

TRACECA II Project

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ENP – instrument to direct the cooperation between the EU and its southern and eastern neighbours

ENP – a jointly owned initiative

ENP goals – to achieve closest possible political association and greatest possible degree of economic integration.

ENP action plans reflect the country's needs and capacities and the EU interests



The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP):

Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EUROMED)

- In the field of maritime safety, maritime security and marine pollution prevention/response:
SAFEMED III

Eastern Partnership (EaP)

- In the field of maritime safety, maritime security and marine pollution prevention/response:
TRACECA II



SAFEMED III beneficiaries:

10 Mediterranean countries:

Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria (currently suspended) and Tunisia



Contracting authority: COM – DG DEVCO

Implementing body: EMSA

Started: 16 June 2013

Duration: Three years

8 activities

Building on the results of previous SAFEMED projects and wider coordination with other EU projects and larger participation of Member States' experts

General objectives of the project

Sustainable improvement in the protection of the Mediterranean waters against the risks of accidents at sea and marine pollution.

THROUGH

Coherent, effective and uniform implementation of the international conventions for maritime safety, security and prevention of pollution from ships

Approximation, as much as possible, to the relevant EU legislation

Activity 1 : Flag State

Activity 2 : Port State Control

Activity 3 : Traffic Monitoring

Activity 4 : Protection of the Marine Environment

Activity 5 : Human Element

Activity 6 : Security of ships and port facilities

Activity 7 : Bilateral actions

Activity 8 : Communication

All aspects of maritime safety, security and prevention of the Marine environment

TRACECA II - Maritime Safety and Security

Beneficiaries:

10 Black and Caspian Sea countries:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan



Contracting authority: COM – DG DEVCO

Implementing body: Private consortium led by NTU

Started: January 2013

Follows the achievements of previous project implemented from 2009 to 2011 (SASEPOL)

General objectives:

- To support further ratification of international conventions
- To contribute to the improvement of quality and coordination of the partner countries' maritime administrations
- To align as much as possible the legislation of the beneficiary countries to the EU regulatory framework

To achieve the project's objectives activities are planned in the field of:

- Maritime Safety – Flag state implementation, safety of navigation, the human element
- Maritime Security – both ships and ports
- Protection of the marine environment from pollution caused by ships

However,



The European Commission recognised that some project's components can be complemented by activities falling under the expertise of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

As a consequence, the Agency has been tasked to deliver them in the period **16 June 2014 – 15 June 2016** (two years)

7 Beneficiaries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Ukraine and Turkmenistan

The activities delivered by EMSA will be in the fields of:

- Flag State
- Port State
- Marine pollution prevention, preparedness and response

No actions delivered by EMSA in the field of maritime security





Overview of the maritime administrations

Country individual reports showing how beneficiaries have organised the maritime administrations and how they implement their obligations under the relevant international conventions

Similar reports prepared for EU MSs; candidate and potential candidate countries to EU; SAFEMED III countries

Seminar on fundamental principles of safety marine accidents investigation

Among other things, the relevant IMO Code requires the maritime administrations to set up independent marine accidents investigative bodies to conduct marine safety investigations.

The seminar will be a two-day event aiming to support beneficiaries' staffs to familiarise with the basic (and fundamental) principle behind the safety investigation of marine accidents such as independence of the investigative body, access to the site, confidentiality, etc. and see how to incorporate these in their own activities.

Provision of “Core skills course(s) to marine accident investigators

Five-day training course designed for junior marine accidents investigators working for investigative independent bodies in the maritime transport sector

Marine accident investigators will be provided with basic elements for conducting a marine accident investigation according to the principle of the IMO provisions on maritime safety investigations





Upgrading Black Sea MOU procedures

Supporting the Black Sea MOU Members and Secretariat to upgrade the memorandum's operational procedures to incorporate the latest relevant instruments entered into force bring them in line with the relevant IMO guidelines if needed

To look for the enhancement and harmonization of the quality inspections worldwide

Providing the BSMOU with access to the EU Rulecheck

Rulecheck is an electronic tool developed and managed by EMSA on behalf of the European Commission.

It makes available to the PSCOs the relevant international legislation for PSC activity as well as the regional procedures.

The systems aims to harmonise the standards for inspections.

Providing the BSMOU with access to the Distant Learning Package (DLP)

DLP developed and managed by EMSA on behalf of the EU Commission

E-learning tool composed by 18 different modules on regional procedures and relevant instruments for PSCOs

Module on BSMOU procedures expected to be developed

Tutoring projects on port state control (PSC)

5-day of theoretical/practical activity

PSC inspections carried out by PSCOs from the Beneficiaries jointly with experts from PMOU followed by de-briefing to discuss the main issues faced during the inspection

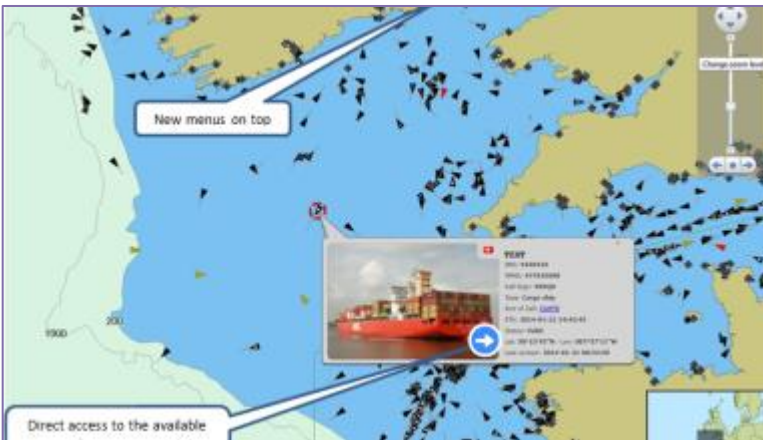
To harmonize the activity of the PSC bodies, their human resources and procedural skills in the Region and with other Memoranda



Annual workshops on maritime traffic monitoring

To analyse the current traffic monitoring infrastructures and systems in place.

To discuss and follow-up on a possible pilot project for the extension of cooperation and the future exchange of information by the TRACECA II beneficiaries on AIS matters



Three actions – one goal

CSN information session on the system.

Training of CSN operators.

Pilot project on the provision of CSN services.



Pilot project on provision of CSN images

As per SAFEMED III countries images provided through EMSA's IMDatE

Not only CSN images but also ships position based on SAT_AIS

Ready for further improvements such as exchange of T_AIS information



Three actions

- Seminar on EMSA's pollution response services
- International exercise with an EMSA Standby Oil Spill Recovery Vessel (SORV)
- Seminar on enforcement of prohibition of ship source pollution



What is needed to achieve our common objectives?

Work together – cooperation

- Reliable focal points
- Support to identify areas to be addressed
- Support to identify solution
- To make good use of the assistance provided

EMSA is looking forward to work with beneficiary countries of the TRACECA Maritime Safety and Security II Project

Expected improvements

To be introduced during the current project
Within the limit of the available resources

- Provision of simultaneous translation from English to Russian and vice versa in selected meetings
- Translation into Russian of selected papers
- Advices from your side? (ready to listen)

Questions?

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