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Mediterranean MoU and EMSA Strengthen Collaboration

to Enhance Port State Control Across the Mediterranean Region

The Med MoU Committee expressed its appreciation for EMSA's continued support and partnership, which has been instrumental in advancing regional harmonization, digital transformation, and inspector capability across the Mediterranean.

In 2025, key collaborative achievements were made in digital tools and data enhancement. These included the development of a dynamic Microsoft Power BI tool for the Med MoU, enabling real-time statistical analysis from THETIS-Med data for official reporting starting in 2026.

Additionally, EMSA launched an offline version of RuleCheck for Port State Control Officers and introduced significant updates to the THETIS-Med database to support new regulations.

Substantial progress was also achieved in training and capacity building across the region. EMSA delivered its Common Core Curriculum in a blended format, incorporating expert contributions from Tunisia, and facilitated a Regional PSCO Exchange Programme for non-EU members to observe inspections in EU ports. Further specialized training was delivered on MARPOL Annex VI in Istanbul last December to support the Mediterranean's new Emission Control Area status.



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Looking ahead to 2026, a key operational priority is the implementation of automated port call data integration into THETIS-Med. This initiative will enable the automatic dissemination of ship arrival information. By streamlining this fundamental procedure, the measure aims to significantly reduce the manual administrative workload for non-EU members and improve the overall efficiency of port state control activities.



Under the continuing framework of the SAFEMED V project, EMSA will persist in its core mission of regional capacity building. This includes the sustained delivery of essential tools, specialized training, and direct technical assistance. A central component of this work will be the ongoing Port State Control Officer (PSCO) exchange programme, alongside further planned enhancements to the THETIS-Med system to support evolving regulatory needs.



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