

2015 FOURTH QUARTER ACTIVITIES – EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND AND NORWAY

The activities organised between October and December 2015 included six events: a training course on the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006; Flag State implementation; liability and compensation (L&C); enforcement provisions of the Sulphur Directive; the 39th PSC seminar and regional training on EU maritime legislation.

Training on MLC 2006, [Lisbon, 7–8 Oct](#)

Regional training on EU maritime legislation, [Sweden, 21–23 Oct](#)

Training on Flag State implementation, [Lisbon, 4–5 Nov](#)

Training on liability & compensation, [Lisbon, 11–12 Nov](#)

39th PSC seminar, [Lisbon, 16–19 Nov](#)

Sulphur Directive enforcement provisions, [Lisbon 25–26 Nov](#)

Due to the particular interest shown by the national administrations, EMSA organised and held a training course on MLC 2006 for the fifth consecutive year. The 2015 session was attended by 29 participants from 20 EU member states and Norway. The emphasis was on the practical implementation of the Convention and related EU legislation. The participants shared their views with respect to the various established practices, particularly those related to PSC inspections and the authorised Recognised Organisations.

The **regional training sessions on EU maritime legislation**, initially created for newcomers and consequently developed to meet the needs of more experienced staff within maritime administrations, are among the most appreciated and most requested training courses organised by EMSA. The regional training delivered in Norrköping, Sweden, on 21–23 October was the second such course held in 2015. In total, 25 officials were present, including participants from Norway, Denmark and Finland. The two-and-a-half-day training allowed the attendees to get a better understanding and extend their knowledge in areas such as EU institutions and the legislative process, the IMO and its instruments, the role of EMSA in assisting member states and the European Commission in the development and implementation of EU maritime safety legislation. In addition, they were informed on the respective EU regimes on Flag State and Recognised Organisations legislation, key EU environmental legislation, maritime security, accident investigation, standards for training and certification of seafarers, vessel traffic monitoring, MLC 2006, and Port State Control.



Regional training delivered in Norrköping, Sweden, on 21–23 October

The **training on Flag State implementation** held on 4–5 November brought together 24 participants from 21 EU member states, Iceland and Norway. The training focused on compliance with Flag State requirements and rules and standards for ship inspections and survey organisations. The participation of key experts from the administrations of some EU member states as speakers provided the opportunity to share their experience with the audience in the practical implementation of legislation and the solutions they found with respect to certain challenging issues. The session was further enriched with presentations delivered by a representative of the IMO IMSAS team who covered the latest developments at international level.



Training on Flag State implementation on 4–5 November, Lisbon

Some 29 participants from 19 EU member states, Norway and Iceland attended the two-day **training course on liability and compensation**. The training session started with a comprehensive overview of the applicable legislation, focusing on liability and compensation for maritime claims, places of refuge, the 2010 HNS Protocol and gave participants a solid grounding in the current state of play. The practical examples and case studies presented by the representatives of the P&I Clubs and IOPC funds were highly appreciated by the participants.



Training on liability and compensation on 11–12 November, Lisbon

The **39th PSC seminar** took place on 16–19 November. It was attended by 32 participants coming from EU member states, Norway and Iceland, and two representatives of other parties to the Paris MoU on PSC. Almost half of the participants were new entrants and the number of the practical exercises included in the seminar helped them to acquire specific techniques relevant to their day-to-day PSC duties. For all the attendees, the seminar was another welcome opportunity to learn lessons, share findings and interact with each other.



Sulphur Directive enforcement provisions, 25-26 November, Lisbon

The last event for this quarter and 2015 was a **course on the enforcement provisions of the Sulphur Directive**, which was held on 25-26 November. The course was attended by 31 participants coming from 23 EU member states, Iceland and Norway. In addition to the detailed presentation of the provisions of Directive 2012/33/EU, the participants were provided with guidance on carrying out inspections and reporting in THETIS-S through a number of case studies.

NEW CONTRACT TO COVER THE PARTICIPATION OF ENLARGEMENT COUNTRIES

The provision of technical assistance, including the organisation of relevant training activities as regards maritime legal acts of the EU to countries applying for EU membership is among EMSA's core tasks. In line with this, the European Commission and EMSA signed a contract which entered into force on 23 October 2015. The contract awarded EMSA a grant, amounting to € 300 000 over a period of 30 months, to finance the implementation of a project entitled: "Preparatory measures for the participation of enlargement countries in EMSA's work".

Beneficiaries of the projects will be officials from **Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey**, working on central and/or local level within their respective national maritime competent authorities and whose duties relate to the development, enforcement and implementation of maritime legislation. The overall objective of this project is to strengthen the ability of enlargement countries to fulfil the obligations stemming from future possible membership in the field of maritime safety, security and pollution prevention.

The main activities will include training sessions, workshops, seminars, meetings; in-country trainings, workshops, seminars, meetings, info-days; specialised training activities to be delivered by reputable training institutions; general assessment of the enforcement and implementation of EU maritime legislation; participation of national experts from enlargement countries in specific meetings, events, conferences, working groups, etc., organised by EMSA and which are normally attended by EU member states.

The activities under the new grant contract will start in 2016 with two events, scheduled to take place in the first quarter:

- kick-off meeting with the directors of the maritime administrations or the relevant departments in the ministries of transport and the focal points of the enlargement countries, Lisbon, 10 February 2016. The purpose of this meeting is to present the new agreement and to discuss with the representatives of the beneficiary countries the activities to be implemented under it. EMSA will share its views and ideas for activities under the project, likewise it is of utmost importance to know what the enlargement countries as beneficiaries under this project would like to do.
- training on Flag State implementation, Lisbon, 9-10 March 2016.

2016 FIRST QUARTER ACTIVITIES EU MEMBER STATES, ICELAND AND NORWAY

Five activities are envisaged to be organised and held between January and March 2016 for the EU member states, Norway and Iceland.

Training on EU maritime legislation, [Lisbon, 19-22 Jan](#)

EMSA Seminar on Voyage Data Recorders and Electronic Evidence, [Cranfield University, 19-20 Jan](#)

Training on EU environmental legislation, [Lisbon, 3-4 Feb](#)

40th PSC Seminar, [Lisbon, 8-11 Feb](#)

Training on ISPS, [Lisbon, 15-18 Mar](#)

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