

## 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EMSA Administrative Board

### Video Conference - 15 March 2023

#### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

15 March 2023

#### 1. Welcome from the Chairman and adoption of the draft agenda

In view of the virtual nature of the meeting a roll call was conducted to establish and confirm the presence of the quorum of 2/3 of the voting Members.

New Board Members/alternates were welcomed, as listed below.

The Agenda was adopted. No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### New Board Members and new alternates

MS	New Board Member	New Alternate Board Member
EC	Ms Maja Bakran Marcich, Deputy Director General and Acting Director for Waterborne Transport (replacing Ms Kopczynska)	
Luxembourg	Mr André Hansen, Commissaire du gouvernement aux affaires maritimes (replacing Mr Biwer)	
Ireland		Ms. Noelle Waldron, Principal Officer, Maritime Safety Policy Division from the Department of Transport (replacing Ms Finnegan).

#### Proxies/absences

<b>Belgium</b>	No representation, proxy provided to Luxembourg
<b>Netherlands</b>	No representation, proxy provided to Germany
<b>EC</b>	DG ECHO to DG SRD

#### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

The Administrative Board approved the draft minutes and decisions of the last meeting, which took place in Lisbon and by video conference on 17 and 18 November 2022, including some editorial changes proposed by the Commission.

## 6. Adoption of the list of “A” items

At the request of the Chairman of the Administrative and Finance Committee this agenda item was advanced.

The Administrative Board took note of the following “A” items, following the report and recommendation of the Administrative and Finance Committee:

- a) EMSA Financial Statement for 2022 – **took note**.
- b) School Arrangement – Annual Report 2022 – **took note**.
- c) 2023 Appropriations cashed – **took note**.
- d) Monitoring of findings and recommendations from internal and external audits and EMSA follow up – **took note**.
- e) Implementing rules to the Staff Regulations on teleworking – this agenda item was deleted due to the unavailability of the Implementing Rules at this stage.

## 3. (a) and (b) EMSA Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2022 and the Administrative Board’s Assessment

The Administrative Board adopted the EMSA Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2022, in accordance with Articles 15(2)(d) and 10(2)(b) of the EMSA Founding Regulation and provided its assessment of the EMSA Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2022, in accordance with Article 48 of the EMSA Financial Regulation, taking into account the European Court of Auditors’ observations of previous years and subject to the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors.

The Board’s adoption and assessment will be subsequently confirmed by written procedure if there are no substantial changes or revisited at the June meeting if there are, once the preliminary observations are available.

## 4. Update on Agency’s activities

The Administrative Board **took note** of the information provided by the Agency on:

- a) First Studies on Alternative fuels: Biofuels and Ammonia;
- b) DONA Statistics;
- c) Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV) service;
- d) SAT-AIS capability and the VDES pilot project outcome;
- e) MMO Baltic Sea.

## 5. Draft Administrative Arrangements

The Administrative Board **considered and did not object** to the draft Memorandum of Understanding between EMSA and ETSI, enabling the Executive Director to proceed with its signature.

The Administrative Board also took note of the information presented on the planned Contribution Agreement between EMSA and DG MOVE to provide EMSA with 500,000 EUR to initiate the development of the IT system in support of Fuel EU Maritime, which would be submitted to the Board for consideration by written procedure or at the next meeting.

## 7. Any Other Business

The Commission provided an update on the status of the process to revise the Agency’s mandate and announced plans to initiate the process for the renewal of the Executive Director’s mandate as well as the activation of the ancillary task to support the CISE Operational phase at the next meeting.

## Dates of next EMSA’s Administrative Board Meeting

Administrative and Finance Committee: **12 June 2023 online (to be confirmed)**

Administrative Board: **14 pm and 15 am June 2023 in Lisbon**

**(Subject to availability of the Spanish Presidency Council calendar of meetings)**

Administrative and Finance Committee: **Week of 13 to 17 November 2023**

Administrative Board: **Week of 13 to 17 November 2023**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. Welcome from the Chairman and adoption of the draft agenda**

No conflicts of interest were declared. The agenda was adopted.

New Board Members/alternates were welcomed, as listed below.

