

FIRST EMSA-LED MULTIPURPOSE MARITIME OPERATION DRAWS TO A CLOSE

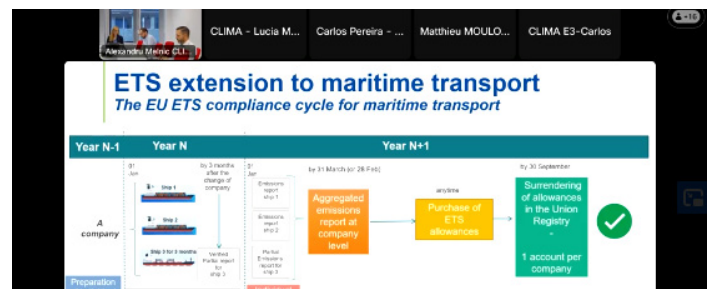
The first EMSA-led Multipurpose Maritime Operation (MMO) officially ended on 1 September in Latvia, after running in the Baltic Sea and Gulf of Finland from 1 June, with the cooperation of Finnish, Estonian, and Latvian coast guard authorities, and with the support of the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex). The operation supported maritime safety, search and rescue, border control, fisheries control, maritime surveillance, and environmental protection and response across the Estonian, Finnish, and Latvian maritime jurisdictions; an area of around 160 thousand square kilometres with a diverse range of maritime traffic. Throughout the MMO, EMSA's Integrated Maritime Services provided a live picture of the more than 1200 vessels per day that pass through the area. EMSA also provided a regional deployment of its Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems service (RPAS), taking off from the Estonian island of Saaremaa. The service gave additional surveillance capabilities to multiple authorities from the three participating Member States. CleanSeaNet and the Copernicus Maritime Surveillance Service delivered images for pollution detection and vessel detection during the course of the MMO. Additionally, EMSA's new observation-class Remotely Operated Vehicle service also supported participating Member States by carrying out surveys of historical wrecks in the Baltic Sea. And through the European Coordination Centre based in the Maritime Support Services centre in EMSA's Lisbon headquarters, reporting was provided to participating Member State authorities.



The three-month duration of the MMO saw EMSA deploying a range of services in the operational area.

WATCH THE WEBINAR ON THE EXTENSION OF THE ETS TO MARITIME TRANSPORT

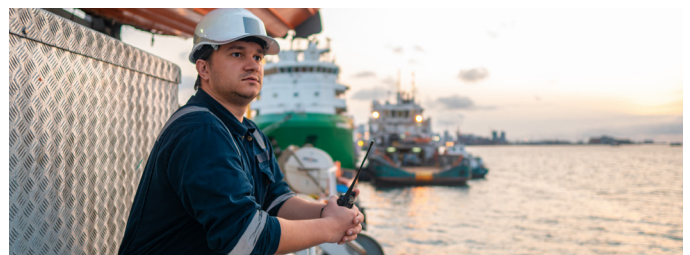
On 22 September 2023, the European Commission's Directorate General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA) and EMSA jointly held a webinar on the extension of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) to maritime transport, including the relevant changes introduced to the EU Maritime Monitoring Reporting and Verification (EU MRV) system. The recordings of morning and afternoon sessions [are now available online](#), as well as the presentations given at the event on: general principles of the ETS and its extension to maritime transport; new features and changes from the perspective of THETIS-MRV users; and an introduction to the Union Registry. Also available are a series of questions and answers on [maritime transport in the EU Emissions Trading System](#) and the [monitoring, reporting and verification of maritime transport emissions](#).



Both morning and afternoon webinar sessions, plus the presentations given at the event, are available on EMSA's website.

NEW INTERACTIVE REPORTING MODULE NOW AVAILABLE IN STCW-IS

An interactive reporting module where statistics on the number of seafarers holding EU certificates and endorsements can be tailored according to user needs is now available and accessible through EMSA's STCW-IS webpage. The new module provides access in a customised way to the data that EMSA has been publishing since 2016 in the form of the Annual Review Report on Seafarer Statistics in the EU. Its structure and content are the same of those of the published reports, allowing for easy online retrieval of a snapshot of the European maritime labour market. In addition, figures can be viewed by year or group of years and can be further explored by applying filters. The module is available at the following link: <https://portal.emsa.europa.eu/web/stcw/seafarers-stats>



