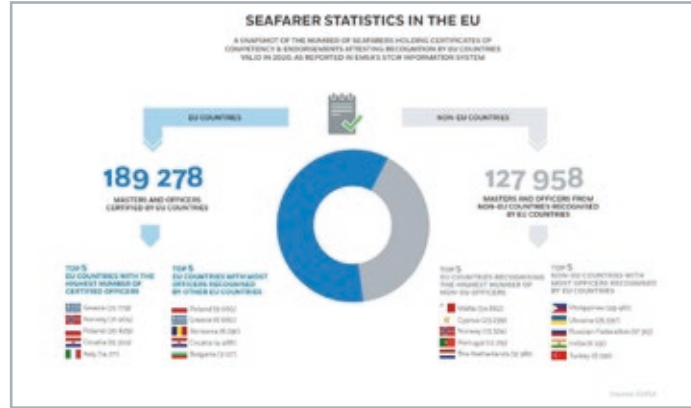


## LATEST STATISTICAL REVIEW FROM EMSA OFFERS INSIGHT INTO EUROPEAN LABOUR MARKET FOR SEAFARERS

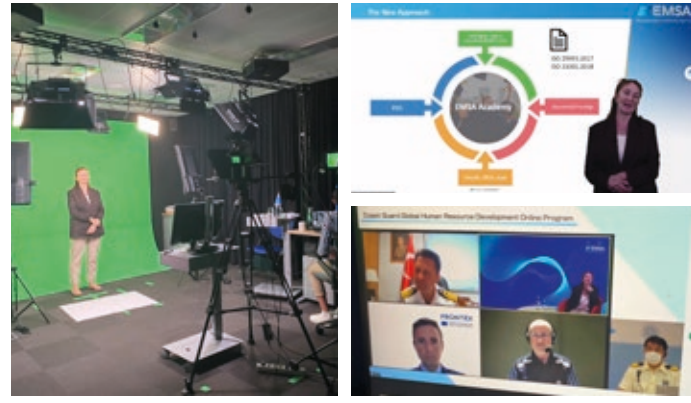
EMSA has published its seventh annual review on [Seafarer Statistics in the EU](#), offering valuable insight into the European labour market in terms of the number of seafarers holding valid certificates and endorsements in 2020, based on data from EMSA's STCW Information System as in turn provided by Member States by end-2021. According to the report, at the start of 2021, there were over 317 000 masters and officers available to serve on board EU member state flagged vessels (including Norway and Iceland). The European countries that had the most certified masters and officers were Greece, Norway, Poland, Croatia and Italy. In addition, the five non-EU countries that had at that time the most masters and officers holding Certificates of Competency recognised by EU member states were the Philippines, Ukraine, Russia, India and Turkey. The review also includes an analysis of the impact of Brexit on the availability of masters and officers to serve on board EU member state flagged vessels. Generally, the review suggests that since 2014 a certain stability in the EU maritime labour market prevails and might continue to indicate the ability of such labour market to attract new entrants that have replaced those leaving the seafaring career. The main beneficiaries of the review – for policy-making purposes – are the EU member states, the European Commission and the European Parliament. Additionally, shipowners and operators may benefit too as they can gain awareness of the full magnitude of manpower available in the EU to crew their vessels. The information may also be useful for maritime education and training institutions in the EU, as it makes it easier to assess market needs for these services. Finally, researchers, seafarers and the organisations that represent them may find valuable data and analysis in the review.



A snapshot of the manpower available to crew EU member state flagged vessels

## EMSA GIVES KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT OPENING OF COAST GUARD GLOBAL SUMMIT

EMSA actively participated in the Coast Guard Global Summit held online by the Japanese Coast Guard on 13-14 July. The seminar addressed topics of particular relevance to coast guard-related activities worldwide. Multinational cooperation through the standardisation of training was at the centre of discussions on day one, with EMSA's Manuela Tomassini, Head of the Agency's Sustainability and Technical Assistance Department, leading the debate. Various panelists hailing from Australia, Europe, Japan and Turkey shared their expertise and experience in the field. Ms Tomassini took the opportunity to introduce those present to the Agency's role in offering European maritime-related learning activities, as well as to the new approach adopted through the EMSA Academy and the full toolbox already developed and on offer to the Agency's stakeholders. The seminar involved all the members of the Coast Guard Global Summit and was followed online by a large number of observers all over the world.



The Coast Guard Global Summit offers the possibility of addressing maritime challenges on a global basis

## EMSA CONTRACTED OIL SPILL RECOVERY VESSEL AKTEA II ENTERS INTO STAND-BY SERVICE FOR POLLUTION RESPONSE

Following the successful completion of the preparation phase, m/t Aktea II OSRV (IMO 9327516) was successfully accepted on 30 June 2022 and is now ready to respond to oil pollution incidents. The vessel, contracted from the company Environmental Protection Engineering (EPE), is based in Piraeus, Greece and is primarily covering the area of the Aegean Sea. The tanker has onboard capacity of 4 486 m<sup>3</sup> for recovered oil and is equipped with two systems for mechanical recovery of oil: two rigid sweeping arms and offshore booms (2x250m) with high-capacity skimmer. The onboard radar-based oil slick detection system will increase the efficiency of oil recovery operations at sea.



