

MARITIME SUPPORT SERVICES NOW OPERATING 24/7



The MSS team, of whom 12 operators will share the watch 24/7 From 1st September 2009, the Agency's **Maritime Support Services** (MSS) centre has its operators in place around the clock, 365 days per year, at its new, state-of-the-art monitoring centre in Lisbon. This is a significant step in ensuring that EU Member States have the best possible access to EU ship information and marine pollution monitoring services and emergency response capabilities at all times. The MSS centre allows ships, cargoes and pollution to be tracked via the **SafeSeaNet**, **LRIT** and **CleanSeaNet** systems, and provides the necessary **Helpdesk** and monitoring support to Member States to enable them to get the most out of the systems.

36 YOUNG EUROPEANS DISCOVER EMSA



On 13 August, 36 students from five EU Member States, all specialising in maritime environmental issues, visited the Agency. The programme, named 'Our Ocean', was co-funded by the EU Commission and prepared by the Portuguese organisation **Associação 5º Elemento**.

GSP ORION READY FOR ACTION IN THE BLACK SEA

The supply vessel **GSP Orion** has joined EMSA's network of stand-by oil spill response vessels, extending EMSA's network coverage to the Black Sea. Based at Constanta, Romania, it is equipped with rigid sweeping arms, booms and skimmer systems, with 1,334 m³ storage capacity.



OW COPENHAGEN AT BALEX DELTA 09

On 26 August, the EMSA-contracted bunker vessel **OW Copenhagen** took part in the **Helcom** annual maritime emergency and counter-pollution drill, **Balex Delta 09**, near Riga, Latvia.



FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EU AFFAIRS AT EMSA



Pierre Lellouche, France's **Secrétaire d'État aux Affaires européennes**, pictured outside EMSA's new riverside HQ

On 2 September, the new French **Secrétaire d'État aux Affaires européennes**, **Pierre Lellouche**, visited the Agency's HQ during a **visit** to Spain and Portugal. He was briefed on EMSA's role and activities, and received a demonstration of EMSA's vessel traffic monitoring capabilities.

MEET EMSA AT THE WFE 2009 IN VIGO... AND WELCOME ABOARD THE RIA DE VIGO!

From 15-19 September, EMSA travels to the **World Fishing Exhibition** (WFE) in Vigo, Spain. EMSA shares stand F50 with the European Commission and



the EU's Community Fisheries Control Agency (CFCA). The WFE is the fishing industry's biggest annual event, attracting an estimated 50,000 visitors a day. On Friday 18 September, a special Europe Day has been organised, and from 0900h until 1400h, EMSA invites the general public to **tour the EMSA-contracted oil spill response vessel, the Ria de Vigo**, which will be berthed in Vigo port. A brochure explaining how EMSA works with the fishing industry has been developed to coincide with the event, and is now available on the EMSA website (see below).

ON THE EMSA WEBSITE

A new brochure **EMSA and the Fishing Industry** has been published for EMSA's attendance at the World Fishing Exhibition 2008 in Vigo (Spain).



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