

## MedCruise attended the 57th meeting of the Stakeholders Advisory Group on Maritime Security

The 57th meeting of the Stakeholders Advisory Group on Maritime Security (SAGMAS) took place on 5 March 2020 at the European Maritime Safety Agency's (EMSA) premises in Lisbon.

The meeting was Chaired by Mr Carlos Mestre, Head of Unit A.5 for Security at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MARE) and attended by representatives of the stakeholders' organisations, several Member States, as well as Norway and Iceland.

The Executive Director of EMSA, Ms Maja Markovic, opened the meeting welcoming all the members present followed by an explanation about the 5-years strategy of the Agency.

EMSA Head of Department for Safety, Security & Surveillance, Mr Leendert Bal, presented the reorganisation of the Agency. His Department is now covering Safety and Security.

### Adoption of the draft Agenda and the Minutes of the 56th SAGMAS meeting

The members present adopted the draft Agenda of the meeting and the minutes of the 56th SAGMAS meeting.

### Passenger ship security

The Chairman informed that the European Commission is exploring to bring forward further deliverables on passenger ship security and to initiate further discussions, following the Studies that have been realised. The Commission would like to carry out a risk assessment exercise, and DG MOVE will liaise with DG HOME for this process. It will explore possibilities to create best practice guidelines in passenger ship security, which would be non-mandatory. This could be supported by a 'high-security label', a system which has proved itself in other sectors, and can flag actors that are taking more proficient measures.

The European Commission will set a date for a new Working Group meeting and will propose an agenda covering these topics.

The Confederation of European Security Services (CoESS) asked if this was a topic only for shipping or was also for ports considering that ports are as equal important in safety. The Chairman replied that this was a valid point and worth exploring.

### Cybersecurity, information

EMSA presented the main results of the ENISA workshop on strengthening cybersecurity in ports. The workshop was held at EMSA Headquarters on 26 November 2019 DG MOVE and 60 stakeholders attended the workshop. During the workshop ENISA presented its report on cybersecurity challenges faced by ports, which sets out different safeguards. ENISA also presented its work on Information Sharing and Analysis Centres (ISACs), while the European Commission presented the relevance of EU maritime security legislation on cybersecurity.

### Update on CORANOVIRUS

The Chairman opened the topic of the Coronavirus and gave information on the advice being given by the European Commission and other international organisations, such as the International Maritime Organization (IMO), on how to deal with the coronavirus outbreak in the maritime transport. Mr Mestre highlighted the guidelines for ship operators published by the "Healthy Gateways", a joint-action prepared at the request of the European Commission's DG SANTE.

The topic was discussed in depth with the Member States during the 57th MARSEC meeting which started right after the end of the 57th SAGMAS meeting.

### 58th SAGMAS meeting

The next SAGMAS meeting is scheduled for 4 June 2020 at Centre Albert Borschette in Brussels.