

2016 FIRST PERIOD ACTIVITIES – EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND AND NORWAY

The activities organised between January and April 2016 included seven events, one of which was a regional training course held in Italy.

Training on EU maritime legislation, [Lisbon, 19–22 Jan](#)

Training on EU environmental legislation, [Lisbon, 3–4 Feb](#)

40th and 41st PSC seminars, [Lisbon, 8–11 Feb & 18–21 Apr](#)

Training on ISPS, [Lisbon, 15–18 Mar & 12–15 Apr](#)

Regional training on EU maritime legislation, [Genova, Italy, 16–18 Mar](#)

9th accident investigation core skills course, [Lisbon, 4–8 Apr](#)

Training on STCW Convention (Advanced), [Lisbon, 6–7 Apr](#)

EMSA's training activities began in 2016 with a **course on EU maritime legislation**, held on 19–22 January. There were 27 participants from 18 Member States and Norway. A team of experienced lecturers provided a comprehensive overview of European maritime legislation. Through a number of practical exercises including multiple choice tests and case studies, the participants extended their understanding of the legislation in force.



Course on EU maritime legislation, Lisbon, 19–22 January

The two-day **training on EU environmental legislation**, held on 3–4 February, was attended by 26 officials from 16 EU Member States, Norway and Iceland who deal with EU environmental maritime legislation, or work in other fields and wished to expand their knowledge. The agenda included topics like the prohibition of organotin compounds on ships, ship recycling, liability and compensation, sulphur content of marine fuels, and port reception facilities. The participants were provided with an in-depth overview of each topic and information on the latest developments.



Training on EU environmental legislation, Lisbon, 3–4 February

The **40th and 41st PSC EMSA Paris MoU seminars** took place on 8–11 February and 18–21 April respectively. The first seminar was attended by 34 participants from EU Member States and Norway, seven representatives from other parties to the Paris MoU and four PSCOs from Montenegro within the framework of EMSA's cooperation with the Enlargement Countries. Some 38 representatives of EU Member States and Norway and four representatives of other parties to the memorandum participated in the second seminar. The practical exercises included in the agenda of the seminars helped the participants to master specific skills relevant to their day-to-day PSC duties. The events also offered the attendees another opportunity to share findings, hear about lessons learned and interact with each other.



40th PSC EMSA Paris MoU seminar participants, Lisbon, 8–11 March

The **training on ISPS** was delivered by an EMSA contractor in two identical courses on 15–18 March and 12–15 April, each designed for a group of 15. The training was open to participants from all EU Member States, Iceland and Norway, and was attended by 28 participants from 19 EU Member States, Iceland and EFTA. The trainers focused on increased knowledge of the main elements of ISPS Code in order to help participants acquire a practical approach to the interpretation and application of the Code both for ship and port facility-related aspects. Presentations, videos, workshops, group discussions with personal experiences, and individual assessments were the main methods used throughout the training courses.

EMSA organised and delivered a **regional training course on EU maritime legislation** on 16–18 March for officials from the Italian Coastguard in the premises of the Italian Coastguard Office in Genova. In total, 25 officials were present, including two participants from Germany and Spain. The training course was requested during the 10th meeting of the Consultative Network on Technical Assistance, held in Lisbon on 30 June 2015 in order to provide the staff with an overview of EU maritime legislation in the field of maritime safety, pollution prevention, maritime security and seafarers' working and living conditions.



Regional training course on EU maritime legislation, Genova, 16–18 March

Based on the structure of the same training delivered in Lisbon and adjusted to certain particular requests of the hosting administration, the course covered topics such as: the structure, organisation and tasks of the EU in relation to maritime safety; the EU and the IMO and the added value of EU maritime safety legislation versus international rules; the role of EMSA in assisting Member States and the European Commission in the development and implementation of maritime safety legislation; the Flag State Directive; key EU environmental legislation; maritime security; accident investigation; seafarer training; vessel traffic monitoring; and, the Marine Equipment Directive. The participants found the three-day training very interesting and useful as it provided them with an overall picture of EU maritime legislation.

The **five-day course on core skills for accident investigation** brought together 15 participants from 13 countries in EMSA's premises in Lisbon on 4-8 May. The course provided participants with the opportunity to refresh and expand their knowledge of basic elements in the process of conducting a safety investigation as per Directive 2009/18/EC. In this way, the trainees became aware of the vital importance of the work of a marine accident investigator.