### **Nominations**

#### **European Commission:**

- Board Member: Ms Maja Bakran Marcich, Deputy Director General and Acting Director for Waterborne Transport (replacing Ms Magda Kopczynska)

#### **Luxembourg:**

- Board Member: Mr André Hansen, Commissaire du gouvernement aux affaires maritimes (replacing Mr Robert Biwer)

#### **Ireland:**

- Alternate: Ms. Noelle Waldron, Principal Officer, Maritime Safety Policy Division from the Department of Transport (replacing Ms Clare Finnegan)

### **Proxies**

**European Commission:** Ms Julia Stewart David (DG ECHO) to Ms Anne Montagnon (DG SRD)

**Belgium:** proxy provided to Luxembourg

**The Netherlands:** proxy provided to Germany

### **Absence**

Austria and Czeck Republic did not attend the meeting and no proxy was provided.

Due to the unavailability of the Implementing Rules to the Staff Regulations on Teleworking, the agenda item (AI) 6e was deleted from the draft agenda.

In addition, at the request of Mr Benito Núñez Quintanilla, Chairman of the Administrative and Finance Committee, it was agreed that the AI 6 – A points – would be taken after AI2.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting

*The Administrative Board **approved the draft minutes and decisions** of the last meeting, which took place in Lisbon on 17 and 18 November 2022.*

The draft minutes of the November Board meeting were circulated on 16 December 2022. Comments were received from the Commission a few days before the Board meeting and were integrated in the draft minutes.

## 6. Adoption of the list of “A” items

*The Administrative Board **took note** of the following “A” items, following the report and recommendation of the Administrative and Finance Committee.*

The Chairman of the Administrative and Finance Committee reported that the necessary quorum for the meeting had been in place with the participation in the meeting of the representatives from Spain, Germany, Poland, Belgium, France, Sweden and the Commission.

Relevant EMSA management were also present. The Committee had reviewed all the “A” points and could recommend that the Administrative Board take note/adopt them “en bloc”.

### (a) EMSA Financial Statement for 2022 – **took note** of the information provided by the Agency.

Main elements of the EMSA Financial Statement for 2022 were presented to the Administrative and Committee by the EMSA Accounting Officer:

- The overall balance total 68.6 Mio (+1.46%) mainly due to the increase in equipment (+1 Mio) and to the increase in cash (+5 Mio)
- The economic outturn of the year -3.1 Mio (vs. -0.5 Mio in 2021)
- Total revenues were up + 8.02% due to increase in Commission subsidy and prefinancing for project-financed activities (+6.9 Mio). All together these represented 98% of the total revenues
- Total expenditures increased by 10.5% mainly due to the increase in the operational expenses (+10.8 Mio)
- The budgetary execution for C1 (credits of the year) was again high: 99,80% of commitment execution and 98.42% of payment execution.

The Commission representative, Ms Anne Montagnon congratulated the Agency for having absorbed the impact of inflation and on the excellent 2022 budget execution.

### (b) School Arrangement – Annual Report 2022 – **took note** of the information provided by the Agency.

Ms Dominika Lempicka-Fichter, Head of Department 4 - Corporate Services, first stressed the importance of having the social measure in place for the children of staff for the attractiveness of the Agency as an employer.

The Committee took note of the Annual Report 2022 on School Arrangement in Lisbon for the academic year 2022/23 with a total number of 120 children of staff members enrolled in the different schools, and for a total budget amounting to 725,000 EUR, which was still below the cost per pupil of the European Schools.

Ms Lempicka-Fichter further recalled the Committee members of continuous efforts towards the goal of setting up an Accredited European School in Lisbon and the European School Board of Governors approved in December 2019 the General Interest file for the creation of an Accredited European School in Lisbon.

The next step for the Portuguese authorities was the submission of a Dossier of Conformity to the Board of Governors laying down the specific details for the setting up and functioning of the school.

**(c) 2023 Appropriations cashed – took note of the information provided by the Agency.**

The Administrative and Finance Committee was presented this agenda item by Mr Andrea Tassoni, Head of the Executive Office and Administrative Board Secretariat, who recalled that the Committee was being informed throughout the year of cash received in the bank account in the interest of transparency.

A total of 4,260,575 EUR were received since the beginning of the year.

Updates would be provided at next meetings and the final amounts will be recorded and adopted by the Administrative Board as usual through the final budget amendment after 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current year.

