

EMSA ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Croatian State Secretary for the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, Maja Markovčić Kostelac has been named new Executive Director of EMSA. Ms Markovic Kostelac will take up her five-year term at the beginning of 2019 and is familiar with EMSA having been an Administrative Board member since January 2017. With only one quarter

of heads of EU agency positions being held by females, this appointment will go some way towards redressing the gender balance. EMSA takes this opportunity to wish Ms Markovic Kostelac a very successful start to her mandate.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE DELEGATION VISITS EMSA

A delegation of MEPs from the Committee on Transport and Tourism visited EMSA on 20 September. The visitors were given a general overview of the agency and its future perspectives, as well as a more detailed account of its activities as related to safety and standards on the one hand and operations on the other. A tour of the Maritime Support Services operations room provided the opportunity to discover the full range of maritime monitoring systems first hand.



EMSA EXCHANGES TECHNICAL VIEWS WITH INTERTANKO COMMITTEES

Several committees of the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners (Intertanko) were hosted at EMSA on 12-14 September. Intertanko's bunker, environmental, safety and technical committees and EMSA representatives had the chance to exchange technical views on topics of shared interest. Particular attention was given to the upcoming international regulatory agenda on sulphur/PM (SOx) and GHG (CO₂).



DISPERSANTS SHIPPED TO BULGARIA TO BACK UP ONGOING CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS

EMSA has shipped 18 tons of dispersants from its stockpile in Malta to assist the Bulgarian Maritime Administration in the clean-up operations following the leakage reported from the sunken wreck of the M/V Mopang cargo vessel located near the port of Sozopol. The dispersants were sent at the request of the Bulgarian authorities and are intended as a reserve capacity. They will be kept on standby for limited use in case oil escapes from the containment barriers around the wreck.

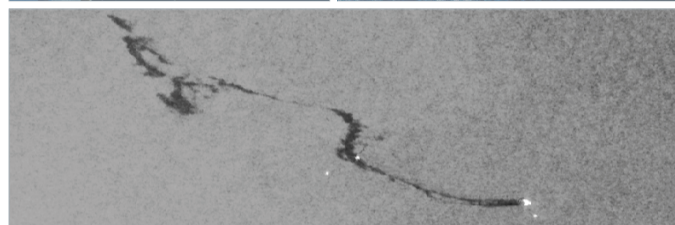
EMSA JOINS EVENT-PACKED INAUGURAL PORTUGAL SHIPPING WEEK

EMSA held a series of events as part of the very vibrant Portugal Shipping Week which kicked off on 17 September. Open day tours of EMSA gave visitors the opportunity to visit the premises and find out more about the agency's role and responsibilities in the maritime domain. Two workshops looked at the agency's role in maritime surveillance and accident investigation. And, visitors were also welcomed on board one of EMSA's standby oil spill response vessels.



BREZZAMARE RESPONSE VESSEL CALLED IN TO ASSIST IN CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AFTER COLLISION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

EMSA has been assisting French and Italian authorities as they engage in clean-up operations following a collision between Tunisian ro-ro vessel Ulysse and Cypriot general cargo ship CSL Virginia in the Mediterranean, some 28 km north of Corsica, on 7 October. Brezzamare arrived on site on the morning of 9 October and joined the response operations to contain the ensuing oil slick. Satellite images have been used to help in monitoring the oil slick and the vessels affected through EMSA's CleanSeaNet and Copernicus Maritime Surveillance services.



The oil slick as it appears on a satellite image © Copernicus Sentinel data (2018)

ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF INVASIVE SPECIES FROM BALLAST WATER

In cooperation with the Hellenic Coast Guard, EMSA held a training course in Piraeus on 10-11 September on implementation and compliance in relation to the International Convention for the control and management of ballast and sediment from ships. The course was delivered by EMSA representatives and was attended by officers from central port authorities and directorates of the Hellenic Coast Guard. The topics covered included: detailed information on the BWM Convention; an update on ballast water treatment technology; the PSC view of control, monitoring and enforcement; and, sampling and type approval of BWM systems.



The course also included practical exercises on enforcement

EMSA'S RULECHECK LEGISLATION GUIDE OPENS TO PSC REGIMES WORLDWIDE

Access to EMSA's Rulecheck repository of maritime legislation is now being granted to non EU countries and Port State regimes following a decision by EMSA's Administrative Board. While the Paris MoU, Med MoU, BS MoU all currently have access to Rulecheck, use of the repository has been extended to cover both the Caribbean MoU and the Indian Ocean MoU since the end of September. Rulecheck was presented to the IMO subcommittee on the implementation of international instruments in London on 24-28 September. The repository of legislation supports many authorities including Flag State, Port State and Accident Investigation bodies, and is commonly used as a decision support tool for PSC officers. By giving inspectors worldwide easy access to up-to-date maritime regulations, Rulecheck will contribute to the harmonised implementation of conventions and PSC practices.



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VACANCIES: Traineeship notice for spring 2019 (deadline: 2/11/2018); Project Officer for the RPAS Data Centre (deadline: 12/11/2018)

PROCUREMENT: Provision of training services (deadline: 21/10/2018); Furniture supply (deadline: 28/10/2020); see website for more.