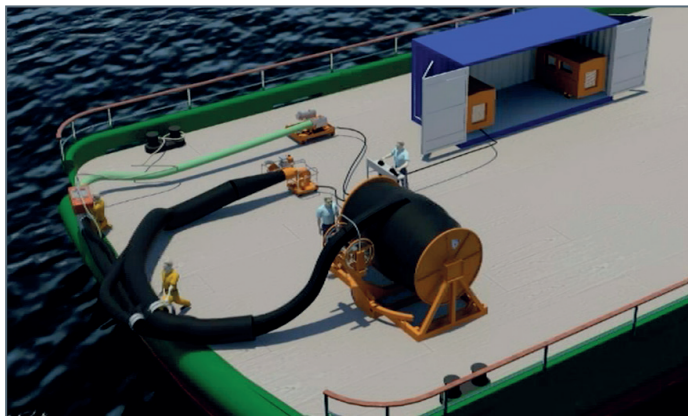


EQUIPMENT UPGRADE TO BRING ENHANCED OIL SPILL RESPONSE TO THE BLACK SEA



The capacity of EMSA's contracted vessel in Varna, Bulgaria, is now better equipped to handle potential oil spills. The *Enterprise* has been fitted with a new Weir Boom 180 system, bringing significant advantages through its combined containment and recovery system. The system is designed for response operations after large oil spills and well 'blow-outs'. It is equipped with a fully autonomous source of hydraulic power and packed for quick mobilisation and easy deployment.

ROLLING OUT THE NEXT PHASE OF THE SAT-AIS SERVICE



The fourth meeting on the European AIS (SAT-AIS) initiative was held on 21 February at EMSA. Organised jointly by the [European Space Agency](#) and EMSA, the meeting set out to achieve two main aims: to update participants on the current status of the European Satellite AIS (SAT-AIS) initiative and to present the next phase of the SAT-AIS service roll out. This service will provide users of [IMDatE](#) (Integrated Maritime Data Environment) with SAT-AIS services tailored to their needs. Several Member States and EU institutions shared their experience of how SAT-AIS services can be used to support their daily operations.

SAFEMED III BENEFICIARIES FOLLOW MARITIME ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SEMINAR

The SAFEMED III seminar on maritime accident investigation took place in Lisbon on 18-19 February. Seven beneficiary countries - Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia - heard from experts on the main regulatory principles, such as the independence and confidentiality of investigative bodies. The speakers took the participants through the main steps of accident investigation, as a purely technical inquiry to determine the reason for an accident and any safety lessons to be learned as a result. This meeting was the first action related to marine accident investigation under the SAFEMED III project. Two core skill courses for accident investigators are already planned for the near future, in 2014 and at the beginning of 2016, as part of the same project.

EMSA VISITS SPANISH MARITIME AUTHORITIES



On 25 February, EMSA's Executive Director met Rafael Rodríguez Valero, Director General of the merchant marine at the Spanish Ministry of Infrastructure and Development. Both sides updated each other on their respective priorities. Mr Mylly also took the opportunity to visit the Madrid-based Maritime Operation Centre of the [Salvamento Marítimo](#), SASEMAR.

ON THE WEBSITE

Procurement: Service contract for aerial application of dispersant services (Deadline: 20/03/2014); Provision of training services in fields related to maritime safety (19/03/2014); Implementation of a single entry point for maritime applications (Deadline: 17/03/2014); Provision of Mobile Communication Services (Deadline: 10/03/2014)

Sale: Public sale of six oil/water separators to aid in the separation of oil from water in contaminated aquatic areas (Deadline: 10/03/2014)