

## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD SETS PRIORITIES FOR 2015 & 2016

During its last meeting of 2014, held on 13-14 November, EMSA's administrative board adopted the 2015 work programme as well as the associated budget and establishment plan. It also reflected on the technical assistance given to member states concerning **National Single Windows**, the results of EMSA's stakeholder survey, and the work in the field of air emissions. This contribution was well received by board members and they were pleased to see EMSA's active role in implementing the sulphur directive at EU level. Possible key priorities for 2016 were also discussed with board members.



Mr Mylly gives feedback via video to staff on the latest administrative board.

## MANUELA TOMASSINI NEW HEAD OF SAFETY AND STANDARDS

November 15 saw the resignation of Theresa Crossley who held the position of head of department for safety and standards since February 2010. Ms Theresa Crossley is replaced by Ms Manuela Tomassini, the current head of the corporate services department. Ms Tomassini started at EMSA as Policy Advisor in 2007, having previously been transport attaché for the Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU. Ms Tomassini will take over the **safety and standards department** whose responsibilities include visits and inspections, ship safety, marine environment and Port State Control. Ms Tomassini will also continue to act in a temporary capacity as head of corporate services.



EMSA bids a fond farewell to Theresa Crossley and welcomes Manuela Tomassini to her new position.

## STRONGER COOPERATION WITH DG ECHO OVER MARITIME EMERGENCIES

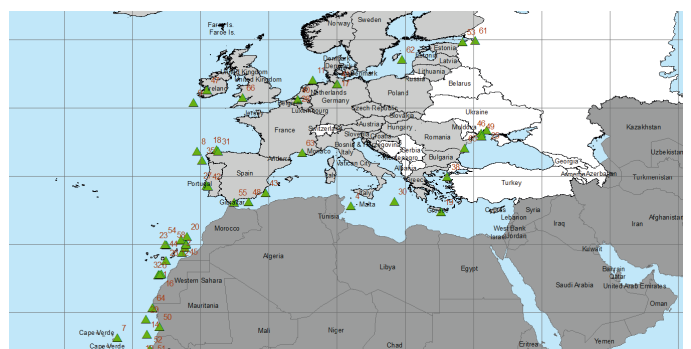
On 13 November, the European Commission's Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO), as represented by Ms Florika Fink-Hooijer, agreed to further enhance **cooperation with EMSA** on marine pollution preparedness, monitoring and response. The new working arrangement updates an existing agreement, held since 2004. It reflects recent changes such as the reorganisation of the European Commission, including the establishment of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC), and the development at EMSA of new EU pollution monitoring tools, such as the European Satellite Oil Spill Monitoring Service, CleanSeaNet.



From left to right: Fotis Karamitsos (Director, DG MOVE), Florika Fink-Hooijer (Director, DG ECHO), and Markku Mylly (Executive Director, EMSA)

## EBOLA VIRUS MONITORING CONTINUES

To support the fight against the spread of the Ebola virus, EMSA is providing 18 EU member states with a weekly list of ships that have departed from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and which have subsequently been detected in and around EU waters. At the request of member states, EMSA also provides near-real-time early warnings whenever notifications are received that ships are bound for EU ports. This is based on pre-arrival information in the SafeSeaNet maritime monitoring system. The information is based on terrestrial and satellite AIS data, some external sources and a special watchdog functionality that has been set up as part of EMSA's **Integrated Maritime Services**.



The possibility of locating inbound and outbound ships over a specific time period can help coordinate response efforts.

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### CAREERS:

National Experts in Professional Training (deadline: 9/01/2014)  
Eight traineeships from March to July 2015 (deadline: 6/01/2015)