**(d) Monitoring of findings and recommendations from internal & external audits & EMSA follow up – took note of the information provided by the Agency.**

The Administrative and Finance Committee was presented with the usual summary table outlining the findings and recommendations and the EMSA planned and/or undertaken actions. Compared to the table presented in November 2022, the table now included the results of the EMSA single integrated external audit for the certification of all three quality standards/Systems which took place in December 2022. Three remarks were issued and they had already been addressed.

The table also contained the results of the DG DEFIS audit on the reports concerning the Delegation Agreement between EMSA and DG-DEFIS and the new Contribution Agreement between EMSA and DG-DEFIS, valid from 2021 to 2027, with the three remarks also already closed.

Out of 20 recommendations issued, 2 were “open” at this stage, 13 were “closed” and 5 were “ready for review”, meaning that they had been implemented by the Agency and forwarded to the Auditors with the request to be formally closed.

On the IAS audit on IT Governance, Ms Anne Montagnon (Commission) expressed support to the proposed plan to transfer CISE to Department 3.

**(e) Implementing rules to the Staff Regulations**

Due to the unavailability of the Implementing Rules to the Staff Regulations on Teleworking at this stage, the AI 6e was deleted from the draft agenda. Adoption of these Implementing Rules would take place either by written procedure before or at the June Board meeting.

**3. EMSA Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2022**

*The Administrative Board adopted the EMSA Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2022, in accordance with Articles 15(2)(d) and 10(2)(b) of the EMSA Founding Regulation and provided its assessment of the EMSA Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2022, in accordance with Article 48 of the EMSA Financial Regulation, taking into account the European Court of Auditors' observations of previous years and subject to the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors.*

*The Board's adoption and assessment will be subsequently confirmed by written procedure if there are no substantial changes or revisited at the June meeting if there are, once the preliminary observations are available.*

*Editorial comments provided by the Commission to the Agency were integrated in the version to be confirmed/revisited in June.*

*On behalf of the EMSA Administrative Board the Chairman congratulated the EMSA staff for the progress achieved in 2022.*

**(a) Consideration and adoption by the Administrative Board**

Ms Markovčić-Kostelac first recalled the legal basis enshrined in both the Agency's Founding and Financial Regulations for the consideration and adoption of the Consolidated Annual Activity Report by the Administrative Board.

She also recalled that the document covered the third year of implementation of the EMSA 5-year Strategy with the continued practice introduced the previous year linking the most important achievements of the year with the multi-annual strategic objectives. She further informed the Board of the successful implementation of 95% of actions planned as pledged in the 2022 work programme, with most of the actions that were not achieved (3% of the 5%) being due to external factors.

In terms of budget implementation, the Agency executed 99.80% in commitment appropriations and 98.42% payment appropriations which represented the highest results in the Agency's history.

2022 was also the year of the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, and the Agency provided and continues to provide constant support to the Member States and the Commission with the provision of information and surveillance services, assisting in the implementation of the different sanctions applied by the Union against the Russian Federation.

As per the tradition established already for a number of years, Ms Markovčić-Kostelac announced the video presentation on the Agency's achievements by its staff and in their languages.

Fotini Ioannidou (Commission) thanked the Agency for the very good report but especially for the Agency's assistance in the context of Russia's aggression on Ukraine which was vital in the implementation of sanctions and monitoring of the Black Sea grain initiative, but also in the framework of the FuelEU Maritime and the ETS extension to maritime transport initiatives as well as in the preparation of the whole legislative package on maritime safety.

Christophe Lenormand (France) thanked the Agency for its achievements and confirmed the continuous active role of France in CISE. He also welcomed the development of the ROV service to support accident investigations, which had proved useful during an actual investigation in France and demonstrated the added value of such shared resources.

Focusing on the second part of the document, Ms Anne Montagnon (Commission) praised the excellent budget execution but also the very high level of achievement of the Agency's key performance indicators in 2022. She also underlined the importance of the efficiency of internal control systems and the Agency's prompt follow-up on all audit recommendations.

In relation to the Seconded National Expert positions published by the Agency, Mr Massimo di Marco (Italy) kindly requested longer deadlines to allow involved Ministries to complete the necessary internal procedures. The Executive Director confirmed that options would be explored to accommodate this concern.

