

EXTENSION OF EU ETS TO MARITIME: FOURTH WEBINAR NOW ONLINE FOR MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS

On 5 March, EMSA, together with the European Commission's Directorate General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA), held [a fourth webinar for industry and maritime stakeholders](#) on the extension of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) to the maritime transport sector. The webinar, to which invited maritime stakeholders attended, centred on the Monitoring Plan applicable to the reporting period 2024. The webinar is now available to view on our website, along with all other webinars in the series. In parallel, EMSA, together with DG CLIMA, has published a full set of resources through an [information hub](#) on our website, featuring information and regularly updated questions and answers on both [the extension of the EU ETS to maritime](#) and changes to the [MRV maritime Regulation](#). The information hub has also been updated with [a full set of questions and answers on the Monitoring Plan](#).



EMSA SUPPORTS GLOBAL SAR LRIT TRAINING WITH IMSO AND COMPAAZ BRAZIL

Approximately 600 search and rescue operators from all around the world attended a special training session on the functions and use of the Long-Range Identification and Tracking system (LRIT), organised by the International Mobile Satellite Organisation (IMSO) in collaboration with EMSA and the Brazilian Maritime Operations and Protection of the Blue Amazon Command (COMPAAZ). The aim of the training was to enable Search and Rescue Operators worldwide to effectively utilise the LRIT system to facilitate their essential work in saving lives at sea. Opening the training session, the Executive Director of EMSA, Maja Markovčić Kostelac, underlined that EMSA hosts and maintains the European Union Cooperative Data Centre, now the largest such centre in the LRIT system, as well as the LRIT International Data Exchange, which connects 71 data centres worldwide, 135 contracting governments and territories,

and three naval forces. "EMSA has proved to be a reliable partner in this domain," Ms. Markovčić Kostelac stressed, "contributing to the development of the LRIT system here in the EU and worldwide." The LRIT International Data Exchange can broadcast SAR requests to all LRIT Data Centres in case of emergency, providing SAR services with a complete maritime picture of all ships in the vicinity of a distress call. This service is free of charge to the Contracting Government's SAR services for any ship, no matter where it is located, via the LRIT International Data Exchange.



EMSA'S ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD HOLDS 69TH MEETING

On 6 March, the 69th meeting of EMSA's Administrative Board took place in online mode. The meeting was chaired for the first time by Wojciech Zdanowicz, Director of the Maritime Office in Szczecin, Polish Maritime Administration. In December of last year, Mr. Zdanowicz took over from Mr. Andreas Nordseth as Chair of the EMSA Administrative Board. Earlier that day, the first Administrative and Finance Committee meeting of 2024 took place in hybrid format, under the direction of its new Chair, Eric Banel, the Director-General of Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture of France.



Above, the 69th meeting of the Administrative Board chaired by Mr. Zdanowicz, and below, the Administrative and Finance Committee meeting chaired by Mr. Banel. Both meetings were held online.

FIRST EDITION OF COMMON CORE CURRICULUM ON PRINCIPLES & TECHNIQUES FOR SAFETY INVESTIGATORS GOES LIVE

EMSA, through the EMSA Academy, has developed and is delivering as from the 4th of March 2024 the first iteration of the Common Core Curriculum on Principles and Techniques for Safety Investigators. The Curriculum is divided into four phases covering 12 units across 20 non-consecutive weeks. It will be delivered in a blended mode with most of the learning activities on an asynchronous (non-real time) modality, allowing participants to complete the different units at their own pace and convenience. However, at regular intervals, participants will have the opportunity to meet and interact online with the relevant EMSA subject matter experts, whilst a face-to-face session for five days at EMSA's premises is also planned. The Common Core Curriculum on Principles and Techniques for Safety Investigators is aimed at individuals who are newcomers, or who intend to become Maritime Safety Investigators for the competent authorities of their national administrations. This innovative learning service is designed and developed to provide participants with the necessary individual competencies for carrying out duties associated with accident and or safety investigations. It aims to provide learners with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to conduct the relevant investigations professionally, efficiently, and effectively and to the required standards' benchmarked practice. Furthermore, and in an effort to increase cooperation between EU and non-EU countries, whilst enhancing harmonised implementation in shared sea basins, the Common Core Curriculum is attended both by 20 participants from 13 EU Member States, Iceland and Norway and 32 participants from 16 beneficiary countries of the SAFEMD V, BC SEA II and IPA III projects. The Common Core Curriculum on Principles and Techniques for Safety Investigators is an ISO 29993:2017 certified learning service outside formal education developed by the EMSA Academy and it is delivered on the Maritime Knowledge Centre (MaKCs), the eLearning Platform of the Agency.

ECGFF CYBERSECURITY WORKING GROUP WORKSHOP TAKES PLACE AT EMSA

On 26 and 27 February, EMSA hosted the European Coast Guard Functions Forum Cybersecurity Working Group Workshop, co-organised with the Portuguese presidency of the ECGFF. The event was attended by more than 40 participants, representing the Coast Guard functions of EU Member States. EMSA presented its activities on cybersecurity, including the guidance document on cybersecurity during ship inspections, prepared with the European Commission, its work on cybersecurity for Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS), and the EMSA Academy cybersecurity training course. During the workshop, delegates discussed a range of issues, including evolving cybersecurity threats, the risks posed by increased integration of technology into maritime operations, and the importance of cybersecurity at organisational level. Delegates agreed that cooperation between all stakeholders is vital to understand and address the current maritime cybersecurity challenges.



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VACANCIES: Reserve list for an Officer - Visits and Inspections (05/03/24); See website for more.

PROCUREMENT: EMSA Maritime Knowledge Centre Services (MaKCs) maintenance and further enhancement (18/03/2024); Multimedia support services for EMSA e-Laboratory (20/03/2024); Provision of studies on the assessment of the adequacy of Port Reception Facilities (PRF) and potentially the development of Waste Reception and Handling Plans (WRHP) in either one or more ports of the IPA/ENP Beneficiary countries (08/04/2024); See website for more.

