

**Euro-Mediterranean "Maritime Affairs, ports & short Sea Shipping" Working group  
Maritime Safety Sub-Group 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

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**Conclusions**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean sub-group on Maritime Safety was held in Brussels on the 6 December 2012.

The Sub-Group:

1. Welcomes the continuity of the regional technical assistance SAFEMED which is made possible by the European Neighborhood Policy funds;
2. Congratulates REMPEC for its assistance and the achievements obtained with SAFEMED I and II projects;
3. Notes with satisfaction the expected extension of the mandate of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) in particular concerning the possibilities to provide technical assistance European Neighbourhood partner countries and appreciates the involvement of EMSA in the implementation of SAFEMED III project for 2013-2015;
4. Highlights the importance of maintaining exchange on the relevant activities under this project between all UfM members;
5. Requests to take into consideration the comments made on the Terms of reference of this project;
6. Insists on the necessity to take into account in the project the key role of the Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme (VIMSAS);
7. Notes the progress made in the implementation of the relevant actions of the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP) 2007-2013 in particular the implementation of international maritime conventions with the support of the SAFEMED projects;
8. Reaffirms the importance of maritime safety, security and prevention of pollution from ships in the Mediterranean as key priorities to be pursued within the future RTAP (2014-2020);
9. In this context, the sub-group will contribute in the preparation of recommendations for the maritime part of the future RTAP;
10. Wishes the holding of the EuroMed Transport Ministerial Conference in 2013 in view of the recognition and the political endorsement of the present and the future maritime safety and security EuroMed cooperation.