Upon suggestion by the Commission on the deletion of the sentence in relation to the achievement of the Strategic Objective n° 15, the Executive Director confirmed the text would be deleted as indeed this did not constitute a delivery in 2022 but rather a preparatory action for delivery in the current year.

The Chairman thanked the Executive Director and her staff for the video, welcomed the progress made in 2022 and confirmed the consideration and adoption of the CAAR 2022 by the Administrative Board, taking into account the European Court of Auditors' observations of previous years and subject to the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors.

#### **(b) Assessment by the Administrative Board**

The Chairman invited the Members to comment on the draft Assessment, presented on screen with already a few suggestions from the Commission to which the Board agreed. Mr Nordseth invited Mr Benito Núñez Quintanilla (Spain) to take the floor to report on part c) Management of the document.

The Chairman of the Administrative and Finance Committee reported to the Administrative Board on the discussions held in the morning of 13 March at the Administrative and Finance Committee meeting on the Assessment's part c) Management, confirming a favourable opinion on behalf of the Committee on the text.

He further informed the Board that, in response to the suggestion by the Commission to extend in the future the Administrative and Finance Committee's discussions to also main highlights of the year and achievements of objectives and KPIs, the Agency recalled that the current mandate of the Administrative and Finance Committee related only to part C) Management and that a thorough discussion on the operational and strategic achievements would be provided at the Board meeting on the day of the Administrative Board meeting.

The Executive Director encouraged the proponents to provide written proposals on this issue to enable the Agency to prepare an adequate proposal for the November meeting.

The Chairman confirmed the adoption of the Assessment of the Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2022 with the suggestions from the Commission, greatly valuing the Agency's performance in carrying out its tasks.

#### **4. Update on Agency's activities**

As per last year's practice, the Executive Director recalled the agreement with the Commission and the Chairman, not to provide the usual updates on the Anti-Pollution Measures and the European Cooperation on Coast Guard functions developments at this early stage of the year. A more mature update on both operational and financial developments in these areas would be provided at the June Board meeting.

Furthermore, the Executive Director referred to the impact of inflation on the EMSA budgets since 2022. She recalled the announcement at the November meeting on the need to transfer appropriations above the 10% limit from Titles 2 and 3 to Title 1 to fill the deficit in salary expenditure caused by the 4.5% increase for the annual adjustment combined with the increase in the coefficient corrector for Lisbon from 90.6% to 95.5%. The budget transfers amounting to approximately 500,000 EUR were authorised by the Board at the end of 2022 by means of a written procedure.

In this context, Ms Markovčić-Kostelac announced that also in 2023 the EMSA budget would undergo adjustments to compensate the expected increase of the salary expenditure which would only become definitive at the end of November once the coefficient corrector will be announced. As in 2022, EMSA will first scrutinize the administrative expenditure (Title 1 and Title 2) and streamline as far as possible and only subsequently look at the operational expenditure (Title 3). She reported that about 1.5 M EUR recovered from the use of EMSA's vessels for clean-up operations was already available in Title 3 but if the current estimate of the deficit is confirmed during the year, about 2.0 M-2.2 M EUR and about 0.6 M EUR would need to be redeployed from Title 3 and Title 2 respectively. Further information would follow at the June

board meeting, and the exact figures would only be known once the final figures for the adjustment of salaries and the coefficient corrector for 2023 are available.

*The Administrative Board took note of the information provided<sup>1</sup> by the Agency on:*

**(a) First Studies on Alternative fuels: Biofuels and Ammonia**

Ms Manuela Tomassini, Head of Department 1 Sustainability and Technical Assistance, presented the first two studies on alternative sources of power for shipping – on Biofuels and Ammonia – which were delivered at the end of 2022 in support of the Green agenda for shipping. The studies have generated a lot of interest, with more than 10,000 downloads since their release. The studies have also identified safety challenges for these fuels, especially in the case of ammonia, which the Agency will look into further.

Two more studies were underway, on Hydrogen and Wind Assisted Propulsion, with the plan to present them in a dedicated workshop in November.

**(b) DONA Statistics**

Ms Tomassini presented the latest developments to the Dynamic Overview of National Authorities (DONA), an innovative platform with different functionalities at the service of the Member States and the Commission.

The first two functionalities, the *Country Profile*, available to the general public and containing general information on Flag, Port and Coastal State responsibilities, and the *Reporting Gate*, a single-entry portal with restricted access designed in support of Member State reporting obligations, had been introduced previously.

