

Subject: National Experts in Professional Training Programme (NEPTs)

Your Excellency,

It is my pleasure to announce the launch of the new selection for EMSA's 'National Experts in Professional Training Programme' (NEPTs), as approved by EMSA's Administrative Board on 20 November 2009, laying down the rules on secondment to EMSA of National Experts and National Experts in Professional Training, as amended.

The professional traineeship programme aims to offer officials of national administrations experience with EMSA's portfolio of operational and technical services to support maritime safety, security, surveillance, simplification, sustainability and protection of marine environment. In-service training enables them to gain practical experience and understanding of the day-to-day work of EMSA and to give them the opportunity to work in a multi-cultural environment, whilst at the same time allowing staff from the National Administrations to put into practice the knowledge they have acquired in their studies and professional environment.

The professional traineeships offered by EMSA last between three and five months. In the interest of the service, the professional traineeship can be extended once for a further period of up to five months, subject to a positive assessment of the NEPT's performance and the agreement of the employer of the latter. Applications can be submitted at any point during the year with the applicants indicating their preferred starting date.

Please note that NEPTs shall continue to be paid by their employer without any financial compensation from EMSA.

Officials who have already been seconded as an SNE or worked under an employment contract in one of the EU institutions or bodies shall not be eligible for professional traineeships.

We would kindly ask that you forward the 'National Experts in Professional Training Notice' and distribute it through your normal channels. Candidates are requested to send the application form to their Permanent Representation or as the case may be, to their diplomatic mission to the EU. We then kindly request that the Permanent Representation, or the diplomatic mission, to send the applications to the following mailbox: Recruitment@emsa.europa.eu

Should you have any question, we kindly ask you to direct them to the mailbox address mentioned.

I thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director