

## REINFORCING TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

EMSA hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Permanent Cooperation Framework (PCF) on 19-21 June where experts from 26 countries and the European Commission discussed several topics related to the implementation of Directive 2009/18/EC on accident investigation. Participants reached a common understanding of the attributes reported in the [European Marine Casualty Information Platform](#) (EMCIP). This will help to increase the level of standardisation and the potential of the shared data. Member State representatives actively discussed initiatives to improve the integration of the Human Element in accident investigation, to spread lessons learnt from marine casualties and incidents and to define best practices for evidence collection. EMSA presented the state-of-play of the new EMCIP that is expected to go live in September as well as a [methodology](#) for analysing EMCIP data that EMSA has developed to detect safety issues. The practical application of the methodology on [fishing vessels](#) was introduced proving the added value of EMCIP data and the significance of the efforts carried out by accident investigation bodies in reporting high quality data into the system.



## EMSA HOLDS 51<sup>ST</sup> ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The EMSA Administrative Board gathered on 12-13 June for its 51<sup>st</sup> meeting. High on the agenda was the adoption of the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2017 which was presented by staff in the form of a short video encapsulating the [highlights of the year](#). Following on from its endorsement of the Caribbean MoU's request for access to EMSA's [RuleCheck tool](#), the board also looked favourably on a similar request received from the Indian Ocean MoU. These requests will serve to promote EU/EMSA solutions in the international arena, as well as to increase harmonisation and build a level playing field. Members of the board also agreed to extend the EMSA 5-year strategy until the end of 2019.



## NORWEGIAN BARENTS WATCH DELEGATION PAYS VISIT TO EMSA

On 14 June, a number of representatives from Norwegian ministries and administrations, participating in Barents Watch, visited EMSA to improve their understanding of the agency's activities. [Barents Watch](#) collects, develops and shares information about Norwegian coastal and marine areas and provides services for the Arctic region through the Barents Watch programme. EMSA presented a number of services that it offers to users including the Integrated Maritime Services and mobile app, RPAS services, Copernicus Maritime Surveillance Services and CleanSeaNet. The participants also had a tour of EMSA's Maritime Support Services centre.



## PREPARATORY AUDIT IN ALGERIA IN VIEW OF IMO MEMBER STATE AUDIT SCHEME

On 25-29 June, an EMSA team and an experienced IMO lead auditor from the Danish Maritime Authority carried out a preparatory audit in Algeria in view of the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS). The objective was to support the maritime administration of Algeria to prepare for the IMO audit that will be performed in 2019. The activity is foreseen in the framework of the project for technical assistance provided by EMSA to Mediterranean EU Neighbouring Partner countries, namely [SAFEMED IV](#). The preparatory audit was held at the premises of the Direction de la Marine Marchande et des Ports in Algiers. The auditing team also had the opportunity to visit the premises and interview staff from other entities playing a key role in the Flag, Port and Coastal State organisation of the Algerian Maritime Administration. The good cooperation between auditors and auditees as well as the open approach to the preparatory audit by the Algerian authorities provided useful input in view of the forthcoming IMO audit.



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**VACANCIES:** Project Officer for Reporting Formalities (deadline: 16/7/2018)

**PROCUREMENT:** Provision of training courses for accident investigators (deadline: 13/7/2018); Acquisition of virtual reality simulator for training (deadline: 23/7/2018); Lightweight RPAS to support operations from vessels (deadline: 25/7/2018); Supply of skimmers to recover oil in ice covered waters (deadline: 29/8/2018); see website for more.