The novelty presented to the Board this time related to the *Statistics* section in DONA in its restricted area and available to designated users from the Member States where maritime related statistics obtained from data sources available at EMSA were aggregated in support of the Member States' responsibilities as Flag, Port and Coastal States, and of their monitoring activities.

**(c) Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV) service**

A video was shown to introduce brand-new EMSA operational service designed to meet firstly the needs of Accident Investigative Bodies (AIBs): underwater surveys through Observation-Class Remotely Operated Vehicles (OC/ROV). This rapidly deployable and flexible service was developed in close cooperation with the Permanent Cooperation Framework for accident investigation, the EU network of AIBs. ROV services are provided to AIBs on-demand and free of charge. Although the service aims at the AIB needs, it is also offered to national authorities in the context of performing Coast Guard functions.

In February 2023, the Agency successfully supported the first two missions deploying ROVs in the North Adriatic Sea and the Gulf of Biscay to gather evidence from two sunken vessels, under the coordination of the competent Accident Investigative Bodies, DIGIFEMA of Italy and BEAmer of France.

These operations confirmed that the contractual, financial and operational scheme developed by EMSA to handle the service allowed for a swift deployment on-site, generating positive feedback from the AIBs.

Ms Markovčić-Kostelac stated she looked forward to serving future requests from other Member States also in other areas than only related to accident investigation.

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<sup>1</sup> Presentations provided at the Administrative Board meeting are available at the extranet section dedicated to the Administrative Board: [66th Administrative Board Meeting \[restricted\] \(europa.eu\)](#).



**(d) SAT-AIS capability and the VDES pilot project outcome**

Mr Leedert Bal, Head of Department Safety, Security and Surveillance, presented the latest developments in SAT-AIS and the latest joint demonstration project with the European Space Agency (ESA) on the VHF Data Exchange System (VDES), seen by many as the next generation of AIS and SAT-AIS.

Through the VDES demonstration project, EMSA is building further on the experience gained on SAT-AIS by exploring with ESA new and improved satellite-based solutions for exchanging digital data at higher rates ship-to-shore and vice versa aiming at developing new services. Business cases for VDES should be further discussed in a workshop with Member State and industry representatives.

**(e) MMO Baltic Sea**

The Executive Director recalled that the Multipurpose Maritime Operation was an operational activity in a specific maritime area and for a certain implementation period which may require enhanced cooperation in order to support national authorities carrying out coast guard functions at national, Union level and where appropriate, international level, by addressing at least two coast guard functions (falling under the mandate of more than one Agency).

Launched upon the request of one or several Member States or by EFCA, EMSA or Frontex, the operation involved assets, services or experts of these agencies agreed and possibly supplemented by the concerned and involved Member States.

Mr Kirov recalled the history, the main objectives of an MMO as well as the preparatory steps to define the area for the MMO planned for 2023 in the Central and Eastern Baltic, within the jurisdictional waters of Sweden, Latvia, Finland and Estonia, all of which have replied positively to the provisionally determined period (either from May to July or June to August 2023). EMSA support will focus on maritime safety, including vessel traffic management, environmental monitoring and response as well as SAR while EFCA and Frontex will respectively organise operational coordination of fisheries control and inspection activities by the Member States and support maritime border security.

With their interests to participate in the MMO confirmed, discussions will take place with these Member States to identify specific activities of interest to be undertaken. In cooperation with the other two Agencies, EMSA will draft the MMO Specific Modalities document to be agreed by Agencies and communication procedures will be agreed between parties.

## **5. Draft Administrative Arrangements**

*The Administrative Board **considered and did not object** to the draft Memorandum of Understanding between EMSA and ETSI, enabling the Executive Director to proceed with its signature.*

*The Administrative Board also took note of the information presented on the planned Contribution Agreement between EMSA and DG MOVE to provide EMSA with 500,000 EUR to initiate the development of the IT system in support of Fuel EU Maritime, which would be submitted to the Board for consideration by written procedure or at the next meeting.*

### ***Draft Memorandum of Understanding between EMSA and ETSI***

Ms Markovčić-Kostelac reminded the Board of the historical background and the previous collaboration between the EMSA and the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) with the first MoU

signed in 2014 for a period of three years that could be renewed by mutual consent. ETSI is a non-profit organisation and the recognized European standards body dealing with telecommunications, broadcasting and other electronic communications networks and services. The Institute supported the timely development, ratification and testing of globally applicable standards for Information Communication Technology-enabled systems, applications and services.

