

Erika II

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// abstract:

Complementing the *Erika I* measures (p.63), COM (2000) 802 (Erika II) adopts a new series of measures for the sustainable improvement of the protection of European waters against accidents and pollution. First, this communication encompasses measures to improve shipping safety and to prevent pollution by ships. This means: improving ship identification and the monitoring of ships in transit, harmonising and simplifying the information provision on hazardous or polluting goods (mandatory reporting) and the expansion of the competences of the Coastal States in case of an accident or pollution risk off their coasts. Moreover, measures are taken to improve the liability and damage compensation schemes in force for oil pollution. A final measure establishes the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA). EMSA has to support the Commission and the Member States in the implementation and monitoring of compliance with Community legislation, and has to evaluate the efficiency of the measures taken.

In the context of the Erika II package, the following regulatory instruments were developed:

- Directive 2002/59/EC establishing a community vessel traffic monitoring and information system for maritime transport (*Monitoring directive* p.79);
- Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a fund for the compensation of oil pollution damage in European waters and related measures (COM (2002) 313);
- Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency.