

PERMANENT COOPERATION FRAMEWORK

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PCF Meeting N° 1

Lisbon, 12-14/03/2012

Salient points

Attendees

38 participants attended the first meeting of the Permanent Cooperation Framework (PCF), held at EMSA premises from the 12 to 14 March 2012. They represented entities from 28 EU and EFTA Member States, apart from the Commission and EMSA. Austria sent its apologies for absence.

The list of participants is attached in Annex 1.

Introduction

On behalf of the meeting's host, EMSA, Ms. Theresa Crossley, Head of the Implementation Department, welcomed the participants, highlighting the activity triggered by the new Accident Investigation Directive, including the institution of the PCF and the functions it has been directly assigned by the Directive. She pledged EMSA's continuous support to the Framework as its Secretariat. Ms. Crossley also thanked Mr Jörg Kaufmann, former Chairman of the EMSA Consultative Technical Group on Casualty (CTG) on Marine Accident Investigations, for the work he has carried out both in chairing the CTG but also in assisting EMSA with the preparations for the first PCF meeting. The meeting was then, formally opened by Mr. Kaufmann.

Election for chairmanship and deputy chairmanship

As per Regulation EC 651/2011, members proceeded to the election of its chairperson.

For the position of Chairperson, the Framework received two candidatures from:

- Mr Steve Clinch (United Kingdom)
- Mr Jean Claude Medernach (Luxemburg)

For the position of Deputy Chairperson, the Framework received one candidature from Mr Jean Claude Medernach (Luxemburg)

The election was held by secret ballot. Mr. Clinch (United Kingdom) was elected Chairperson while Mr. Medernach (Luxemburg) was elected Deputy Chairperson. They assumed their duties immediately after the election.

PCF Terms of reference

The PCF discussed and agreed proposed Terms of reference (ToR) to complement the provisions of Article 10 of Directive 2009/18/EC, describing areas to be dealt with by the PCF. The first ToR were thus adopted.

Work Programme

As foreseen in Art 1.3 of Regulation 651/2011, PCF discussed the elaboration of a Work Programme. Based on the experience of the aviation sector, it was deemed advisable to elaborate a draft programme for consideration at PCF 2. Meanwhile, Member States' expertise, which could feed into the said programme, would be identified through a questionnaire to be completed before PCF 2.

EMCIP

Five papers were discussed:

1. 2011/2012 activities were noted.
2. EMCIP User Rules were confirmed.
3. Proposed 'mandatory' fields to be populated were not accepted in so far as not being directly referred in Annex 2 of the Directive.
4. Data transfer from EMCIP to GISIS (IMO database) was discussed and its mechanism modified.
5. Within the context of EMCIP data access, one condition for data sharing was addressed.

Training

Three papers were discussed:

1. 2011/2012 activities were noted.
2. The proposed development of a training framework was considered premature referred for further discussion in the future.
3. The proposed development of a Human Performance course was postponed until the establishment of the work programme.

Any Other Business

A proposal for a common understanding of "in connection with the operations of a ship" was proposed by UK and agreed by PCF members. EMSA's annual maritime review as well as EMSA's visits to Member States to assess the implementation of the Directive were also discussed.

Conclusion

The first meeting of the PCF was considered successful. The Chairperson concluded by summarising the main decisions taken and follow-up actions, namely:

1. To establish a draft work programme through correspondence, for submission at PCF2
2. To circulate the questionnaire for evaluation of existing resources within Member States in order to support the development of the work programme.

