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Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan**



### **Mission Report**

## **Second Meeting of the Heads of Maritime Administrations of IMO Member States from East Europe and West Asia**

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## Summary

<b>Name of the Expert:</b>	Albert Bergonzo
<b>Expert position:</b>	Team Leader
<b>Mission start date:</b>	14 September 2014
<b>Mission end date:</b>	17 September 2014
<b>Number of working days:</b>	2 ½ working days, 2 travel days
<b>Mission objective:</b>	Participation to a regional IMO organised conference
<b>Main activities:</b>	Delivery of presentation, participation to round tables, regional coordination
<b>Main results:</b>	Dissemination of project's results, contacts taken
<b>Programme of next mission:</b>	n/a
<b>Annexes (documents produced during the mission):</b>	Project's presentation, list of participants, final resolution.



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**Report:**

Following the first meeting of heads of maritime administrations in the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea that was hosted by Georgia in Batumi in September 2012, the International Maritime Administration (IMO) organized the second meeting of heads of maritime administrations of Eastern Europe and Western Asia from Monday 14 September to Wednesday 17 September, both dates inclusive.

The list of participants is annexed. It should be noted that representatives from all the TRACECA Maritime project's beneficiaries, direct and indirect, attended the meeting, making the project's presence particularly relevant.

The meeting focused on acceptance and implementation of IMO instruments. Effective implementation is one of the main topics of the TRACECA Maritime project and the meeting was an opportunity to present the work achieved so far and the plans for the near future.

After a reminder in the form of a few project's basic figures, the presentation detailed the work done regionally, with the regional workshop on Quality Management Systems that was held in Batumi, Georgia, in December 2013, the seminar on Ratification of Conventions delivered in Hamburg, Germany, in March 2014, and the workshop on Effective Monitoring of Recognized Organizations that took place in Baku, Azerbaijan, in July 2014. Information was provided on the national work groups constituted after a preliminary GAP analysis or in-depth review, and on how the work performed in the national groups allows to implement the overall project approach of a common goal for all partners adapted to each individual situation, by selecting appropriate priorities for each country.

The project also invests substantial resources in preparation of its partners to the IMO Audit Scheme. These efforts were described and in particular, now that the IMO Audit schedule has been published, how it will be proposed to those partners who are susceptible to be audited during the first two years of the mandatory scheme, to prepare them through a mock-audit and suggestions for a corrective action plan. This proposal was well received.

Besides the dissemination of project results in the field of effective implementation of maritime conventions, participation to this event was also an opportunity for direct exchanges with delegates, including a very productive with EMSA representatives.

### ***Conclusion and Recommendations***

### ***Next Mission***