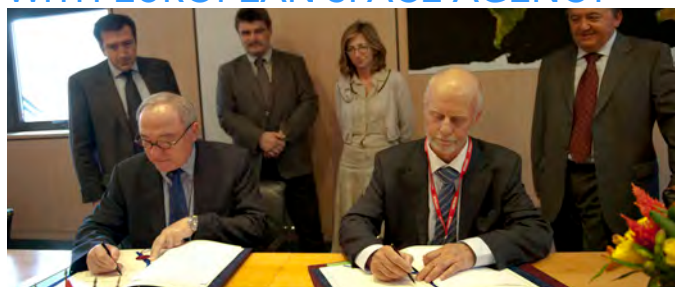


5-YEAR RENEWAL FOR COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

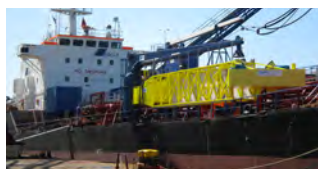


The ESA and EMSA Directors put ink to paper at the European Space Agency's Paris headquarters on 2 July.

On 2 July Jean-Jacques Dordain, Director General of the European Space Agency (ESA) and Willem de Ruiter, EMSA's Executive Director, signed a five-year renewable agreement to continue the existing Agreement for ESA-EMSA cooperation. An original Agreement signed in 2007 has seen 'fruitful cooperation in the use of space-based earth observation for enhancing maritime safety'. The new agreement is broader in scope, and strengthens cooperation between both Agencies on earth observation applications (CleanSeaNet and maritime surveillance) and telecommunication applications (e.g. satellite AIS). The agreement is open to future developments.

NEW VESSELS JOIN EMSA'S OIL SPILL RESPONSE FLEET IN UK AND FINLAND

The acceptance test of the bunker vessel OPRV *Sara* was successfully conducted by EMSA officials on 14-15 July in Portland (UK). Contracted



from the Belgian Company Aegean Bunkers at Sea, the *Sara* will reinforce EMSA's response capacity in the Atlantic area, specifically the English Channel, adding storage capacity of 6,650 m³. Meantime, on 13-14 July in Helsinki, the icebreaker *Kontio* also passed its acceptance test. Contracted from the Finnish Company Arctia Icebreaking Oy, *Kontio* will operate in the Northern Baltic Sea, with a storage capacity of 2,033 m³.

BALLAST WATER SAMPLING: SAMPLED

As part of EMSA's research to develop sampling guidelines for EU Member States and the IMO, on July 27 EMSA had the opportunity to see the *Mahle NFV Ocean Protection Ballast Water Treatment System* while it was being tested on a ship in Lisbon. This system is being used during the first stage of EMSA's research on indicative analysis and representative sampling for Port State Control.



TOWARDS MORE COMMON WORK WITH FRONTEX AND CFCA



Representatives of EMSA, CFCA and Frontex discussed the pooling of resources at the JTEWG.

24 June saw EMSA host the second meeting of the Joint Technical Expert Working Group (JTEWG) on the acquisition and joint use of assets among EMSA, CFCA (the EU's fisheries control agency) and Frontex (the EU's border control agency). The group agreed a draft common action plan for the planning and deployment of the joint use of assets. This is the second JTEWG of the three Agencies. The first group is addressing issues of common interest in the field of maritime surveillance, with this latest initiative concerning the exchange of experiences in the security and defence arena among Portugal, France, Spain, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia, Algeria and Libya.

MAKING NEW SHIPS GREENER – THE ENERGY EFFICIENT DESIGN INDEX

EMSA is active in IMO discussions on the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) for new ships. The Agency has organised three workshops for in-depth discussion of the EEDI technical documents, with a first technical study carried out and presented at the IMO's MEPC. This will now be followed by a new, just-launched EMSA study: a tender on how to improve the EEDI's application to certain types of ships. Amongst the types of ships to be studied are RoRo ships and smaller general cargo ships. These are categories that play an important role in the logistics chain in Europe, with motorways of the sea and short sea shipping currently high on the European agenda.

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

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