

SAFEMED III Training on ship security

Lisbon, 4 and 5 February 2015

Summary Report

SAFEMED III Training on ship security took place from 4 to 5 February 2015 in Lisbon at EMSA premises. The seminar was attended by 12 participants from six SAFEMED III beneficiary countries (Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon Morocco and Tunisia).

The event was organised on request of the beneficiary countries and was attended by staff dealing with maritime security issues and active in-the-field.

The following additional actions in the field of ship and port facility security as requested by the project's beneficiaries will be organised in the future within the SAFEMED III project:

- Seminar on monitoring and auditing RSOs;
- Seminar on auditing Port Security Facilities
- Training on ISPS Code (Ship and Port facility).

During the first day of the meeting, EMSA's staff dealing with ship security delivered presentations on fundamental requirements of the ISPS Code – Ship Security. They focussed on main tasks and responsibilities of the Contracting Governments as Flag and Port States. Participants were provided with an overview of the EU legislation and they were also explained the role of EMSA in the field of maritime security.

After that, participants were divided in two working groups respectively of 5 and 7 people and they started working on the first of the two case studies addressing ship security in different scenarios.

The second day continued with the first case study and the conclusions of each working group were discussed between participants and EMSA's staff. This exercise was found very useful by the participants that had an opportunity to share views on a practical case taken from the reality.

The second day of the meeting started with a presentation, analysis and discussion of the second case study by the two working groups. This again provided the participants with an opportunity to discuss their point of view as well as to learn from the experience of their colleagues from other countries.

The meeting was concluded by a final discussion during which the participants welcomed the opportunity to further discuss about the case studies and the lessons learnt during the seminar. The overall outcome of the meeting was very positive and confirmed the need for and the benefit that people active in-the field can gain from practical trainings providing them with an opportunity to link the relevant legislation to daily-life cases.