

SAFEMED PROJECT

EUROMED COOPERATION ON MARITIME SAFETY
AND PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS
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Euromed Maritime Transport Working Group**

(SAFEMED Advisory Committee)

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**Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea
(REMPEC)**



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- 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.
- Impact on safety and environment of the growth in maritime transport



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.



SAFEMED BENEFICIARIES

Algeria

Morocco

Egypt

Palestinian Authority

Israel

Syria

Jordan

Tunisia

Lebanon

Turkey



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)



PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- Initiative supported by the EU (Commission Communication on the development of a Euro-Mediterranean Transport Network of 24 June 2003)
- Contract signed by EC and IMO (on behalf of REMPEC) in October 2005
- 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
 - Administered and backstopped by IMO
 - Financed by Mediterranean Trust Fund
 - Well established links with the EC and the national authorities of the Mediterranean countries



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I) Review of what has been achieved in 2006 in the fields of needs assessment, desk studies and training activities

II) Overview of actions planned for 2007



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Main activities of the SAFEMED Project:

- Flag State Implementation
- Safety of navigation
- Protection of the marine environment
- Human element
- Security of ships and ports



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Achievements for 2006 – Needs assessment

Flag State implementation (Activity 1)

- *Assessing compliance with international instruments using the model of the IMO Self-Assessment form based on Res.A912(22) – Task 1.1P*
- *Assessment of training and qualifications within the flag State administrations – Task 1.2P*

Missions carried out by two short-term experts between May and July 2006, and reports disseminated to the relative competent authorities in October 2006.



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Achievements for 2006 – desk studies

Flag State implementation (Activity 1)

- *Taking into account the results of Task 1.1P, identify possible standard models for flag State administrations – Task 1.4 O*
- *Develop a framework for the adequate monitoring of Classification Societies – Task 1.7 O*

Desk study reports to be delivered by April 2007



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Achievements for 2006 – Training activities

Flag State implementation (Activity 1)

➤ *Award of scholarships to follow the Master of Laws course at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute – Task 1.5 O*

3 scholarships granted for academic year 2006-2007

7 scholarships to be granted for academic year 2007-2008



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Achievements for 2006 – Training activities

Flag State implementation (Activity 1)

➤ *Award of scholarships to follow the Master of Sciences course at the World Maritime University – Task 1.9 O*

6 scholarships to be granted for academic year 2007-2008

4 scholarships to be granted for academic year 2008-2009



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Achievements for 2006 – Needs assessment

Safety of navigation (Activity 2)

➤ *Inventory of Vessel Traffic Monitoring Information System infrastructure – Task 2.1 P*

Missions carried out by two short-term experts in November-December 2006

➤ *Investigate possibilities of financing the acquisition of equipment for VTMISS*

Report will be circulated together with the field mission reports by the first quarter of 2007.



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Achievements for 2006 – Training activities

Safety of navigation (Activity 2)

➤ *Information day on Vessel Traffic Monitoring Information System – Task 2.2 P*

The Info Day took place in Trieste, Italy on 11 October 2006 with the assistance of the Italian Coast Guard

28 participants from 15 Mediterranean coastal States attended, including delegates from 9 SAFEMED beneficiaries



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Achievements for 2006 – Desk studies

Protection of the marine environment (Activity 3)

➤ *Financing of Port reception facilities – Task 3.2 P*

A Consultant investigated with the European Investment Bank, the African Development bank, the Kuwait Fund and the Islamic Development Bank the possibilities of financing the setting up of port reception facilities.

The report, which includes detailed guidelines and procedures, will be disseminated in the first quarter of 2007.



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Achievements for 2006 – Desk studies

Protection of the marine environment (Activity 3)

➤ *Places of refuge – Task 3.3 O*

REMPEC recruited a short-term expert to identify guidelines and procedures to facilitate the designation of places of refuge for ships in need of assistance

The report was presented and discussed during the Regional Workshop on Places of Refuge organised by REMPEC in Barcelona in November 2006 and it will be disseminated in the first quarter of 2007.



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Achievements for 2006 – Training sessions

Protection of the marine environment (Activity 3)

➤ *Places of refuge – Task 3.3 O*

REMPEC organised a 3 day Regional Workshop on Places of Refuge that took place in Barcelona, Spain on 28-30 November 2006 with the assistance of the Spanish authorities.

52 participants from 19 Mediterranean coastal States participated in the Workshop including representatives from 8 SAFEMED beneficiaries.



