

## EXERCISE IN OIL SPILL RESPONSE ON BOARD THE RIA DE VIGO



Testing out new oil spill response equipment on board the *Ria de Vigo*

On 17 June, EMSA approved a new equipment system on board its [stand-by oil spill response vessel](#), *Ria de Vigo*. This contracted vessel which operates in the Bay of Biscay area is now equipped with a Weir Boom 180 system. On the following day EMSA's Executive Director, Markku Mylly participated in the at-sea oil pollution response exercise organised by the Spanish Maritime Safety Agency (SASEMAR) in Ria de Arousa, Spain, together with other Spanish units. During the exercise, EMSA's contracted vessel *Ria de Vigo* successfully deployed its oil pollution response equipment.

## EXPLORING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY IN EXHAUST GAS CLEANING



Hybrid scrubber system offers an alternative to lower sulphur fuel

A small group of EMSA staff were recently invited by Royal Caribbean Cruises and Tui to view the new Hybrid Scrubber System that has been installed on Tui Cruises new ship, the *Mein Schiff 3*, which had called into Lisbon during its maiden cruise to Malta. During the visit the EMSA group was given a presentation on the exhaust gas cleaning system installed on board, which is currently under trial. They also visited the engine room to see the system in situ and were briefed on how the system removes sulphur oxides from the exhaust gases. The Hybrid Scrubber System enables the ship to meet the requirements of MARPOL Annex VI and the EC Sulphur Directive (2012/33/EU), without using low sulphur fuel.

## TRACECA II PROGRAMME COMMENCES



On 16 June EMSA began a two-year project on maritime safety, security and marine environmental protection for the TRACECA coastal states, at the request of the European Commission's development and cooperation directorate-general. This

ambitious programme aims to support political and economic development in the Black Sea Region, Caucasus and Central Asia as well as to facilitate integration into the international economy through improved trade and transport. The project was originally launched in 1993 and is financed through the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument. EMSA's assistance will contribute towards raising the level of maritime safety and marine pollution prevention, preparedness and response standards in the Black Sea and Caspian Sea. The beneficiary countries will receive technical assistance on specific topics in the area of Flag State Implementation, PSC and environmental protection. Additionally, the beneficiary countries will have access to certain operational tools, such as the CleanSeaNet service and the network of stand-by oil spill recovery vessels.

## E-LEARNING PROGRAMME TO HELP PSC OFFICERS APPLY MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION, 2006



EMSA has just launched a new module for port state control officers aimed at ensuring the protection of seafarers' rights through a uniform and harmonised enforcement of the Maritime Labour

Convention, 2006. The programme will underpin the member states' inspection responsibilities stemming from the Convention with emphasis on living and working conditions on board. The e-learning project is developed by EMSA in support of the professional development of port state officers from the member states. The module on the Maritime Labour Convention deals with the various chapters of the Convention and explains how to understand and apply the various provisions from a PSC point of view.

## ON THE WEBSITE

**Procurement:** Data centre servers, network, security, storage equipment, software and services (DCSNSSESS) (deadline: 22/08/2014); Enhancement and maintenance services for EMSA's sharepoint collaboration platform (deadline: 1/09/2014); Framework contract for the supply of labels to be fixed on oil spill response equipment (30/09/2014)

**Careers:** Payroll Officer - Contractual Agent (deadline: 5/09/2014)