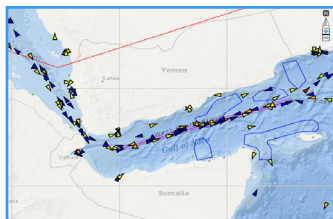


IMDATE OCEAN PROOFING GETS UNDERWAY



IMDatE offers a tailored maritime picture to the EU Naval Force

EMSA's Integrated Maritime Data Environment [IMDatE](#) is being tested for the first time on board a Portuguese Navy vessel. The *Alvares Cabral* is exploring IMDatE's capabilities as it makes its way across the Indian Ocean as part of Operation Atalanta. During this operation, the frigate will be the EU Naval Force flagship, hosting the Force Commander and his multinational staff. The new IMDatE platform will give staff on board a maritime picture that is specifically tailored to their needs. It achieves this by combining several satellite data sources with information on vessels under surveillance and an advanced visualisation interface. The EU Naval Force has been using EMSA services since 2009 to, for example, strengthen anti-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia thereby providing protection to humanitarian aid vessels.

PILOT PROJECT TAKES SAFESEANET FURTHER



National single windows - improving information exchange

The support offered by SafeSeaNet is expected to grow as EMSA embarks on a new pilot project under the framework of the Integrated Maritime Policy. Assisting other user communities and helping member States to share reporting formalities information via a 'single window' are the main prongs of this initiative. While the first will be addressed in a study, the second will involve the setting up of a 'demonstrator'. As part of the demonstrator project, certain software and service components will be developed to simulate a National Single Window. The aim of this single window will be to aid in the distribution of data to national authorities and in the sharing of information via SafeSeaNet's central system. To gain experience, EMSA approached member States with knowledge of the National Single Window. Finland, Norway, the Netherlands and Portugal together with the European Port Community Systems Association, [EPCSA](#) and the port authority group, [Protect](#), shared their valuable experience with EMSA. The [e-Freight](#) and [e-Mar](#) project coordinators will also be consulted. The demonstrator project will test different National Single Window solutions and interfaces to help member States implement Directive 2010/65/EU.

MAR ED ISSUES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HARMONISATION



Sea Europe participates in the MarED Group for the first time

EMSA hosted the 26th meeting of the [MarED](#) group on 17-18 April. Thirty one attendees participated in the exchanges which notably outlined new recommendations for the harmonisation of conformity assessment procedures. These recommendations must now be examined and endorsed by the Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS). The MarED group provides a cooperation platform for Notified Bodies designated by EU countries to carry out conformity assessment in line with the [Marine Equipment Directive](#). The meeting also welcomed as a first-time observer the new association of European shipbuilding and maritime equipment, [Sea Europe](#). Sea Europe was formed through a merger between the European Marine Equipment Council (EMEC) and the Community of European Shipyards Association (CESA).

MULTINATIONAL VISIT TO MSS OPERATIONS CENTRE



Offering support 24/7 for maritime monitoring systems

Experts attending the North Atlantic Coast Guard Forum ([NACGF](#)) took time out to pay a visit to EMSA's Maritime Support Service operations centre on 2 April. The visitors - both civilian and military, representing 17 different countries - gained insight into how EMSA collects and brings maritime information to EU Institutions and countries. NACGF's goal is to increase cooperation among member States on matters related to maritime safety and security in the North Atlantic region. It organises working group meetings on subjects such as fisheries enforcement; illegal drug trafficking; illegal migration; maritime security; search and rescue; and, technical matters.

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Procurement: Provision of Travel Agency Services for SafeMed 3 project (deadline: 15 May); Provision of language training services (deadline: 3 June).