

8th Meeting of the Consultative Network on Technical Assistance

Lisbon, 10th September 2013

Conclusions

- i. The 8th meeting of the Consultative Network on Technical Assistance (CNTA) took place on 10 September 2013. This year the meeting was exceptionally held during the 3rd quarter of the year in order to be combined with the Advisory Committee of SafeMed 3, an EU funded project to provide technical assistance on maritime safety, security and pollution preparedness response to Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia. The project will be implemented by EMSA over the 36 months period from June 2013 to June 2016.
- ii. Representatives from 20 Member States were present, including new focal points attending for the first time. The discussions confirmed a continued and widespread support for EMSA's training and cooperation activities in the field of maritime safety, security and prevention of pollution by ships.
- iii. The delegations from the Member States were informed about:
 - a. the training activities performed as well as those still pending for their benefit in 2013;
 - b. the results of the analysis from the 2012 training activities;
 - c. the number of officials from the maritime administrations trained on EU maritime legislation;
 - d. the training sessions performed for candidate/potential candidate (IPA) countries;
 - e. the reorganisation of the EMSA's Training and Cooperation Sector. The main goal of this reorganisation is to gain in terms of cost/effectiveness;
 - f. the 2014 training sessions draft list;
 - g. the 2014 regional training draft plan, which so far includes one in Bulgaria.
- iv. The initiatives towards the harmonisation and simplification of the procedures to organise the training sessions were presented to the CNTA focal points. The new procedure for registration to the training sessions organised by Training and Cooperation, to be in force from 1 January 2014, was explained and agreed by the focal points. This will imply a more active role of the CNTA focal points and a need for closer cooperation with technical officers from the Administrations, who usually participate in the training activities.
- v. The new procedure for updating the "Overview of the 30 EU maritime administrations" was presented and later on agreed by

the CNTA focal points. EMSA will prepare the revised version of the "overview" for the approval by MSs. Data that cannot be retrieved from other public sources such as GISIS, PMOU website, will be requested from the MSs.

- vi. Based on a brief presentation of EMSA's and Member States' proposals, as well as some additional proposals made on the spot, the CNTA focal points compiled the following draft list of trainings, which forms the basis for a further selection to be done via e-mail at a later stage:

1. Training on ISM Code (delivered by an external contractor)
2. Training on ISPS Code (ship security) (delivered by an external contractor)
3. EU Maritime Legislation (basic)
4. Training on STCW on Manila amendments
5. Training on Liability and Compensation
6. Training on EU Legislation on Passenger Vessels
7. Training on MLC (1 year following the implementation)
8. Training on EU Maritime Legislation for Environmental issues
9. Training on Air Emissions (Dir. 2012/33/EU amending 1999/32/EC Sulphur Directive)
10. Training on MED
11. Training on BWM (sampling & control)
12. Training on FS & ROs monitoring
13. Training on ISM Simulated Audit on Passenger Ships
14. Training on ISPS Code – practical training developed internally by EMSA

It was agreed that by 07 October 2013 each Member State will forward to EMSA the above list indicating its own priorities. EMSA will then consolidate it into the Agency's 2014 plan for Technical Assistance which will include 10 training proposals. The consolidated plan will be circulated to Member States by 31st of October 2013 and published on EMSA's website.

- vii. EMSA also provided information about the expenses for flight tickets and hotel accommodations of the participants to the training

sessions. It has been noted that early bookings are proposed aimed to reduce costs.

- viii. Member States' representatives were reminded that, according to the current procedures, reimbursement for participation to an EMSA event has to be claimed no later than 90 days from the date of the event.
 - ix. The participants renewed their support for regional trainings as a complement to, but not a substitute for, centralised trainings in Lisbon and took note of the request that had already been received from Bulgaria, for 2014. EMSA's intention to respond positively up to three requests was highlighted.
 - x. The Member States' representatives expressed their appreciation for the positive outcome of the trainings delivered in and also for the continuous improvement of the procedures for registration, evaluation and the content of the trainings. The role of the EMSA trainings as a key activity for maritime administrations was reaffirmed and the new organisation on training activities which centralizes the administrative management of more trainings delivered in house was welcomed.
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