

# 2008 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency EMSA

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**PURPOSE:** to present the final accounts of the European Maritime Agency for the financial year 2008.

**CONTENT:** this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the European Maritime Agency's 2008 budget. It notes that the final budget amounted to EUR 50.2 million (compared to EUR 48.2 million in 2007).

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose head office is now based in Lisbon (Portugal) set out 181 posts in the establishment plan and 30 other posts (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts, contract agents).

In 2008, the Agency's main activities focused on the following:

- 33 Workshops/other events
- 24 training courses (including 4 for Port State Control (PSC) officers)
- 431 national experts trained
- 75 inspections and visits
- 2 335 satellite images ordered and analysed through CleanSeaNet
- 11 anti-pollution vessels contracts
- 31 drills and 6 exercises with the anti-pollution vessels
- SafeSeaNet system fully operational.

**Other major systems under development:** THETIS (Information System for Port State Control (PSC); Officers EU Long Range Identification and Tracking Data Centre.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: <http://www.emsa.europa.eu>