

### ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION MEETING

On 25-26 June, EMSA hosted the 5th meeting of the Consultative Technical Group for Cooperation in Marine Accident Investigation (CTG CMAI). Following the recent publication of the [EU Directive 2009/18/EC](#) several topics were discussed, in particular, the Accident Investigation Methodology and the Permanent Cooperation Framework. During the meeting participants were updated on the last developments and future projects of the European Casualty Information Platform (EMCIP) and on the Marine Accident Investigation Training Package Study.



Participants of the Accident Investigation meeting on the terrace of EMSA's new conference centre

### 1st JOINT WORKSHOP EMSA/DG ENVIRONMENT

On 30 June EMSA hosted a joint workshop with DG Environment "Co-ordinated sea/shoreline response". The aim of this workshop, which originated from the Consultative Technical Group for Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response, was to bring together civil protection and marine pollution experts, to share experience on national response arrangements, areas of best practice and practical co-ordination mechanisms. Being the first joint event of its kind, the workshop marks the ongoing co-operation between EMSA and DG Environment in pollution preparedness and response.



Participants at the joint EMSA/DG Environment workshop

### THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD CONGRATULATES EMSA

The 24th meeting of the EMSA Administrative Board took place on 15 June in Lisbon, at the new headquarters in Cais do Sodré. The Board approved the 2008 Activity Report and accounts and took note of the progress report on the Agency's 5 year strategy, currently under development. The Board congratulated the Agency for successfully setting-up the [EU LRIT Data Centre](#) and hosting relevant maritime applications in-house. The meeting was an opportunity to debate issues related to EU maritime surveillance and the possible contribution of the Agency. The Board will meet again in Lisbon on 19-20 November 2009.

### EMSA TO COOPERATE WITH AFRICAN STATES

In a [communication](#) to the European Parliament and the Council published on 24 June, the Commission



plans to strengthen cooperation between Europe and Africa in the transport sector, including maritime safety. The European Union could provide technical assistance, particularly through EMSA, to help African coastal countries improve their maritime traffic monitoring systems in order to ensure the regional exchange of data.

### FAMILIES' PARTY AT NEW BUILDING

On the evening of 1 July, EMSA corridors echoed with the not so frequently heard sound of children's shouts. Not only husbands and wives were invited to explore the new building - the youngest members of the EMSA community had their own housewarming event.



### ON THE EMSA WEBSITE

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Among EMSA's job vacancies: [Project Officer for coordinating satellite acquisitions](#) and [Project Officer for seafarer training and certification systems](#)



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