

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES AT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION VISITS EMSA

EMSA's Executive Director, Maja Markovčić Kostelac, welcomed the Director General of the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), Charlina Vitcheva, to our Lisbon headquarters for her first visit. Ms. Markovčić Kostelac and Ms. Vitcheva exchanged views on a wide range of topics, including areas of cooperation and collaboration between EMSA and DG MARE, such as the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE), implemented by EMSA, and European Coast Guard Cooperation. Ms. Vitcheva saw EMSA's operational work in action as she toured our European Maritime Awareness Centre (EMAC). During her visit, Ms. Vitcheva also visited the EMSA e-Laboratory, where she was given a demonstration of the virtual reality tools used in our training activities.



Ms. Vitcheva was welcomed by our Executive Director, and toured EMSA's premises, including our European Maritime Awareness Centre.

NEW CYCLE OF PORT STATE CONTROL CURRICULUM BEGINS

In March EMSA welcomed a fresh group of professionals to Lisbon for the in-person phase of their training under a new cycle of the Port State Control curriculum. This programme, in cooperation with the Paris MoU on Port State Control, continues to harmonise inspection techniques and provide Port State Control Officers with the technical insights needed to ensure maritime safety and environmental protection. Overall the training aims to strengthen inspection capacity and promote regulatory compliance.



Professionals from all over the EU gather for the new cycle on the PSC curriculum.

40 YEARS OF PORTUGAL IN THE EU: EMSA BUILDING APPEARS ON STAMP

The EMSA building in central Lisbon is part of a new stamp issue that marks 40 years of Portuguese accession to the EU. EMSA is one of two EU Agencies located in Praça Europa, by the River Tejo in Lisbon. A picture of the two EU Agency buildings appears on a special stamp set that also features the historic ceremony in which the Treaty of Accession to the EU was signed by representatives of the Portuguese government.



The special stamp features the EMSA building in Praça Europa, Lisbon

NEW EMSA CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: EXTERNAL EXPERTS AND SPEAKERS

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) operates under Regulation (EU) 2025/2434 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2025 on the European Maritime Safety Agency for the purpose of ensuring a high, uniform, and effective level of maritime safety. To fulfil its mandate, EMSA develops and implements a wide range of activities that may require specific expertise to complement its in-house capabilities. To that end, the Agency seeks individuals who can support its work, in their personal capacity, as External Experts or as Speakers for specific tasks falling within EMSA's remit. Such expertise is identified through a Call for Expressions of Interest (CEI), which has been published recently: <https://emsa.europa.eu/procurement/calls/item/5649-emsa-cei-1-2026.html>. If you choose to register as an External Expert, you will need to complete the following three mandatory phases: 1) Registration in the Database via the e Portal; 2) Selection as an External Expert following evaluation; 3) Provision of services after signature of an External Expert Contract. If you choose to register as a Speaker, you may be invited to support EMSA's learning services or to deliver presentations on your area(s) of expertise during seminars, workshops or other events organised by the Agency. You will be asked to indicate these areas of expertise during registration. More information for potential Experts and Speakers can be found under the following link: [e-Portal for experts and speakers - EMSA - European Maritime Safety Agency](#)



Through the Call for Expressions of Interest (CEI) EMSA seeks individuals who can support its work, in their personal capacity, as External Experts or as Speakers.

WOMEN IN MARITIME: ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION AT EMSA

Once more in 2026, EMSA has launched its annual information sessions for women interested in a career in the maritime sector. The now traditional one-on-one "speed networking" sessions with EMSA staff members were quickly booked up, but places in a new online information session are still available until 10 April. Full details and the registration link can be found here: <https://extranet.emsa.europa.eu/women-2026>



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PROCUREMENT: Equipment Assistance Service - Northern Baltic Sea (lot 1) and Southern Europe (lot 2) (08/04/2026). Study on Waste from Ships (08/04/2026). Secure destruction of data carriers (17/04/2026). EMSA BCF Deinstallation, Move and Reinstallation Services (27/04/2026). Provision of portable devices to measure sulphur content in marine fuels to SAFEMED beneficiaries (25/05/2026). See website for more.