

CONFERENCE EXPLORES MARITIME SURVEILLANCE DEVELOPMENTS

The conference “Maritime Surveillance: Cooperation in Practice”, held in EMSA on 7 May, provided an opportunity for interested member state and EU authorities to find out about the latest developments in maritime surveillance across Europe. A growing number of authorities are engaging an ever-increasing range of sea-based activities, and there is subsequently an increasing need for reliable maritime data. Clear themes emerging from the conference were: the critical role of cooperation between all actors; the importance of building on synergies; the potential of new technologies for further improving the maritime picture; and the importance of developing operational capacity in a ‘bottom-up’ manner. EMSA will continue to provide support through its Integrated Maritime Services, taking into account developments at sea and the evolving priorities of member states and the Commission.



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EMSA RECEIVES TWO IMPORTANT PARLIAMENTARY VISITS

On 13 May, Tomas Zdechovsky, Member of the European Parliament and shadow rapporteur for the discharge of agencies for 2013 paid a visit to EMSA to discuss EMSA’s vision, work and the discharge procedure. Mr Zdechovsky received a 360° presentation of EMSA activities which, of course, included a visit to the Maritime Support Services centre. Discussion covered enhancing cooperation between EU agencies. Also in May, 15 members from the European Affairs Committee (EAC) of the Portuguese national assembly visited EMSA to get acquainted with our work. Presentations covered the various tasks of the agency and the way they influence Portugal, its maritime cluster and the work of the Portuguese administration.



IN MEMORY OF MINNA LEVANEN

Our dear colleague, Minna Levanen, sadly passed away on 26 April. Minna was a senior assistant for Internal Controls and Quality Management in the Bureau of the Executive Director and also worked closely with Department A. Minna, who recently celebrated her 10th working anniversary at EMSA will be remembered as a well-respected and loyal colleague. A service was held at EMSA premises in her memory.



MAJOR UPDATE FOR EMCIP ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PORTAL

The European Marine Casualty Investigation Platform, EMCIP, has successfully undergone a major update. Data entry is now easier thanks to a user-friendly web interface, an integrated quality control feature has reduced the need for data checks and a single-sign-on has been added. Information about marine casualties and incidents is collected and stored in EMCIP, in accordance with Directive 2009/18/EC. The data can be used by member states and the Commission to identify safety issues and support decision making. On the [EMCIP Portal](#) it is now possible for the public to find information about the most recent marine casualties and incidents, as well as investigation reports published by the member states.



Year	Month	Day	Ship name	Incident type	Investigated by
2014	10	10	NETTO	Passenger ship	Denmark, Denmark
2014	08	08	OSER	Service ship	Denmark, Denmark
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Screenshot from the new EMCIP web interface

EMSA TAKES PART IN THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARIS MOU

In May EMSA participated in the Paris MoU (PMOU) annual meeting in various capacities. The EMSA team provided technical assistance to the Commission during the meeting, took the leadership of two task forces reporting to the plenary, participated and commented in our capacity as database manager of the PMOU (THETIS) and provider of the eLearning and Rulecheck tools supporting the PSC officers of the PMOU and, finally, participated in policy discussions. During the meeting, EMSA provided extensive feedback on the visits-to-member-states programme as well as on the PSC training seminars which EMSA organises, hosts and for which it provides the lecturers. The meeting also agreed on new tasks for the following year, including various enhancements and amendments of the tools supported by EMSA. A key task where EMSA will be deeply involved over the course of next year will be the review of the PSC Directive and the Paris MoU text which proved difficult to implement.



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CAREERS: Head of Unit C.3, Information Services - Technical Management (deadline: 22/06/2015)

PROCUREMENT: Service contract for Equipment Assistance Service (deadline: 15/06/2015); IT consultancy services for EMSA’s horizontal IT components (deadline: 3/07/2015); Acquisition channel of all-purpose lightweight and 2-in-1 laptops and their associated equipment and extended warranty (deadline: 5/07/2015); Provision and access of maritime information and data for non-commercial use (deadline: 6/07/2015)