

LISBON AGENCY HEADS MEET EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT MARTIN SCHULZ

The executive directors of both EMSA and the EU drugs agency (EMCDDA) met with European Parliament President, Martin Schulz in Brussels on 7 January. This courtesy visit follows on from Mr Schulz recent trip to Lisbon in September. The European Parliament is regularly informed about EMSA's activities through the hearings of the Executive Director at the [European Parliament's transport committee](#).



Lisbon agency heads forge close ties with European Parliament President

EMSA LENDS SUPPORT TO MAOC-N OVER ANTI-DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTION

EMSA signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre - Narcotics (MAOC-N) to support the combat of drug trafficking. This commitment was formalised at a joint meeting on 9 January. [MAOC-N](#) is an international agency which coordinates anti-drug trafficking action. It is backed financially by the Prevention against Crime Programme of the European Union. EMSA is expected to offer integrated vessel monitoring and earth observation information to boost this counter narcotic action where possible.



MAOC-N provides a forum for cooperation to combat illicit drug trafficking by sea and air

MARISA N NOW SUPPORTING POLLUTION RESPONSE IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

The Marisa N vessel has been successfully accepted into stand-by service. This oil tanker contracted from the consortium RTI Castalia-Giuliana Bunkeraggi performs bunkering operations in the vicinity of Trieste, Italy and has a oil recovery capacity of 1562m³. The pollution response equipment comprising two sweeping arms, two 250m single point inflation booms, a brush skimmer, high capacity skimmer and oil slick detection radar will be permanently installed on board.



EMSA has contracts with commercial operators for at-sea oil recovery services all around the European coastline

NEW ESSF SUBGROUP CREATED FOR PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES

On 4 December 2014 the European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF) plenary endorsed the proposal brought by DG MOVE for the establishment of a new subgroup on Port Reception Facilities (PRF subgroup). Many member states and the shipping industry welcomed the proposal and gave their support to this action. The subgroup will be given the task of providing a stakeholder platform to discuss and give feedback on the draft interpretative guidelines on the implementation of the PRF directive; the assessment of the directive and, the evaluation of the fees systems in the context of the PwC/Paneaia study. The PRF subgroup is the seventh such group to be established. EMSA acts as secretariat and technical advisor on three (LNG, scrubbers and implementation issues) and as secretariat in the remainder of the groups. EMSA's role is laid down in the Commission Decision (C(2013)5984) and a consequent working arrangement with DG MOVE and DG ENV.

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PUBLICATIONS:

National Single Window Prototype - an electronic solution for simplifying administrative procedures

CAREERS:

SNE Project Officer for Vessel Reporting Services (deadline: 20/02/2015); Maritime Support Services Duty Officer (deadline: 3/03/2015)

PROCUREMENT:

Maritime surveillance from TerraSAR-X/Tandem-X/PAZ products (deadline: 2/03/2015); Service contracts for aerial dispersant application service (deadline: 23/02/2015)