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## SAFEMED PROJECT

# EUROMED COOPERATION ON MARITIME SAFETY AND PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS MED 2005/109-573

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# SAFEMED PROJECT

A response to the interest of the European Union (EU) to develop Euro-Mediterranean co-operation in the field of maritime safety and security and prevention of pollution from ships, by providing technical advise and support to the non-EU Mediterranean countries included in the group of "Mediterranean partners", as referred to in the Barcelona Process.



# SAFEMED PROJECT

- Launched in the aftermath of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Euromed Transport Forum in 2000
- Initiative supported by the EU (Commission Communication on the development of a Euro-Mediterranean Transport Network of 24 June 2003)
- Guidelines discussed and endorsed by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum
- Approved by EC on 26 July 2004
- Contract signed by EC and IMO (on behalf of REMPEC) in October 2005
- Valued at 4 million Euro



# SAFEMED BENEFICIARIES

Algeria

Morocco

Egypt

Palestinian Authority

Israel

Syria

Jordan

Tunisia

Lebanon

Turkey

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# SAFEMED OBJECTIVES

- ✦ Sustainable improvement in the protection of Mediterranean waters against the risks of accidents at sea and marine pollution
- ✦ To further reduce the capacity gap between the application of international regulatory framework laid down by the IMO and the EU legislative framework, in order to ensure a coherent, effective and uniform implementation of the international rules for maritime safety and security and the prevention of pollution from ships in both the Mediterranean area and the EU.



# IMPLEMENTATION PREREQUISITES

- ✦ Building upon the results of the first MEDA maritime package
- ✦ Ensuring a link with the IMO safety and pollution prevention framework and the EU's legislative framework and programme
- ✦ Taking due account of the existing capacities and imbalances in the Mediterranean region



# SAFEMED: TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE IN ALL ITS ASPECTS

- Needs assessment
- Elaboration of studies
- Provision of direct technical assistance
- Development of recommendations and guidelines
- Capacity building (including training)



# SAFEMED ACTIVITIES

- Flag State Implementation and monitoring of classification societies
- Safety of Navigation through Traffic Monitoring
- Protection of the Marine Environment
- Human Element Issues
- Security of Ships and Port Facilities
- SAFEMED Website
- Co-ordination with other projects
- Follow-up



# SAFEMED ACTIVITIES

Background:

IMO and EU

and

Barcelona Convention for the protection of the  
marine environment and the coastal region of  
the Mediterranean

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# SAFEMED WEBSITE

- Transparency and visibility
- Dissemination of information



# CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER PROJECTS AND FOLLOW-UP

- EUROMED follow-up structure
- On going regional and bilateral MEDA projects
- Neighbourhood Programme 2004-2006 future maritime projects
- IMO's ITCP activities



# PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- ▲ Three years: 2006-2008
- ▲ REMPEC under the general oversight of IMO and overall co-ordination of the EC
  - Operates within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) established under UNEP's Regional Seas Programme\*
  - Administrated and backstopped by IMO
  - Financed by Mediterranean Trust Fund
  - Well established links with the EC and the national authorities of the Mediterranean countries
- ▲ Three Long-Term Experts and several Short-Term Experts

\* Although parts of the SAFMED Project go beyond the current mandate of REMPEC, this does not imply that the mandate of the Centre has been expanded.



# PROJECT OVERSIGHT

- ▲ IMO, EC/EMSA
- ▲ SAFEMED Advisory Committee: → Euromed Transport Forum  
Maritime Safety Working Sub-Group
  - Oversee project implementation and analyse progress of project activities
  - Take corrective action, if necessary
- ▲ SAFEMED Network of Maritime Authorities
  - Provide technical support to the project
- ▲ National SAFEMED Project Co-ordinators
  - Beneficiary country's representative on SAFEMED Advisory Committee and Network of Maritime Authorities
  - Principal national contact point during the project's missions to the beneficiary countries
  - Nominated by the beneficiary countries and details communicated to EC and REMPEC



# PROJECT ACTIVITES WORKPLAN 2006

- Preparation of conditions governing SAFEMED scholarships at IMLI (2006-2007) and WMU (2007): Jan-Feb
- Needs assessment missions: training requirements and IMO/EMSA Self Assessment form: May-July
- Development of a project website: May – October
- Inventory of VTMIS infrastructure and SAR structures: June-November
- Training Course on the IMO Bunker Convention: June
- Study on possible sources of financing for the establishment of port reception facilities: July-Sept
- Development of procedures to facilitate decision making when designating places of refuge for ships in need of assistance: July- October
- Needs assessment missions: Implementation of MARPOL Convention and Prevention and Emergency Protocol to Barcelona Convention: Sept-Dec
- Study on maritime traffic flows in the Mediterranean : September →
- VTMIS Info Day – October
- Development of a framework for adequate monitoring of classification societies October →
- Workshop on Places of Refuge : November
- Euromed Transport Forum Maritime Safety Working Sub-Group : December



# SAFEMED

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