List of participants
Submitted by Secretariat

Country	Firstname	Name	Position in organisation	Organisation
Commission	Daniel	WARIN	EU COM Representative	DG Move
Austria	Excused			
Belgium	Sonia	BOGAERTS	Adviser in DGMV Management Strategy	FPS Transport and Mobility Strategy Council
Bulgaria	Vasil	GEORGIEV	Chief inspector	Directorate for Aircraft, Maritime and Railway Accident Investigation
Cyprus	Kyriakos	KOFTEROS	Marine Accident Investigator	Department of Merchant Shipping
The Czech Republic	Evžen	VYDRA	Head of Maritime Department	Ministry of Transport - Navigation Department
Denmark	Oessur	HILDUBERG	Head of the Board	Danish Maritime Accident Investigation Board
Estonia	Jens	HAUG	Chief Investigator	Marine Casualties Investigation and Maritime Safety
Estonia	Elerin	URBALU	Marine Accident Investigator	Marine Casualties Investigation and Maritime Safety
Finland	Martti	HEIKKILA	Chief Investigator	Safety Investigation Authority of Finland
France	Jean-Pierre	MANNIC	Head of the Bureau	Marine Accident Investigation Office
Germany	Jörg	KAUFMANN	Head of the Bureau	Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation
Greece	Constantine	MOUTZOUVIS	Head of Department	Marine Accidents Department - Safety Navigation Directorate - Hellenic Coastguard
Hungary	Kiss	LASZLO	Marine Accident Investigator	Transport Safety Bureau of Hungary
Iceland	Jon A	INGOLFSSON	Director	Icelandic Marine Accident Investigation Board
Ireland	Brian	HOGAN	Board member	Marine Casualty Investigation Board
Italy	Antonio	GIUSTI	Marine Accident Member	Marine Casualty Investigation Central Board
Latvia	Aleksandrs	PAVLOVICS	Head of Maritime Department	Transport Accident and Incident Investigation Bureau
Lithuania	Milda	MILTAKYTE	Chief Specialist	Transport Accident and Incident Investigation Division
Luxembourg	Jean-Claude	MEDERNACH	Director	Administration of Technical Investigations
Malta	Kevin	GHIRXI	Head of Unit	Marine Safety Investigation Unit
The Netherlands	Jan	SELLES	Head of Unit	Dutch Safety Board
The Netherlands	Annemarie	SCHUITE	Legal officer	Dutch Safety Board
Norway	Havard	BENTSEN	Marine Accident Investigator	Accident Investigation Board of Norway

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Poland	Cezary	LUCZYWEK	Adviser	Department of Maritime Transport and Shipping Safety
Portugal	Paulo	PARRACHO	Head of Department	Instituto Portuário e dos Transportes Marítimos
Romania	Ionel	VENTONIUC	Head of Department	Marine Accidents Investigation Department
Slovakia	Josef	MRKVA	Head of Maritime Department	Ministry of Transport, and Development of the Slovak Republic
Slovenia	Janez	POZAR	Director General	Maritime Directorate
Spain	Francisco Mata	ALVAREZ-SANTULLANO	Secretary	Standing Commission for Maritime Accident and Incident Investigation
Sweden	Ylva	BEXELL	Senior Investigator Maritime Accidents	Swedish Accident Investigation Board
Sweden	Hans	YTTERBERG	Director General	Swedish Accident Investigation Board
Sweden	Mikael	KARANIKAS	Chair Accident Investigation	Swedish Accident Investigation Board
United Kingdom	Steve	CLINCH	Chief Inspector	Marine Accident Investigation Branch
United Kingdom	Stewart	AGNEW	Project Offier	Marine Accident Investigation Branch
EMSA	Mario	MIFSUD	Head of Unit	European Maritime Safety Agency - Ship Safety Unit
EMSA	Stéphane	FLOCH	Senior Project Officer on Accident Investigation	European Maritime Safety Agency - Ship Safety Unit
EMSA	Paulo	CORREIA	Senior Project Officer on Accident Investigation	European Maritime Safety Agency - Ship Safety Unit
EMSA	Paal	BRENNHOVD	Project Officer on Accident Investigation	European Maritime Safety Agency - Ship Safety Unit
EMSA	Diana	DINU	Administrative Assistant	European Maritime Safety Agency - Ship Safety Unit