

# European Shipping Policy: State of Play European Shipping Week 2017

## Simplification

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## **The EMSA Founding Regulation provides that the Agency should with respect to the establishment of a European Maritime Transport Space without Barriers:**

- use its expertise in electronic data transmission and in maritime information exchange systems to simplify reporting formalities for ships
- support Member States in the implementation of Directive 2010/65/EU, particularly in the development of single windows
- assist the Commission and the Member States in the examination of the feasibility and the implementation of policies and projects, such as the Blue Belt concept and e-Maritime, as well as Motorways of the Sea, by exploring additional functionalities to SafeSeaNet

## EMSA in liaison with the Commission and Member States:

- Developed National Single Window prototype to demonstrate how the Directive could be implemented in Member States
- Coordinated the development of business rules and guidelines to facilitate harmonised implementation
- Provided technical assistance to Member States (FI, IT, GR, MT, RO, PL, PT)
- Is carrying out peer reviews in volunteered Member States (DE, EE, ES, HR, IT, NL, SE)
- Is supporting the evaluation of the Directive

**The results of the Blue Belt pilot project were used as a basis for the Communication on Blue Belt, a Single Transport Area for Shipping (COM(2013) 510 final), 8 July 2013**

- It confirmed the usefulness of ship tracking
- Adds the need to:
  - Enhance Regular Shipping Services (RSS) – work completed by DG TAXUD by facilitating the administrative application process
  - Include facilitation measures for vessels calling also at 3rd country ports – proposed the development of an eManifest encompassing both maritime and cargo related formalities

**EMSA is assisting the Commission in testing how cargo formalities can be merged with other maritime formalities and submitted via a European Maritime Single Window by:**

- Developing a EMSW prototype which is accessible by the participating Member States (14) and industry associations (5)
- Supporting the development of harmonised business rules and technical documentation
- Co-ordinating tests and analysis of results



**Further work is required to facilitate maritime transport**

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