EMSA ACADEMY LAUNCHES NEW COURSE ON THE ENHANCED MARITIME PICTURE USING INTEGRATED MARITIME SERVICES

A basic course has been designed and developed by the EMSA Academy to equip participants with the necessary skills to gain access and effectively use the Enhanced Maritime Picture via Integrated Maritime Services (IMS). The course ensures participants have a solid grasp of the IMS operational capabilities, applicable data access rights, data sharing principles and the legal and governance framework. Via a set of interactive tools, videos, quizzes and other materials, participants will learn the basic functions of the SafeSeaNet Ecosystem (SEG) and the IMS App, and will be also introduced to Automatic Behaviour Monitoring tools. This online course will support IMS authorities when familiarising new users to IMS. Organisations with staff rotation will benefit from the flexibility of the online resources. Maritime safety administration users working on shifts will be able to follow the course at their own pace without impacting working schedules. At the same time, occasional IMS/SEG users will have access to excellent refresher material.

U1.5 Reporting and surveillance technologies used in the service



PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES WORKSHOP AT EMSA

On 21 September, EMSA organized a workshop dedicated to the kick-off of the Visit Cycle to Member States for monitoring the implementation of the Port Reception Facilities (PRF) legislation: Directive (EU) 2019/883 for the delivery of waste from ships. During the workshop, the Commission and the Agency presented the purpose, scope, and objectives of the future visits, which will start in Q1 2024, as well as the methodology behind its planning. Also presented were preliminary statistics on the uptake of the Directive and the status of transposition compliance. The workshop highlighted the importance of the use of EMSA-hosted tools, namely

the inspection database THETIS-EU and the vessel traffic monitoring and information system SafeSeaNet, for the proper implementation of the Directive. The methodology for the Horizontal and Cost-Effectiveness Analyses to be undertaken alongside the visit cycle was explained in detail with feedback requested on the proposed variables to be used as benchmarks. EMSA also shared feedback previously collected at Member State level via the pre-cycle workshop questionnaires.



Participants at the PRF workshop held in EMSA in September

EMSA PARTICIPATES IN JOINT SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

On 26 September, EMSA supported the maritime authorities of Italy, Slovenia and Croatia in an international Search and Rescue exercise (SARex) held in close cooperation with EFCA and Frontex. The scenario revolved around the loss of contact with a pleasure craft sailing from Venice to Portorož marina in Slovenia. EMSA led the Joint Coordination Team which was composed of representatives of the maritime authorities from Croatia (MSTI- Ministry of the Sea, Transport, and Infrastructure), Italy (ICG-Italian Coast Guard), Slovenia (SMA- Slovenian Maritime Administration), as well as EFCA and Frontex. This exercise was an important component of the ongoing EFCA-led Multipurpose Maritime Operation in the Adriatic Sea (MMO Adria 2023) which runs from 12 September to 9 October.



EMSA HOLDS THE SECOND CISE VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

More than 90 participants from across Europe, representing maritime authorities, academia, industry and others, joined the [CISE Virtual Open Day](#) on 20 September. In a series of thematic sessions, the EMSA CISE Team together with the European Commission's DG MARE provided a condensed overview about what CISE is, how it works and what it will be used for. The participants could learn how, by facilitating a rapid and secure access to additional information. CISE can help to tackle different maritime security threats. Hence, the role of CISE was highlighted in the revised [EU Maritime Security Strategy](#) which is currently under adoption. EMSA also explained how key principles of CISE are reflected in its architecture which was designed to connect all the existing systems of maritime authorities from all maritime sectors, and to ensure decentralised and secure information sharing. Finally, the participants interested in getting more in-depth understanding of CISE and how to join the CISE network were invited to follow the [basic interactive module](#) on CISE.



PORT STATE CONTROL OFFICERS: NEW ENTRANTS TRAINING COURSE

EMSA, in cooperation with the Paris MoU Secretariat, delivered the Port State Control Officers New Entrants training course in September in Lisbon. The four-day, full-time course is addressed to professionals who have for the first time achieved authorisation to inspect foreign ships in their own countries. The course also represented a good occasion for participants to harmonise procedures, network, and exchange experiences with colleagues working abroad in the same field.



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PROCUREMENT: Construction and refurbishment works (23/10/2023). [See website for more.](#)

5. In one word how would you describe / define CISE?

