

PORTUGAL'S MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND SEA PAYS A VISIT TO EMSA

On 2 September, the Portuguese Minister of Agriculture and Sea, Assunção Cristas, paid a visit to EMSA and was introduced to the Agency's core activities. Ms Cristas met the Executive Director, Markku Mylly, and took a tour of the Maritime Support Services centre where she was shown first-hand EMSA's monitoring services.



LATEST EQUASIS ANNUAL REPORT OFFERS DETAILED OVERVIEW OF WORLD FLEET

The new [Equasis Annual Report](#) released in September 2015 provides a picture of the world's merchant fleet with the data contained in the Equasis database. The report takes a look at the makeup of the fleet and its performance. The statistics are grouped into the following themes: the fleet population; classification societies; P&I clubs; Port State Control; trade associations and industry vetting programmes. EMSA has been hosting the Equasis management unit since 2008.

EMSA WELCOMES A DELEGATION FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TRANSPORT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE TO LISBON

On 24 September a delegation from the [Transport and Tourism Committee](#) of the European Parliament paid a visit to EMSA. MEPs, Merja Kyllönen (European United Left – Nordic Green Left) and Roberts Zile (European Conservatives and Reformists Group), had the opportunity to meet EMSA's senior management, getting general information on the Agency's activities as well as more specific information on both the safety and standards and operations departments. The visit offered an opportunity for the MEPs to share the views of the Transport Committee and to touch on future developments for the Agency, such as the evolution of its mandate.



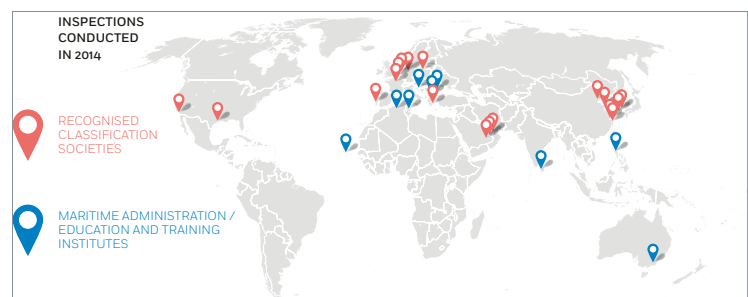
EXPERTS FROM ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BODIES AND MARITIME ADMINISTRATIONS MEET TO DISCUSS FIRES ON RO-RO FERRY DECKS

A workshop on the subject of fires on ro-ro ferry decks was held at EMSA premises on 25 September. It was the first time that representatives of [accident investigation bodies](#) and of national maritime administrations gathered together at a workshop, with a view to share experiences and lessons learned, and to show their willingness to cooperate at a technical level. During the morning session several accidents involving deck fires on board ro-ro ferries were presented, while in the afternoon the focus shifted to research and industry initiatives on the issue. The workshop concluded with a number of specific agreed follow-up actions that could lead to another workshop in the autumn of 2016.



NEW FACTS AND FIGURES PUBLICATION GIVES COMPACT AND ILLUSTRATIVE ACCOUNT OF EMSA'S ACTIVITIES

[EMSA facts and figures 2014](#) is a new publication designed to present a distilled version of the Consolidated Annual Activity Report, highlighting the salient points clearly and concisely. While the Consolidated Annual Activity Report, previously the Annual Report, demonstrates very comprehensively how EMSA implements the tasks set out in the Work Programme, this new publication gives a more compact and illustrative account of the year's achievements.



A sample illustration from the publication showing 2014 figures for EMSA inspections of both EU recognised classification societies as well as maritime education, training and certification systems

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CAREERS: Project Officer for Ship Inspection Support (SNE) (deadline: 16/10/2015)

PROCUREMENT: Provision of corrective and evolutive maintenance to the satellite AIS data processing centre block (deadline: 20/10/2015); Provision of electricity for EMSA premises (deadline: 3/11/2015)