

EMSA GOES TO BREST



National ministers and European Commissioners at the EU stand.

From 11-17th July, EMSA and European Commission representatives were at Brest 2008 to present EU work related to maritime safety. The event took place in a region which has been heavily hit by oil pollution over the past ten years. Brest 2008 is a major European maritime festival dedicated to tall ships and traditional sailing, and on this occasion, it attracted around 2,000 vessels from all over Europe, as well as hosting hundreds of thousands of visitors. On 12th July, 27 Ministers and Secretaries of State with responsibility for European Affairs visited the European Commission stand, along with EU Commissioners Joe Borg (DG Mare) and Margot Wallström (DG Communication). They were in Brest for an informal meeting, with one of the main discussion points being the strong public demand for safer and cleaner seas.

THIRD EMSA TEAM BUILDING DAY



Tough work under the Portuguese midday sun.

On 26th June, around 140 staff members attended the first EMSA Team Building Day to be held in Portugal (the third in the Agency's history). In the Abrantes area, 100 km north of Lisbon, different teams competed against

each other both on land and in the water. The competitions included orienteering, kayaking and a host of other activities, and at the end of the day, EMSA Executive Director Willem de Ruyter presented the trophy to the winning team. As the Agency was much smaller at the previous event, it was felt to be a very valuable exercise in getting to know each other better.

NEW HNS INVENTORY

EMSA has prepared an Inventory of EU Member States Policies and Operational Response Capacities for HNS Marine Pollution. Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) are chemicals that are potentially harmful if they enter the marine environment. The document gives an overview of the situation in different EU countries and the information is from sources such as questionnaires and national and regional contingency plans. The document can be viewed on the EMSA website at:

http://www.emsa.europa.eu/Docs/opr/ppr_hns_inventory_20-08-08.pdf

INFORMATION DAY IN ALBANIA

Two EMSA staff members visited Albania from 28-29th May 2008 to attend an information day. Presentations were given at two meetings in Durres, with the aim of familiarising a significant cross-section of representatives from both government and industry with EMSA's tasks, as well as discussing areas of mutual interest. There were 30 attendees at the event, which falls under the remit of the European Commission (DG ENLARG) financed project to promote participation of countries in the Western Balkans in EMSA work.

Three LRIT tenders open. LRIT Data Centre tenders now open are as follows: "Development and Implementation of the Invoicing and Billing (I&B) systems for the EU Data Centre"; "Development, Implementation and Operation of the EU LRIT Data Centre"; "Delivering of ASP/CSP Services for the EU LRIT Data Centre."

Current EMSA open calls to tender can be seen at:

<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/end182.html>

Current EMSA vacancies can be seen at:

<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/end179d006.html>

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