

MARITIME EDUCATION: NEW STCW DATABASE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC



A Rio de Janeiro maritime training institution, photographed during a recent visit by the EMSA STCW inspection team to Brasil.

From 31 July 2011, EMSA's [STCW Information System \(STCW-IS\)](#) has been made available on the internet for public consultation. With the [STCW-IS](#), you can find relevant information on: EU maritime administrations; EU maritime education, training and certification systems; EU maritime education and training institutions; EU approved programmes and courses; and career progression schemes available in the EU Member States. Future developments will allow the system to produce and publish reliable numerical and statistical data on EU and non-EU seafarers certified by EU Member States.

SHIP RECYCLING: EU COMMITMENT RENEWED

On 27-28 June, EMSA organised a workshop on [ship recycling](#), attended by the delegations of 19 EU Member States and Norway; representatives from the European Commission, the secretariats of the IMO and Basel Convention and stakeholders from the industry and NGO [Platform on Shipbreaking](#).



Presentations were delivered on the latest state of play of: the 2009 Hong Kong Convention (HKC); the Basel Convention; and on current recycling practices in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, India and Turkey, in particular the views of environmental and human rights NGOs on the subject. Discussions focused on interim measures by the industry and issues to consider prior to the entry into force of the HKC, including possible alternatives to the export ban under the EU Waste Shipment Regulations, and ways to ensure the availability of sufficient green ship recycling facilities worldwide. During the workshop, the potential role of the EU and its firm commitment towards ensuring best ship dismantling practices were acknowledged.

EQUASIS ANNUAL REPORT: THE WORLD'S FLEET, BY NUMBERS

The new [Equasis annual report](#), released during July, provides a picture of the world's merchant fleet derived from data contained in the Equasis database (www.equasis.org). The report looks at the make-up of the fleet and its performance. The statistics are grouped into themes which could be of interest to industry and regulators. The report is divided into themes: the fleet population; classification societies; P&I clubs; Port State Control; vetting programmes and trade associations.

ENSURING FAIR TREATMENT OF SEAFARERS: MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION WORKSHOP



The Maritime Labour Convention seeks to ensure that seafarers' rights are better aligned with wider labour protection laws.

5 to 7 July saw a training session at EMSA on the Maritime Labour Convention for Member States and EEA countries. Attention was paid to the actions of the European Commission in the ratification process. Attending the meeting, representatives of DG-MOVE and DG-EMPL explained that the general objective of the Commission's action is to improve the Community legal framework for seafarers, in order to contribute to the creation of more higher-quality jobs, within the sector. The Convention itself aims to grant seafarers the same level of legal protection enjoyed by other workers, who benefit from protection under wider EU labour law. The Danish Maritime Administration, one of the EU Member States which have already ratified the Maritime Labour Convention, presented its experiences, together with the Danish national legislation which has been drafted to implement the Convention. The training session was attended by 25 participants from 22 EU Member States. Views and opinions were exchanged on the relevant provisions of both the international convention and related European legislation.

SHIPPING FEATURES ON EURO 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY COIN

EMSA is pleased to note that shipping will be represented on a commemorative 2-euro coin to celebrate 10 years of the euro. The new coin design is the result of a competition won by a designer from the Austrian mint. 90 million coins are estimated to be put into circulation in 2012.



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Publications: EMSA Annual Report 2010; Equasis: the World Merchant Fleet

Procurement: Provision of IT services for the helpdesk, maintenance, correction and upgrades related to SafeSeaNet; Provision of maritime information and data for non-commercial use.

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