESSION FOR BULGARIA AND ROMANIA

Within the context of its capacity building services, EMSA offers training to officials from member states undergoing IMO auditing. Following a request from the maritime authorities of Bulgaria and Romania, EMSA held a joint training session on 10-12 March in Constanta. The IMSAS auditing process is designed to assess the extent to which each country is fulfilling its IMO obligations. The training covered all of the latest developments of the IMSAS scheme, the framework and procedures governing IMSAS, how a state should prepare for the audit, as well as the post-audit follow-up. Exercises and case studies were also included to give participants a very practical insight into the audit.



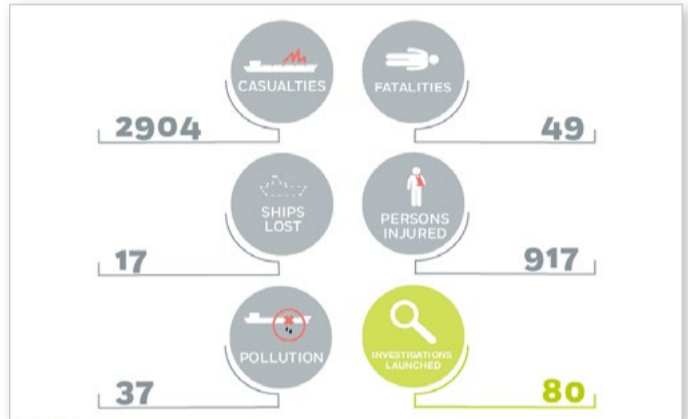
EMSA INFORMATION SYSTEMS ARE MONITORING CRUISES DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

The recent and on-going global outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has had a major impact on global shipping and created a high degree of disquiet amongst the public as to the maintenance of health and safety on board cruise ships. Large number of people in confined spaces on cruise ships make onboard tourists and crew prone to infectious disease of the coronavirus. For this reason, EMSA is monitoring/analysing cruise vessels related data available at the information systems hosted by the Agency. EMSA produces a status report with the list of the cruises located at EU ports (moored or at anchor), a list of sailing cruises having declared as destination an EU port in the coming days, and associated maps showing the positions of the moored and sailing vessels. The reports are produced daily and shared with the Commission, the EU Member State and EFTA countries.



GETTING AN OVERVIEW OF MARINE ACCIDENTS IN 2014-2019

EMSA has just released its preliminary Annual Overview of Marine Casualties and Incidents for 2014-2019. In [this summary document](#), we present key figures on marine accidents, based on the data reported in the EMCIP database by each EU country's accident investigation body.



Marine accident figures for 2019

ADAPTING TO A NEW REALITY - AGENCY CONTINUES WORKING TOWARDS 2020 GOALS

EMSA's recently published [Outlook 2020 publication](#) contains the concrete action and steps the Agency plans to take in 2020 to deliver on its multi-annual strategic objectives even though this will require new and adapted working methods. This annual publication represents a condensed version of the Single Programming Document and is organised by activity theme. The outcome is typically reported in the corresponding Consolidated Annual Activity Report which details the results achieved against the objectives set.



EMSA OUTLOOK 2020

CONTINUED SUPPORT TO EFCA FOR IMS - VIRTUAL MEETINGS KEEP BUSINESS RUNNING SMOOTHLY

A virtual meeting of the Integrated Maritime Services project board took place on 31 March between representatives from EMSA and the European Fisheries Control Agency, EFCA. Ongoing interagency cooperation is helping to build an even more powerful tool for operational [fisheries control coordination](#). EMSA supports EFCA's fisheries monitoring and control activities by combining various information sources including fisheries Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) data, Terrestrial AIS, Satellite AIS and Long Range Identification and Tracking position messages. In 2019, more than 4.7 billion ship positions were made available to EFCA, and 130 Synthetic Aperture Radar satellite and 42 optical images ordered to help in the detection of fish farms and non-reporting vessels.

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VACANCIES: Head of Department for Digital Services and Simplification (21/4/2020); Project Officer for Marine Accident Investigation (5/5/2020); PO for Human Element (11/5/2020); PO for Research & Analytics (11/5/2020); PO for RPAS (13/5/2020)

PROCUREMENT: RPAS VTOL services for emissions monitoring (28/4/2020); Equipment Assistance Service (29/4/2020); Development and maintenance of master databases (8/5/2020). See website for more opportunities