

SAFESEANET DEAL SIGNED, FOR EU-WIDE TRAFFIC IMAGE VIA AIS

On 18 February, an agreement on [SafeSeaNet](#), the Agency's core vessel traffic monitoring system, was signed by EMSA's Executive Director Willem de Ruyter and Vice Admiral Pollastrini, Commandant of the [Italian Coastguard](#). The agreement secures the future of the AIS (Automatic



Enabling data viewing through a GIS (map-based) interface provides a more user-friendly overview of vessel traffic in Europe

Identification System) information, which is supplied to SafeSeaNet from over 700 shore-based stations across the EU. The new deal paves the way for SafeSeaNet users to obtain an EU-wide picture of coastal shipping movements (plus Norway and Iceland), together with a more user-friendly entry point into SafeSeaNet using a GIS mapping interface. Preparations during February included operator training for Member States. A notable development is that the new agreement for a data hub for the Mediterranean region — 'MARES' — recognises the potential for regional centres for EMSA, as foreseen in EMSA's [founding Regulation](#).

VISIT FROM FRENCH MARITIME SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE SEA



Gallic joie de vivre: Jean-François Tallec, shown here to the right of EMSA Director Willem de Ruyter, meets EMSA's French staff.

The French Secretary General for the Sea (SG Mer) Jean-François Tallec visited EMSA on 24 February. He was informed on the most recent developments and achievements of the Agency, such as [LRIT](#), [CleanSeaNet](#), [SafeSeaNet](#) and the future implementation of the [New Inspection Regime](#). Mr Tallec spoke to EMSA about the EU-funded, French-led [BLUE-MASSMED](#) Project for Mediterranean and Atlantic maritime surveillance. The visit also provided an opportunity to meet the Agency's French staff.

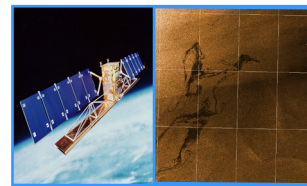
GALILEO, GALILEO MAGNIFICO!

Newsletter readers are invited to visit EMSA's booth at the [Galileo Application Days](#) event at the European Commission in Brussels from 3-5 March. The event showcases the many, many applications for the EU [Galileo](#) programme, from satellite-enabled AIS to 'mowing your lawn by satellite'. EMSA is taking part in the 'Port' part of an Application Village in the forecourt of the Commission's Berlaymont building, and has produced a dedicated [leaflet on EMSA's use of satellites](#) for the event.



SATELLITE IMAGES DELIVERED TO TRACK GENOA OILSPILL

During the the last week of February, EMSA's [CleanSeaNet](#) service was called upon to help in the response to marine pollution following a collision on 19 February between the cellular container ship [CMA CGM Strauss](#) and the tractor tug [Genua](#) in bad weather around 1.5 km off the Voltri terminal entrance at the port of Genoa, north-western Italy. CleanSeaNet supplied satellite images of the sea area between Toulon and Genoa following a request by the French authorities.



BEM-VINDA! CROSSLEY JOINS EMSA AS HEAD OF DEPARTMENT B

EMSA is happy to announce the arrival on February 16 of Theresa Crossley as the new head of [Department B](#), 'Implementation'. The Implementation Department is responsible for safety inspections, ship safety, and environmental protection and statistics. Ms Crossley studied geography at Leicester University and has a Post Graduate Certificate in Education. She has worked in the UK public service for over 27 years in a range of posts in housing, environmental protection (including five years as UK Head of Delegation to the OSPAR Commission) and shipping. She was head of [UK Shipping Policy](#) for six years, responsible for policy on all aspects of maritime safety, pollution from shipping, search and rescue, and seafarer training and employment. She was also the UK member of the [EMSA Administrative Board](#).



Theresa Crossley brings a wealth of experience in shipping policy to EMSA.

A CORUÑA SPANISH EU PRESIDENCY CONFERENCE ON MARINE SAFETY

On 12 February, EMSA Director Willem de Ruyter spoke at a [high-level event focused on maritime safety organised by the Spanish EU Presidency](#) in A Coruña, Spain. The event highlighted the past, present and future of EU maritime safety policy. Attendees included the new EU Transport Commissioner [Siim Kallas](#), Vice-President of the European parliament Miguel Angel Martinez Martinez and the German Minister for Building and Transport, Peter Ramsauer.



ON THE EMSA WEBSITE

Publications: [Work Programme 2010](#); leaflet on the new PSC reporting obligations to State authorities ([New Inspection Regime](#)).

Procurement: [Prior Information Notice for Service Contracts for Stand-by Oil Spill Recovery Vessel\(s\) in the Gulf of Biscay and Eastern Mediterranean](#).

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