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Achievements for 2006 – Training sessions

Protection of the marine environment (Activity 3)

➤ *Bunker Convention – Task 3.10 O*

The training course was held in Malta between 5-7 June 2006. It was organised within the framework of the SAFEMED project and REMPEC's programme of activities.

45 officials from 22 Mediterranean coastal States participated in the training course including representatives from all the SAFEMED beneficiaries.



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Programme for 2007

Flag State implementation (Activity 1)

➤ *Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme*

The project will deliver an operational framework for the application of the scheme, provide expert advice to countries that need it and organise a 3 day workshop in 2008.



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Programme for 2007

Flag State implementation (Activity 1)

➤ *Short course on flag State implementation at the World Maritime University, with accent on related European Union legislation – Task 1.10 O*

This one week course in October 2007 is addressed to medium and lower technical and administrative personnel within the maritime administrations.

It will provide an overview of relevant international conventions and related EU legislation.



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Programme for 2007

Safety of navigation (Activity 2)

➤ *Study of maritime traffic flows – Task 2.3 O*

Study will help assess areas of maritime risk with a view of using consistent data throughout the whole Mediterranean region

➤ *Development of a Geographical Information System –Task 2.3 O*

The GIS will use data from Lloyd's Maritime Intelligence Unit, to depict maritime traffic flow in the Mediterranean, possibly together with the oil spill and chemicals accidents database of REMPEC.



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Programme for 2007

Safety of navigation (Activity 2)

➤ *Training for VTS managers, one week course – Task 2.4 O*

This is the training component of the previous tasks on VTMS.

The course is addressed to VTS managers and operators and is scheduled to take place in July 2007. Two participants per beneficiary will be invited.



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Programme for 2007

Protection of the marine environment (Activity 3)

➤ *MARPOL Implementation – Task 3.1 P*

Needs assessment mission taking into account the Prevention and Emergency Protocol to the Barcelona Convention

➤ *Prevention and control of operational pollution –Task 3.4 O*

Task to be implemented together with Task 3.1 P

The purpose of these Tasks is to take stock of the situation in the beneficiaries regarding MARPOL, identify obstacles to ratification and effective implementation, and provide recommendations for improvements.



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Programme for 2007

Protection of the marine environment (Activity 3)

➤ *Places of Refuge – Task 3.3 O*

Evaluate the capacity, number and location of tugs throughout the Mediterranean ports

Provision of technical advice for the preparation of arrangements amongst Mediterranean countries on emergency towing



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Programme for 2007

Protection of the marine environment (Activity 3)

➤ *Training on pollution prevention and control – Task 3.5 O*

This is the INFOPOL training course for June 2007.

INFOPOL is a technical course on oil spill control, and the legal framework in which the operations are undertaken.

One officer per beneficiary will be invited to participate.



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Programme for 2007

Protection of the marine environment (Activity 3)

➤ *Ballast water management – Task 3.6 O*

Development of a strategy and propose regional action plan.
This Task will probably have to be reviewed due to developments.

➤ *Mediterranean sea as a SO_x emission control area –Task 3.7 O*

Study of preparatory guidelines to achieve that aim



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Programme for 2007

Protection of the marine environment (Activity 3)

- ***Ratification of the AFS Convention – Task 3.8 O***
Organisation of a seminar regarding procedures to ratify and implement the AFS Convention planned for May 2007. Two staff members per beneficiary will be invited to participate.
- ***Development of procedures for securing and removal of Anti-Fouling waste***



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Programme for 2007

Protection of the marine environment (Activity 3)

➤ *Implementation of the IMDG Code – Task 3.9 O*

This needs assessment mission on handling of dangerous goods and risk analysis will tentatively be carried out towards the end of 2007.

It will be focused on implementation of international standards and a risk analysis to facilitate the preparation of emergency plans.



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Programme for 2007

Ships and Ports security (Activity 5)

➤ *Implementation of the IMO ISPS Code – Task 5.1 O*

Needs assessment mission in the SAFEMED beneficiaries

This task has just started with the recruitment of two short-term experts. Field missions will begin early in 2007.

➤ *Improvement on the level of maritime security – Task 5.2 O*

Proposal for a methodology and further actions to implement ISPS Code will be delivered as a follow-up on the preceding task.



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SAFEMED website

- *Temporary website set up at www.safemedproject.org*
- *Definitive site is in development and will be launched in 2007*