The new MoU would allow the Agency to better follow the evolution of relevant innovations and thus anticipate the inclusion of new standards into the Commission regulations and promptly react for initiating safeguard investigations, whenever the EU Member State Market Surveillance Authorities have identified potential safety issues in the area of marine equipment.

Although the initial MoU had not been renewed, the good cooperation between EMSA and ETSI continued smoothly since 2017 under a common and fruitful understanding grounds. ETSI was consulted in the past in the framework of preparation of the draft MED/IRs and the Institute was able to provide comments and to allow free access to their standards.

The proposed EMSA – ETSI MoU provided a formal continuity to the existing natural cooperation of both Institutions and allowed for early awareness in case of changes in technical standards.

Fotini Ioannidou (Commission) welcomed the draft MoU in the framework of the MED but asked that the Commission and the Board are informed and consulted before considering any future broadening of the scope of the agreement.

Leendert Bal, Head of Department 2, confirmed the focus on the access to standards and communication equipment for the implementing act on MED without fees and did not exclude a wider cooperation in the future.

#### ***Contribution Agreement between EMSA and DG MOVE***

Ms Markovčić-Kostelac recalled the signature at the end of last year of the Service Level Agreement with DG CLIMA. Work had started on the development of the platform that will be built on THETIS-MRV in support of the implementation of the extension of the ETS to maritime transport with an overall budget of over three million euros (3,815,000 EUR) until 2026, including resources for 5 project financed staff.

She further recalled that the extension of the ETS to maritime transport was only one of the pillars of the “Fit for 55 package” with FuelEU Maritime being another essential pillar of such package where EMSA will be tasked to support the implementation and enforcement of this Regulation with the development of the relevant IT platform, the FuelEU “Compliance Database”.

The idea was to have an “eco-system” in place that would support the “reporting once” principle for the end users for both pieces of legislation, looking also at the synergies that would be generated by building the necessary IT developments within the THETIS-MRV environment.

The purpose of the planned Contribution Agreement was to provide the Agency with initial 500,000 EUR in order to start the IT developments needed for this specific piece of legislation. This amount will complement the proposed financial envelope foreseen by the FuelEU Maritime Regulation under finalization that foresees additional resources for EMSA as an increase of the EU Subsidy.

The Administrative Board would be consulted on this Contribution Agreement either by written procedure or at the June Board meeting.

## 7. Any Other Business

Ms Fotini Ioannidou (Commission) updated the Board on the status of the process of **revision of the mandate** of the Agency, explaining that the Impact Assessment had evolved towards a Study with no radical change foreseen in the role of the Agency. The Commission services were in the process of preparing the legislative text. The recast would integrate the numerous updates throughout the years and better anchor the tasks the Agency was given through various legislative pieces, including in the context of the upcoming maritime package (Flag State, AI and Port State Control directives) as well as the SSP directive. She further announced that more information would be provided at the Maritime Directors' meeting on 21 March.

She also informed the Board that the internal procedure for the **renewal of the Executive Director** had been launched at the Commission level for discussion at the June Board.

In relation to the **activation of the CISE Operational Phase**, Ms Ioannidou explained that the relevant document, that would include some governance proposals, was in preparation with the involvement of DG MARE and the Agency and would be submitted to the Administrative Board in June.

Mr Ioannis Efstratiou (Cyprus) took the opportunity to share with the Administrative Board and recommend to Member States the very positive experience of a mock IMSAS audit by EMSA which represented a very important service provided by the Agency with a great added value. He was joined in this praise by Finland that referred to the training offered by EMSA in preparation of IMSAS.

