

SECOND QUARTER ACTIVITIES — EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND & NORWAY

The activities organised between April and June 2015 included four training courses, one core skills course on accident investigation, the 10th CNTA meeting, and a regional training.

Training on EU Environmental Legislation, [Lisbon 28–29 April](#)

8th Accident Investigation Core Skills Course, [Lisbon 4–8 May](#)

Training on EU Maritime Legislation, [Lisbon 5–8 May](#)

Training on Marine Equipment Directive, [Lisbon 27–28 May](#)

Regional training on EU Maritime Leg., [Rotterdam 17–19 June](#)

Training on STCW, [Lisbon 23–26 June](#)

10th CNTA meeting, [Lisbon 30 June](#)

The **two-day training on EU environmental legislation** was attended by 28 officials that had recently commenced working within their national administrations. The agenda included topics such as prohibition of organotin compounds on ships, ship recycling, liability and compensation, sulphur content of marine fuels, port reception facilities. The participants were provided with an in-depth overview of each topic and information on the latest developments.

The **five-day course on core skills for accident investigation** brought together 14 participants from 11 countries in EMSA's premises in Lisbon between 4 and 8 May. The course was designed for those who will conduct or participate in marine safety investigations as per Directive 2009/18/EC. Delivered by EMSA's accident investigation sector and an expert from NAB Marine Limited, the course introduced participants to the basic elements in the process of conducting a safety investigation.

The **training on EU maritime legislation**, held from 5 to 8 May, was attended by 32 participants from 20 countries. The team of experienced lecturers provided a comprehensive overview of the European maritime legislation. Through a number of practical exercises including multiple choice tests and case studies, the participants extended their understanding on the applicable legislation.



Training on EU maritime legislation, 5–8 May

The **two-day training on the Marine Equipment Directive** on 27–28 May gathered 24 participants from EU Member States and Iceland, and a lecturer from the European Commission. This training course was anticipated with great interest particularly in view of the latest amendments introduced to the directive, which comprised the essence of this course.



Training on the Marine Equipment Directive, 27–28 May

The **regional training on EU maritime legislation** was organised at the request of the Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate (NSI), in order to provide its staff with an overview on EU maritime legislation in the field of maritime safety, pollution prevention, maritime security and seafarers' working and living conditions.

Based on the agenda of the same training course delivered in Lisbon and adjusted to certain particular requests of the hosting administration, the course covered topics such as the structure, organisation and tasks of the EU in relation to maritime safety, the EU and the IMO and the added value of EU maritime safety legislation versus international rules, the role of EMSA in assisting Member States and the European Commission in the development and implementation of maritime safety legislation, the Flag State Directive, key EU environmental legislation, maritime security, accident investigation, training of seafarers, vessel traffic monitoring, and the Marine Equipment Directive.

The 21 participants found the three-day training very interesting and useful as it provided them with an overall picture of EU maritime legislation.



Regional training on EU maritime legislation, Rotterdam, 17–19 June

The **four-day training on STCW Convention**, held on 23–26 June was addressed to maritime administration staff that has recently started working on STCW related matters. The course provided participants with an overview on the STCW Convention and Code and the relevant EU legislation. This first training course under the new agenda was attended by 28 participants who had the opportunity to expand their knowledge and understanding of the whole Convention as amended and to discuss various issues and exchange opinion on its practical implementation.



Training on STCW, 23–26 June

Following a request by the Hellenic Authorities, a **training on enforcement provisions of the Sulphur Directive** was delivered in Athens on 23–24 June. The training was attended by 30 participants, 18 belonging to the General Chemical State Laboratory and 13 to the Hellenic Coast Guard (including six authorised as PSCOs).

The seminar focused on the topics of MARPOL Annex VI, Directive 1999/32/EC as amended, sulphur inspections, inspections on board ships with and without abatement methods and sampling, alternating with hands-on exercises on THETIS-S using a dedicated training environment. A visit to a ship was also organised after the training by the Hellenic Coast Guard in order for the participants to obtain direct first-hand experience.



Training course for sulphur inspectors, Athens 23–24 June

The **10th CNTA meeting** took place on 30 June. Nineteen focal points represented their countries at the meeting and had the opportunity to meet and share views with the new head of EMSA's Safety and Standards Department. The training and cooperation team briefed the attendees on the results of the training activities held in 2014 and the first half of 2015 on the SafeMed III and TRACECA II projects. With respect to SafeMed III and TRACECA II projects, participants discussed various possibilities of promoting cooperation between Member States and the beneficiary countries in the field of maritime safety, security and the prevention of marine environment from shipping.

The training and cooperation team presented EMSA's proposals for the 2016 training programme, which was followed by the introduction of Member State proposals, discussions and agreement on the 2016 list of training courses to be prioritised. The participants also discussed the new procedure on compiling and updating the overviews of the 30 maritime administrations.



10th CNTA meeting, 30 June

THIRD QUARTER ACTIVITIES – EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND & NORWAY

Four activities are organised in the third quarter of 2015 – between July and September – for the EU Member States, Norway and Iceland.

Training on ISPS Code, [Lisbon 7–10 July \(delivered as planned\)](#)

Training on EU Maritime Legislation, [Lisbon 8–11 September](#)

Training on ISPS Code, [Lisbon 22–25 September](#)

38th PSC Seminar, [Lisbon 28–30 September](#)

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