

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRESENTS BEFORE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT & TOURISM

Executive Director, Markku Mylly, gave a presentation at the European Parliament TRAN Committee on 7 September, on the occasion of the extension of his mandate. Mr Mylly underlined the importance of maintaining a continual dialogue with the European Parliament and updated the members of the committee on EMSA's activities. He spoke of the phasing in of the new mandate for European cooperation on coast guard functions and of his gratitude to the European Parliament for spurring the initiative through the recently completed 'creation of a European coast guard function' pilot project. This project served as a test bed for the cooperation mechanism proposed by the European Commission, the results of which are to be presented to the European Parliament's **TRAN-PECH-LIBE committees** later this year. Mr Mylly showed a short video of footage taken during the multipurpose Remotely Piloted Aircraft System demonstration held as part of this project. Mr Mylly also gave updates on THETIS-MRV, Places of Refuge for ships in need of assistance, the European maritime single window, **Copernicus maritime surveillance services**, and EMSA's capacity building potential in expanded geographical areas. **Mr Mylly's presentation** was followed by a question and answer session for members of the committee.



## EMSA RESPONSE VESSEL ENGAGED IN FISHERIES CONTROL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN OPERATED BY EFCA

Interagency cooperation between EMSA and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) was taken a step further following a request for an inspection vessel by EFCA. EMSA identified the Aegis I vessel as the most suitable option for EFCA's needs, given the **vessel's characteristics** and usual area of operation. The Aegis I is being deployed south of Sicily (Italy) for daily activities that include patrolling and at sea fisheries inspection, as well as maritime surveillance in the event of a potential search and rescue incident. This cooperation was made possible thanks to the latest amendment to EMSA's founding regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/1625) which is designed to pave the way for increased cooperation among the agencies through shared resources. Following the vessel preparations for fisheries control and other coast guard-related tasks, the Aegis I began operating under EFCA's direction on 4 August 2017 for a renewable short term contract.

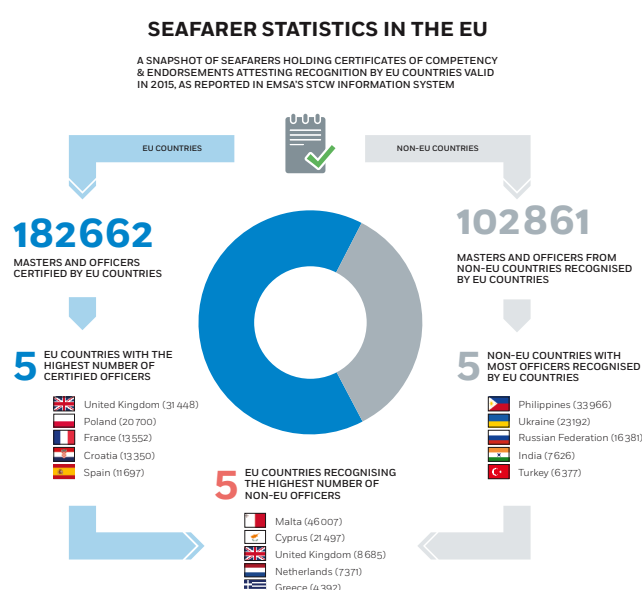


## NEW UPGRADE OF CECIS MARINE POLLUTION SOFTWARE TOOL GOES ONLINE

The Common Emergency Communication and Information System for Marine Pollution (CECIS MP) is an online application to facilitate coordination of requests for and offers of assistance during maritime incidents and accidents. It is managed by the European Commission's Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and is available to authorised users of the 34 participating states of the **Union Civil Protection Mechanism** as well as to EMSA. It is also open to third countries sharing a regional sea basin with the EU. EMSA was substantially involved in developing and populating a new upgraded version of the CECIS MP resources database which was launched in late August. The system now contains georeferenced and more detailed information on EU/EFTA member states' and EMSA's resources (vessels, specialised equipment and dispersant stockpiles) and provides for improved search functionality. It has the potential to serve as a single database of pollution response capacity for European and regional purposes and therefore simplify reporting obligations to member states.

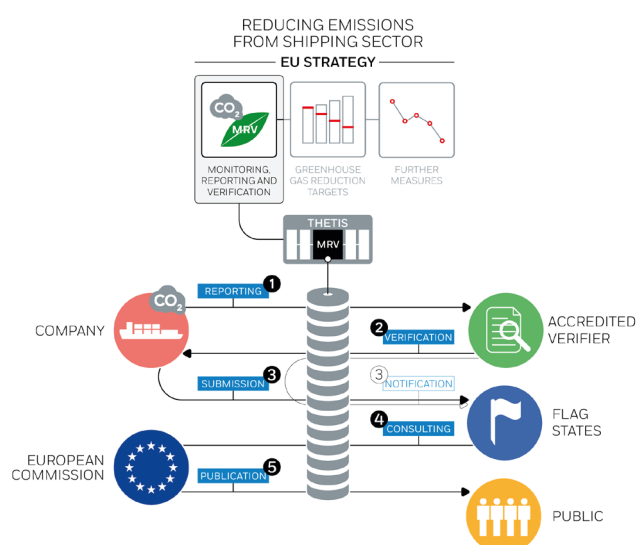
## EU-WIDE PICTURE OF SEAFARERS' STATISTICS UPDATED FOR 2015

The Seafarers' Statistics in the EU - Statistical review (2015 STCW-IS data) has been published by EMSA on the STCW-IS portal. The **statistical review** is based on data extracted from certificates and endorsements registered by EU member states until 31 December 2015 and recorded in the STCW Information System (STCW-IS). It represents a snapshot of the European labour market in terms of the number of seafarers holding valid certificates and endorsements in 2015. This is the second year such data is available. The first statistical review for 2014 was published by EMSA on 8 July 2016. As more data is collected in the coming years, this will make trend analysis possible and hopefully contribute to a better understanding of the maritime labour force in Europe. The data included now in the STCW-IS shows that 182 662 masters and officers hold valid certificates of competency (CoCs) issued by EU member states while another 102 861 masters and officers hold original CoCs issued by non-EU countries with endorsements issued by EU member states attesting their recognition. Overall, the end of 2015 saw slightly above a quarter of a million masters and officers as potential manpower to serve on board EU member state-flagged vessels.



## THETIS-MRV REPORTING SYSTEM NOW FULLY UP AND RUNNING

After its first four weeks in operation, 100 companies have registered 318 ships in the THETIS-MRV system which supports the monitoring, reporting and verification of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the shipping sector. The system enables companies responsible for the operation of ships above 5000 GT and using EU ports to report their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as required by law from 1 January 2018. Twenty accredited verifiers have also been registered and associated with ships and companies. Under the system's voluntary module, companies can work with accredited verifiers to prepare monitoring plans and, under the mandatory module, emission reports and documents of compliance can be issued to the European Commission and relevant flag state authorities. THETIS-MRV addresses both industry and enforcement authorities, facilitating their responsibilities in different ways. To ease access and use, EMSA developed and posted online a number of **tutorial videos**.



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**VACANCIES:** Project Officer for Pollution Response Services (deadline: 15/9/17); Earth Observation Project Officer for Data Acquisition and Service Development (deadline 15/9/17)

**PROCUREMENT:** Expressions of interest for an external database of experts (19/12/2020); Provision of shore-based AIS equipment to ENP countries (2/10/2017); Provision of audiovisual equipment and maintenance support (2/10/2017); Network infrastructure and systems equipment and services (25/9/2017); Earth Observation Data Centre (19/9/2017)