

Members of the Copernicus Committee

Members of the Copernicus User Forum

Lisbon,

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Subject: Invitation to the Copernicus Maritime Surveillance User Requirements Workshop, 15 November 2016

Dear Members of the Copernicus Committee and Copernicus User Forum,

As you are aware, EMSA is the Entrusted Entity responsible for the operation of the Maritime Surveillance component of the Copernicus Security Service for the duration of the Delegation Agreement (2015-2020). The Copernicus Maritime Surveillance Service will be made available to national administrations with responsibilities at sea to support them in their maritime monitoring activities, as well as to relevant EU bodies and institutions.

The Copernicus Maritime Surveillance Service is being gradually rolled out in cooperation with interested national administrations and EU bodies, in the areas specified in the Copernicus Delegation Agreement¹, defined in close cooperation with potential users.

Members of the Copernicus Committee and Copernicus User Forum are kindly requested to note that, in order to present the existing and planned Copernicus Maritime Surveillance Service capabilities, to engage users, refine requirements and plan service delivery, a User Workshop will be hosted at EMSA's premises in Lisbon, on **15 November 2016**.

For maximum impact in terms of eliciting operational needs, generating new ideas, and refining requirements for existing and future services, the User Workshop is aimed at both policy-makers and operational staff of administrations with responsibilities at sea, including those who are already users of EMSA services, as well as new users. The invitation has also been sent to members of the EMSA Administrative Board. However, wide participation from users engaged in a variety of maritime functions is encouraged, so please do not hesitate to forward the invitation and agenda to relevant administrations.

For logistical and security purposes, only participants who have registered in advance will have access to the meeting. EMSA will reimburse three participants per Member State and EEA country in accordance with the

¹Including fisheries control, maritime safety and security, customs, law enforcement, marine environment and other potential service areas.

EMSA Rules for Reimbursement. Other participants of relevant government administrations are welcome to attend at their own cost.

Please note that EMSA has an on-line registration procedure which must be completed by all participants, before the end of the day on **Thursday 27 October**, as follows:

- Go to <https://extranet.emsa.europa.eu/> and log-in using the following credentials: username: **emsa**, password: **guests**
- Click on the 'EVENTS' button and select the relevant link;
- Complete the online registration form.

All information on hotel reservations, reimbursement rules and travelling to EMSA is also available through the extranet link. Hotel rooms have been pre-booked for this event; please confirm directly with the hotel by using the reservation form which can also be found on the registration home page. Should there be any questions regarding the online registration or reimbursement rules, please contact the Events Team (Tel: +351 21 1209 650, e-mail: events@emsa.europa.eu).

Please do not hesitate to contact Catrin Egerton (email: catrin.egerton@emsa.europa.eu; tel: + 351 211209487) or the Copernicus Maritime Surveillance team (Copernicus@emsa.europa.eu) should you have any questions regarding the content of the workshop.

Yours sincerely,



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Copernicus Maritime Surveillance User Workshop Draft Agenda

Draft Agenda: Copernicus Maritime Surveillance User Requirements Workshop

EMSA, Conference Centre, 15 November 2016

Chair: Leendert Bal, Head of Department: Operations

Tuesday, 15 November 2016

Time	Agenda Item
09:00 – 09:15	Registration and coffee
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome and opening
09:30 – 10:00	Background of Copernicus Maritime Surveillance Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Copernicus Programme- Copernicus Security Services
10:00-10:30	EMSA's Integrated Maritime Services
10:30 – 11:00	Copernicus Maritime Surveillance Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Service strategy- Use cases- Existing products
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee
11:30 – 11:45	Introduction to break-out sessions
11:45 – 12:45	Break-out sessions (Morning) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Measures against intentional unlawful acts, including but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Illegal, unregulated and unlawful fishingo Trafficking and smuggling of contraband (e.g. narcotics, arms or other goods)o Piracy and armed robberyo Illegal ship-source discharges and other MARPOL violationso Monitoring of compliance with customs regulations- Maritime safety, including but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Ice-monitoringo Identification of ships in distresso Rapid surveillance following loss of contact with vessel or platformo Detection of floating containerso Monitoring of ship-to-ship transfers (e.g. at-sea refueling)o Support to search and rescue operations- New satellite technologies and applications:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o User requirements related to timeliness and tasking timeso New requirements for satellite missions, products and services

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open session for new ideas
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15 – 15:30	Break-out sessions (Afternoon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measures against intentional unlawful acts - Maritime safety - New satellite technologies and applications - Open session for new ideas
15:30 – 16:00	Wrap-up of break-out sessions and plenary feedback
16:00 – 16:40	Coffee
16:40 – 17:00	Workshop summary and conclusions