View of the Aktea II OSRV with both sweeping arms deployed

## THE BLUE DATA WAREHOUSE: SMARTER DATA MANAGEMENT FOR MORE IN-DEPTH AND TARGETED INSIGHTS

EMSA has launched the Blue Data Warehouse, a new project designed to facilitate access to various information sources from systems managed by EMSA as well as from possible commercial providers. The Blue Data Warehouse project recognises the importance of the development of reliable statistical and analytical products for the Agency. The project is designed to facilitate the cross-fertilisation of different data sources, enabling new statistical indicators and improving data quality controls. It will give more freedom to in-house maritime experts to explore data sets and bring better insight into maritime data. The project is based on an iterative approach to the different areas of competence of the Agency. It will define a specific data governance and technical architecture based on best practices in terms of data management and state-of-the-art technology.



The Blue Data Warehouse project facilitates access to various information sources from EMSA and external providers

## EUROPEAN COOPERATION ON COAST GUARD FUNCTIONS: EMSA HOSTS STEERING COMMITTEE WITH SISTER AGENCIES EFCA AND FRONTEX

Under its recently assumed role as chair of the Tripartite Working Arrangement governing European cooperation on coast guard functions, EMSA hosted the TWA Steering Committee on 6 July in Lisbon. The leading representatives of the three partner agencies gathered to look at the state of play, the achievements made so far and the outlook for future activities within the context of each of the [three technical subcommittees](#). During the meeting, the Annual Strategic Plan for the year 2023 was discussed and a draft version endorsed. The projects and tasks of this plan are the result of the dialogue between the three agencies on how to best serve the needs for cross-sectoral activities, considering the feedback of the national authorities, and including the Annual European Coast Guard Event. In addition to the information sharing and surveillance and communication service projects, the ASP for 2023 will envisage further support to the national authorities carrying out coast guard functions in the form of newly selected capacity building activities and the first EMSA-led Maritime Multipurpose Operation. The meeting was also the occasion for the agency directors to further exchange on possible ways to increasingly align the respective services and actions of the three agencies, and thereby to further strengthen [European cooperation on coast guard functions](#) under the tripartite working arrangement that was signed on 18 March 2021 for an indefinite period.



Through this form of cooperation, the agencies work to support national authorities carrying out coast guard functions.

## THEORY AND PRACTICE COME TOGETHER IN TABLETOP EXERCISE ON PLACES OF REFUGE FOR SHIPS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

EMSA had the pleasure to organise and host the 5<sup>th</sup> Tabletop Exercise on Places of Refuge, on 13-14 July, in Lisbon. More than 60 participants including Member States, beneficiary countries from the SAFEMED V and BCSEA projects and representatives from industry were present. Denmark was the tabletop exercise director. The exercise provided an opportunity to test in practice the [EU Operational Guidelines for Places of Refuge](#) in a scenario involving a collision between a Ro-Ro and an oil tanker in the Sound area between Denmark and Sweden. The exercise provided the participants with a practical knowledge of the problems found when a ship is in need of assistance, the procedures in place and the added value that the EU Operational Guidelines bring in these situations. In addition, the lessons learnt from this exercise can be useful to review national strategies, contingency plans and the guidelines as such.



Working together to ensure Place of Refuge scenarios are handled as effectively as possible with all the tools available

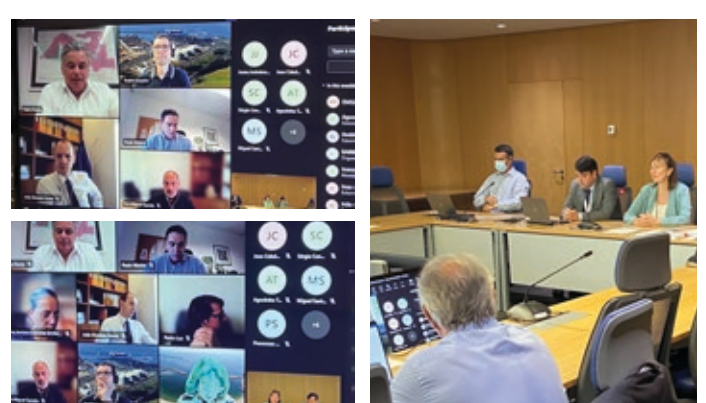
## SPECIAL LNG BUNKERING WORKSHOP HELD FOR PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION

At the end of June, EMSA ran a special workshop for over 60 members of the Portuguese Maritime Administration, Port Authorities and LNG industry on [EMSA's Guidance on LNG Bunkering](#). This was designed to provide a stepping stone to help Portugal meet its obligations under the Directive on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (2014/94/EU) and continue the development of LNG bunkering facilities and capabilities in the ports of Portugal.



EMSA LNG Bunkering Guidance to Port Authorities & Administrations

The Guidance provided by the Agency is designed to support port authorities and administrations backing the use of LNG as a ship fuel, as part of joint efforts to increase safety and sustainability



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**VACANCIES:** National Experts in Professional Training (31/10/22); See website for more.

**PROCUREMENT:** Meeting room equipment, maintenance and support (8/8/22); See website for more.