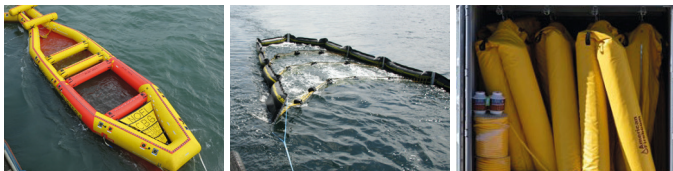


EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICE FOR OIL POLLUTION RESPONSE NOW OPERATIONAL IN BALTIC AND NORTH SEA

EMSA's Equipment Assistance Service is now up and running in two locations with equipment stockpiles available in both Gdansk, Poland and Aberdeen, UK. The requesting party may choose one or more equipment sets from the [available oil pollution response equipment](#) in these stockpiles, including fire booms, combined containment and recovery systems and trawl net systems. The equipment is available on request around the clock and is ready to be mobilised within 12 hours. If requested, technical support personnel is also available to provide assistance to the requesting party for the use of the specialised equipment. Together with EMSA's Network of Stand-by Oil Spill Response Vessels, the EAS service complements the regional response capacity of member states and can also support oil spill response in other areas as the equipment can be sent anywhere in Europe.



EMSA'S FACTS AND FIGURES 2015 PUBLICATION NOW ONLINE

EMSA's recently published Facts and Figures publication is a compact and illustrative account of the Agency's main activities in 2015, based on the more comprehensive Consolidated Annual Activity Report. Many questions are addressed, such as how much data was processed by EMSA's information services? Who and how is the integrated maritime data environment being used? Where were inspections conducted in 2015? What areas was EMSA monitoring in 2015 for legal compliance? How many training sessions were held and who benefited? How many possible oil spills were detected through the satellite detection service? Visit our website to [download the publication](#).



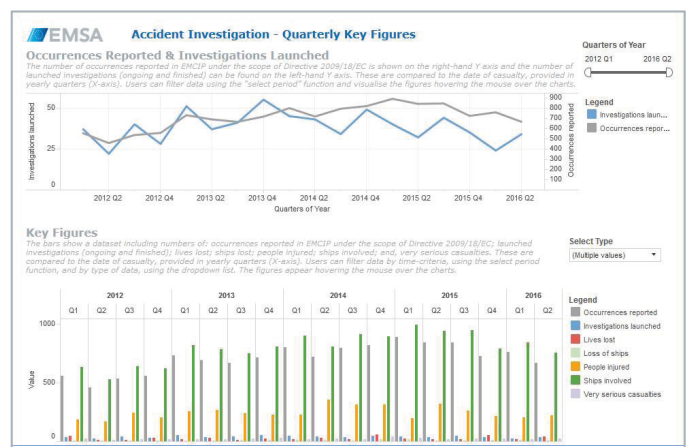
FOSTERING COOPERATION & SHARING BEST PRACTICES THROUGH TARGETED TRAINING

The annual Consultative Network for Technical Assistance is being held on 13 September, bringing together the various focal points from across Europe to discuss their training needs for 2017 as well as to explore the Distance Learning Packages being developed by EMSA. The recently updated [catalogue of training courses](#) now available online will be presented to participants, outlining the topics covered: maritime safety; maritime security; marine environment; human element; accident investigation; port state control; maritime legislation; vessel traffic monitoring and reporting; and maritime surveillance. Per session, the catalogue indicates the target audience, duration and content.



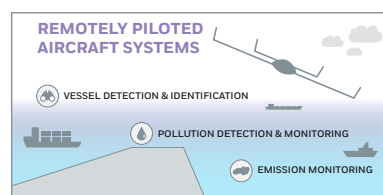
QUARTERLY UPDATES NOW AVAILABLE FOR MARINE CASUALTIES AND INCIDENTS

Key figures on marine casualties and incidents are now available on EMSA's website via the European Marine Casualty Information Platform (EMCIP). The data is provided by the accident investigation bodies of the EU member states, Iceland and Norway, and has been aggregated to present [updated figures on a quarterly basis](#). The charts refer to occurrences reported in EMCIP under the scope of Directive 2009/18/EC, showing data such as the number of occurrences, marine safety investigations, as well as lives lost, people injured and ships involved. Users can customise the timeline and the values of interest to them. The data presented is anonymised and is for information purposes only.



USER BENEFIT ANALYSIS GUIDES EMSA IN ITS PREPARATIONS TO BRING RPAS INTO OPERATION IN THE MARITIME DOMAIN

EMSA recently conducted and finalised a study entitled "User Benefit Analysis of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) Operations in the Maritime Domain". The objective



was to better understand user requirements for the use of RPAS in the maritime domain across a range of maritime tasks and activities – marine environment protection,

maritime safety and security, fisheries control, border control, law enforcement and customs. Maritime stakeholders were identified and contacted regarding their needs and to explore the potential benefits that RPAS operations could bring to the users in the maritime domain. These stakeholders were contacted by email, telephone and – in some cases – through face-to-face meetings. The conclusions of the user consultations were used as input for the recently published public procurements.

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CAREERS: SNE Project Officer for training & cooperation (deadline: 30/9/2016) (see website for more opportunities)

PROCUREMENT: RPAS services in support of the execution of Coast Guard functions (deadline: 17/10/2016); Provision of RPAS exploitation data centre services (deadline: 26/9/2016)