

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Mr Markku Mylly of Finland has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency.



The vote was held during the 33th session of the Administrative Board on 8 June 2012. Deputy Chairman, Achim Wehrmann, congratulated Mr Mylly on the new appointment saying: 'I am confident that this new leadership will provide the strong direction that EMSA requires to work towards its overall goal of sustainable maritime mobility'. The new Executive Director will now be

entrusted with the execution of the Agency's strategic objectives. He will be responsible for drafting the annual budget proposal and work programme in close cooperation with both the European Commission and national authorities. Following pre-selection by the European Commission, a final shortlist of three candidates was adopted and presented to EMSA's Administrative Board. The board then appointed the new Executive Director.

FINDINGS OF FIRST BLUE BELT REVIEW NOW ONLINE



Intra-European coastal traffic was the focus of the project's first phase

After its first six months of operations (May to November 2011), the Blue Belt pilot project – aiming to simplify customs formalities for ships trading within the EU - has been assessed. The findings are now available on EMSA's website. 22 EU coastal Member States and industry participants were consulted on technical and operational aspects of the pilot project. During the project, 253 vessels participated on a voluntary basis and their voyage reports were sent to the customs authorities of the Member States using SafeSeaNet, the European vessel traffic monitoring information system. According to the responses provided by the Member States, Blue Belt has demonstrated that it is possible to deliver accurate and timely information about vessel voyages to customs. However, the Blue Belt pilot project did not lead to simplifications in customs procedures as the current legal framework has remained unchanged (see the [Legal gap analysis](#)). At the request of Member States, the services delivered by Blue Belt should continue while the legislative issues are addressed.

TACKLING THE CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT - FOCUS ON LNG

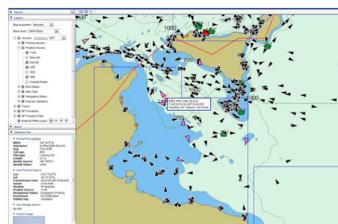


Panel discussion with the gas industry

EMSA has been asked to assist the Commission with a sustainable waterborne transport toolbox to accompany the proposed revised Sulphur Directive. Areas of support include: assessing the need for rules and guidelines

for the bunkering and storage of LNG; acting as secretariat for expert groups on LNG; assessing the prerequisite and impact of the large-scale use of scrubbers. The second meeting of the expert group for ports and ship owners in relation to the toolbox was held in EMSA on 5 June and focused on the concrete technical and operational obstacles to the use of LNG. The meeting concentrated on the potential regulation gaps in LNG bunkering and on how to make LNG accessible to ship owners. To facilitate this work, EMSA published a tender for a study on standards and rules to cover the bunkering of gas-fuelled ships.

SUPPORT FOR BLUEFIN TUNA CAMPAIGN THANKS TO MARSURV-3



Marsurv-3 screenshot

The European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) coordinates the monitoring of bluefin tuna fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea and Eastern Atlantic waters. The control, inspection and surveillance of fishery activities both at sea and ashore is conducted in cooperation with Member

States and the Commission. In response to a formal request from EFCA for monitoring support, EMSA set up a pilot project, called Marsurv-3. The pilot project began on 15 May and covers six pre-defined zones of interest in the Mediterranean Sea. The Marsurv-3 monitoring service combines specific fisheries information with maritime data available at EMSA for which access has been granted. The project was developed using the first version of EMSA's Integrated Maritime Data Platform (IMDatE) and is a good example of how an integrated approach can bring added value to the end user.

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Documents: Damage stability of Ro-Pax vessels; Blue Belt Pilot Project

Procurement: Provision and installation of metal protection on the wooden walls of EMSA's building; Contract for a study on standards and rules for bunkering of gas fuelled ships; Provision of optical licenses and services for the CleanSeaNet Data Centre; Purchase of mobile video conferencing unit; Supply, delivery and installation of kitchen furniture for the European Maritime Safety Agency

Vacancies: Project Officer for Training and Cooperation; Senior Project Officer for Pollution Response to Offshore Installations; Project Officer for Marine Accident; National Expert Professional Trainees; Traineeships - Autumn 2012