

EMSA TAKES PART IN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING CONFERENCE IN CYPRUS

EMSA attended the longstanding Maritime Cyprus international shipping conference on 8-11 October in Limassol. The exhibition gave EMSA the opportunity to raise awareness of the various functionalities of the **THETIS-MRV system** for the monitoring, reporting and verification of CO₂ emissions as well as to assist companies and administrations wishing to use the system. IMO Secretary General and European Commission Waterborne Transport Director (DG MOVE) visited the stand and exchanged views about the system functionalities and how it could support a global system in the future. An EMSA representative spoke as a panellist at the conference's discussion entitled "Cost of Smoke". During this discussion, EMSA presented the THETIS-MRV system to many shipowners and ship managers, highlighting the mandatory and voluntary modular approach of the system as well as the system's added value for companies.



EMSA TRAINING PROGRAMME EXPANDS IN FLEXIBILITY AND POTENTIAL REACH

The **Consultative Network on Technical Assistance** which meets yearly held its 12th meeting on 3 October in EMSA. Representatives from 20 member states gathered to discuss the various training courses provided by EMSA throughout the year, including training delivered to enlargement and neighbouring countries. The network is keen for EMSA to continue offering specialised training in house and for general legal training to be provided through dedicated eLearning modules. The training sessions in house allow for valuable best practice case studies and implementation techniques to be explored. The network agreed that, from 2018, the distance learning modules should be used as a first step before attending more specialised courses at EMSA premises. A list of in house training, eLearning modules and guidance has been compiled by the CNTA network based on their national needs and will be used to plan the upcoming training courses. During the meeting, EMSA also presented the possibility of harnessing new technologies for training purposes, in particular virtual reality and 3D simulations of vessel inspections.

MEDITERRANEAN COAST GUARD FUNCTIONS FORUM HELD IN TURKEY

EMSA participated in the Mediterranean Coast Guard Functions Forum **plenary conference** held in Antalya on 12-13 October by the Turkish Coast Guard. As part of the implementation of its capacity building tasks, EMSA supported the participation of the Mediterranean beneficiary countries of the SAFEMED project on technical assistance. Representatives from 11 Mediterranean countries participated, and European Commission DG MARE, EFCA, Frontex and REMPEC were also present. Numerous Turkish Authorities such as representatives of the foreign affairs and environment ministries along with Turkish universities and research centres also participated.



eMANIFEST PROJECT UPDATE

EMSA is running a pilot project in cooperation with the European Commission to demonstrate how an electronic, harmonised eManifest including different cargo formalities could fulfil reporting requirements in a harmonised manner via a **European Maritime Single Window (EMSW)**. The EMSW prototype developed by EMSA is enhanced and used for the purpose of testing the eManifest involving industry representatives and the member state authorities concerned. In September, member state maritime representatives met with the Electronic Customs Coordination Group (ECCG) members representing the customs authorities involved in the eManifest project to discuss the state of play and decide on the way forward. EMSA presented some new eManifest principles of the next phase including a revised eManifest data set. Testing with stakeholders is scheduled for early 2018.

TRAINING SESSION ON SULPHUR DIRECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TAKEN ABOARD

On 25-26 October, EMSA organised a training session on the Enforcement Provisions of the Sulphur Directive for Sulphur Inspectors. Within this session a visit on board the Mein Schiff III which was docked at the time in Lisbon was organised with the kind assistance of Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines (RCCL) and TUI Cruises. The goal of the visit on board was to provide **field training** to 31 Inspectors from EU member states and Canada through a mock inspection of the vessel's compliance with the EU Sulphur Directive. The Inspectors were given the opportunity to verify the required documentation of the ship, examine the fuel system, and, for the first time in EMSA's training programme, take a sample of the fuel. In addition, during the visit, a demonstration of an active exhaust gas cleaning system was provided. EMSA would like to thank RCCL and TUI Cruises for their support and help in providing this practical training and look forward to further cooperation in the future.



IMPLEMENTING EFCA/EMSA/FRONTX COAST GUARD COOPERATION

Within the framework of the Coast Guard cooperation, a Tripartite Working Arrangement (TWA) was signed establishing three technical subcommittees to work on the activities of common interest under the supervision of a **Steering Committee**. Technical Sub Committee 1 on the Sharing of Data and Surveillance Services met for the first time on 19 October in Lisbon and was chaired by EMSA. The other two subcommittees are chaired by EFCA and Frontex respectively. Representatives from EFCA, Frontex and EMSA all contributed to the opening discussions across a range of topics, preparing work to be done as defined in the joint Annual Strategic Plan for 2018. The subcommittee generated an initial list of action points for follow-up in the coming months. This subcommittee is likely to meet twice a year.



EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING FORUM LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

EMSA hosted the 8th Plenary Meeting of the **European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF)**, chaired by the European Commission and attended by over 60 participants from EU countries and industry. Representatives from each subgroup presented reports and recommendations. Special reference was made to the EMSA Guidance on LNG bunkering for Port Authorities and Administrations, a text that will offer a uniform way forward in the sensitive domain of the use of LNG as marine fuel. The meeting also included a debate on the future of the ESSF. The achievements since 2013 were presented as well as new rules for expert groups, relevant for the renewal of the ESSF mandate. The plenary then discussed the perspectives for extension focusing mainly on the possible areas to be covered after 2018 and the potential new subgroups.



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VACANCIES: Administrative Assistant (FGII) (deadline: 4/12/2017)
PROCUREMENT: Expressions of interest for an external database of experts (deadline: 19/12/2020); Provision of interim services for EMSA and EMCDDA (deadline: 23/11/2017); Preventive cleaning of sewage system in EMSA (deadline: 24/11/2017)