### Dates of the next EMSA's Administrative Board Meetings:

**Administrative and Finance Committee:** 12 June 2023 online (to be confirmed)

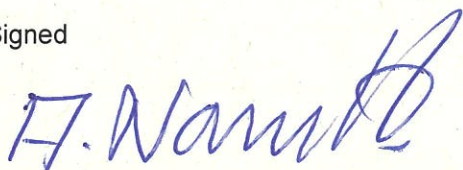
**Administrative Board:** 14 pm and 15 am June 2023 in Lisbon

**(Subject to availability of the Spanish Presidency Council calendar of meetings)**

**Administrative and Finance Committee:** Week of 13 to 17 November 2023

**Administrative Board:** Week of 13 to 17 November 2023

Signed



Andreas Nordseth  
Chairman of the EMSA Administrative Board

Done at Lisbon, 15 June 2023

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS****66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Administrative Board, 15 March 2023 (online)**

<b>MEMBER STATES</b>	
<b>BULGARIA</b>	
Ventsislav Ivanov	Board Member
<b>CROATIA</b>	
Siniša Orlić	Board Member
<b>CYPRUS</b>	
Ioannis Efstratiou	Board Member
<b>DENMARK</b>	
Andreas Nordseth	Board Member - Chairman of the Board
Niels Peter Fredslund	Alternate Member
Jesper Aksel Gebauer Christensen	Expert
<b>ESTONIA</b>	
Marek Rauk	Board Member
<b>FINLAND</b>	
Juha-Matti Korsi	Board Member
<b>FRANCE</b>	
Christophe Lenormand	Alternate Member
<b>GERMANY</b>	
Christian Kohlhase	Alternate Member
<b>GREECE</b>	
Christos Kontorouchas	Board Member
<b>HUNGARY</b>	
Csaba Bellyei	Board Member
<b>IRELAND</b>	
Noelle Waldron	Alternate Member
<b>ITALY</b>	
Massimo Di Marco	Alternate Member
<b>LATVIA</b>	
Jānis Krastiņš	Board Member

<b>LITHUANIA</b>	
Linus Kasparavicius	Board Member
<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	
André Hansen	Board Member
<b>MALTA</b>	
Ivan Sammut	Board Member
<b>POLAND</b>	
Wojciech Zdanowicz	Board Member - Deputy Chairman of the EMSA Administrative Board
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	
José Simão	Board Member
Paolo Pamplona	Alternate Member
<b>ROMANIA</b>	
Gabriel Trafandir	Board Member
Lacrima Hornet	Alternate Member
<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	
Josef Mrkva	Board Member
<b>SLOVENIA</b>	
Jadran Klinec	Board Member
<b>SPAIN</b>	
Benito Núñez Quintanilla	Board Member – Chairman of the Administrative and Finance Committee
Javier Fernandez Abad	Alternate Member
<b>SWEDEN</b>	
Pernilla Wallin	Board Member
Maria Gelin	Alternate Member
<b>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b>	
Anne Montagnon	Board Member
Fotini Ioannidou	Alternate Member
Barbara Sellier	Alternate Member
Cristina Cuadra Garcia	Alternate Member
Isabel Bàez Lechuga	Expert
Pantelis Lamprianidis	Expert
Rosa Antidormi	Expert

<b>EFTA STATES</b>	
<b>ICELAND</b>	
Jon Gunnar Jonsson	Board Member
<b>NORWAY</b>	
Knut Arild Hareide	Board Member
<b>PROFESSIONAL SECTOR</b>	
Dorothea Zec	Board Member
Henrik Rinbgom	Board Member
<b>EMSA</b>	
Maja Markovčić Kostelac	Executive Director
Manuela Tomassini	Head of Department 1 Sustainability
Leendert Bal	Head of Department 2 Safety, Security & Surveillance
Peter Kirov	Head of Department 3 Digital Services & Simplification
Dominika Łempicka-Fichter	Head of Department 4 Corporate Services
Andrea Tassoni	Head of Unit Executive Office, Board Secretariat
Frédéric Hébert	Head of Unit 1.1
Mario Mifsud	Head of Unit 1.2
Georgios Christofi	Head of Unit 1.3
Ioannis Mispinas	Head of Unit 2.1
Pedro Lourenço	Head of Unit 2.2
Lukša Čičovački	Head of Unit 3.1
Ivo Kupsky	Head if Unit 3.2
Lazaros Aichmalotidis	Head if Unit 3.3
Cristina Romay-Lopez	Head if Unit 4.1
Andrea Iber	Head if Unit 4.2
Lorenzo Fiamma	Chairman EMSA Staff Committee
Brian Elliot	EMSA Staff Committee
Tom Van Hees	Internal Control Coordinator
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