

TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER KALLAS MEETS THE TEAMS BEHIND EMSA



Commission Vice-President Kallas (centre) together with Head of Cabinet Henrik Hololei meet Willem de Ruiter at EMSA.

On 1 July EMSA welcomed European Commission Vice-President **Siim Kallas** Commissioner for Transport, at its Lisbon headquarters. The visit placed an emphasis on an informal, open agenda to outline EMSA's activities. An office walkabout included a tour of EMSA's 24/7 Maritime Support Services operations room, plus discussion of the highly topical issue of responding to major oil spills. Time was also set aside for personal introductions, giving Mr Kallas and Head of Cabinet Henrik Hololei the chance to meet many of the Agency's senior and middle managers, and thus to see the people, and faces, behind the Agency. Finally, the visit provided an opportunity to discuss future perspectives for EMSA. All-round, a highly constructive day: may the teamwork continue!

EMSA SKIMMER GOES AMERICA... TO HELP WITH GULF OIL SPILL RESPONSE

On June 30, the Federal On-Site Coordinator in the United States accepted an EMSA oil cleaning device to help combat the Deepwater Horizon spill. The US will get to use a high-capacity Framo Transrec 150 skimmer, stockpiled in Vigo (Spain), the home port of the EMSA-contracted oil spill response vessel Ria de Vigo.



SAFEMED II EXPERTS MEET AT EMSA

On 9 June EMSA hosted the 5th Meeting of the Maritime Safety Sub-Group of the EuroMed Transport Forum (Maritime Transport Working Group), which acts as the **Safemed II** Project Advisory Committee. This EU-financed project and coordinated at REMPEC in Malta, aims to mitigate imbalances in how maritime law is enforced between EU Member States and the Mediterranean partner countries. The project promotes effective implementation of the relevant international rules aimed at improving maritime safety and better protecting the marine environment in the Mediterranean region.

NEW INSPECTION REGIME 'TRAINING FOR TRAINERS' KICKS OFF



Training is vital to enable the smooth entry of the New Inspection Regime for Port State Control in January next year.

On 21 June a first group of 20 Port State Control officers from member countries of the Paris MoU began a five-day training course on enforcing the forthcoming New Inspection Regime (NIR). In total, 80 PSC Officers will follow the 'NIR training for trainers' course during 2010. Back in their respective countries, they will train their colleagues (around 2,000 PSC officers in total, including associated staff in Paris MoU Member States). The **New Inspection Regime** enters into force on 1 January 2011.

5+5 DEFENCE INITIATIVE AT EMSA

On 16 June, 26 officers of the armed forces from 10 different countries, the '5+5 **Defence Initiative**' hosted by Portugal's College of Defence Studies, received a presentation on EMSA's vessel traffic monitoring. The initiative concerns the exchange of experiences in the security and defence arena between Portugal, France, Spain, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia, Algeria and Libya.



The 5+5 Defence Initiative covers countries of the Western Mediterranean.

ON THE EMSA WEBSITE

Press release: US accepts further EU support to combat oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico

Procurement: Study on tests and trials of the Energy Efficiency Design Index as developed by the IMO.

Procurement: General Communication and Publication Services.

Recruitment: Project Officer for Legal aspects of Maritime Legislation (Seconded National Expert).

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