Five-day course on core skills for accident investigation, Lisbon, 6-7 April

The **two-day training on the STCW Convention**, held on 6-7 April, gathered 28 participants from 20 EU Member States, Iceland and Norway. The training provided the opportunity for the attendees to further investigate those provisions of the STCW Convention and Code, and the related EU Directive, which can be problematic for administrations and MET institutions to implement.



Two-day training on the STCW Convention, Lisbon, 6-7 April

Following a request from the International Maritime Organization, the Agency hosted a **training course by the IMO for auditors** under the IMSAS for Western Europe/EU Countries. The training took place on 22-26 February in Lisbon. The objective of the course was to adequately train personnel undertaking the IMO Member State audits based on the documentation developed by the Organization and to provide them with updated information to underpin their knowledge on the principles of auditing flag, port and coastal functions of a State's maritime administration. Some 19 participants and five EMSA staff members attended the training.



Training course by the IMO for auditors, Lisbon, 22-26 February

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Eight activities are taking or have taken place between May and September for the EU Member States, Norway and Iceland, including one regional training course in Belgium.

Advanced training on ship security, [Lisbon, 18-20 May](#)

ISM Code & auditing techniques, [Lisbon, 24-27 May & 14-17 Jun](#)

Regional training on STCW advanced, [Belgium, 25-26 May](#)

Enforcement provision of Sulphur Directive, [Lisbon, 1-2 Jun](#)

Advanced training on port facility security, [Lisbon, 28-30 Jun](#)

Training on Maritime Labour Convention, [Lisbon 13-14 Jul](#)

11th CNTA meeting, [13 Sept](#)

42nd PSC seminar, [26-29 Sept](#)



Kick-off meeting with the representatives of the Enlargement Countries, Lisbon, 10 February

2016 – FIRST PERIOD ACTIVITIES – ENLARGEMENT COUNTRIES

The activities organised between January and April 2016 included two events.

Kick-off meeting with the representatives of the Enlargement Countries, [Lisbon, 10 Feb](#)

Training on Flag State Implementation, [Lisbon, 9–10 Mar](#)

The **kick-off meeting with the representatives of the Enlargement Countries** took place on 10 February. The meeting was attended by seven representatives from four beneficiary countries and the coordinator of the project from DG NEAR (Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations). The participants were familiarised with the new grant contract, which provides financial resources for the implementation of the project entitled: 'Preparatory measures for the participation of Enlargement Countries in EMSA's work'.

The representatives of the beneficiary Enlargement Countries presented their views and needs related to the activities to be implemented under the project. Based on the current state of their respective maritime sectors, they specified the areas in which they would like the Agency to provide them technical assistance. In line with this, the meeting agreed on the priorities for regional activities to be implemented within the framework of the project and on the bilateral activities to be implemented.

The **training on Flag State Implementation** held on 9-10 March was attended by 12 officials from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey. The training focused on compliance with flag State requirements and rules and standards for ship inspections and survey organisations. Special attention was given to the role and obligations of the flag States under the international instruments. The IMO Member States audit scheme was another key topic extensively discussed because of the fact that some of the beneficiaries were to be audited under the scheme shortly after the training. The participation of officials

from the maritime administrations of Greece and France, an expert from ClassNK and a representative of the IMO IMSAS team, as speakers, was highly appreciated by all participants.

Under the activity 'Participation of national experts from enlargement countries in specific meetings, events, conferences, working groups, etc., organised by EMSA and which are normally attended by EU Member States', officials from Enlargement Countries participated in the following events:

- EMSA Dispersant Usage Evaluation Tool (DUET v.2), attended by representatives of Albania, Montenegro and Turkey, 2 – 4 Feb
- 40th PSCO seminar, attended by 4 inspectors from Montenegro, 8 – 11 Feb
- Workshop on Oil Fingerprinting and the work of the Oil Spill Identification Network, 2 Mar, attended by 1 official from Albania
- 10th Meeting of the Consultative Technical Group on Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response (CTG MPPR)

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Six activities are taking or have taken place between May and September for the Enlargement Countries.

Training on Places of Refuge, [18 May](#)

Training on Passenger Ship Safety, [7–8 Jun](#)

Training on Passenger Ship Security, [7–8 Jun](#)

Training on STCW, [12–15 Jul](#)

Training on ISM, [20–23 Sept](#)

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