

9th Meeting of the Consultative Network on Technical Assistance

Lisbon, 09th September 2014

Conclusions

The 9th meeting of the Consultative Network on Technical Assistance (CNTA) took place on 09 September 2014.

Representatives from 19 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.

The delegations from the Member States were informed about:

- the current situation and until the end of 2014;
- the results of the analysis from the 2013 training activities;
- the number of officials from the maritime administrations who attended the trainings;
- the training sessions performed for candidate/potential candidate (IPA) countries;
- the technical assistance provided by EMSA to European Neighbouring countries.

The more active role of the CNTA focal points to the nomination of the participants was quite effective and the closer cooperation with technical officers from the Administrations, who usually participate in the training activities, was very much appreciated. The changes in the procedures for registration were presented to the CNTA focal points to identify through the discussion possible areas for further improvements.

The focal points agreed to act as a link between EMSA and their Administrations for facilitating requests for support on specific technical actions to SafeMed III and TRACECA II Projects.

The "Overview of the 30 maritime administrations" was presented to the CNTA focal points. The revised versions of the "Overview" were uploaded to the public web-site of the Agency and a demonstration on where to find it took place. It was agreed that at the beginning of each year the information available about their Administrations will be sent to the focal points with the request to update it as necessary.

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

EU Maritime Legislation
EU Maritime Legislation for Environmental issues
STCW
FSI
Enforcement provisions of the Sulphur Directive
MED
Ship Recycling
Liability & Compensation
ISM Code (delivered by an external contractor)
ISPS Code (delivered by an external contractor)
Ship Security (a practical training developed internally by EMSA)
MLC
BWM

It was clarified that the PSC Trainings are organised separately, while any needs for training on Accidents Investigation will be further considered in co-operation with the relevant parties and eventually be included into the 2015 training plan.

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 Sweden, for 2015. EMSA's intention is to consider up to two further requests for regional trainings in 2015.

The Member States' representatives expressed their appreciation for the positive outcome of the trainings delivered 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 training activities delivered in house was welcomed once again.
