

PROGRAM AND AGENDA
EMAIF 19 CYPRUS
Columbia Plaza
Agiou Andreou 223, Limassol

Program 2-4 June 2026

Please note: all times in UTC+3

2nd of June 1230 – 1700

3rd of June 0900 – 1600 / 1800 – 2100 Social activity

4th June 0900 – 1230



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Tuesday 2nd June 2026

1230-1300	Registration
1300-1315	Welcome speech by Cleanthis Orphanos, Host Authority MAIC
	Welcome and introduction by EMAIF Chair Francois-Xavier Rubin de Cervens, National Transport Safety Center, Saudi Arabia
1315 - 1330	Group Photo
1330-1345	Internal business
	SESSION 1
1345-1500	Fire Safety on Modern Passenger Ships: Are Current Measures Sufficient? Fires remain one of the most critical risks for passenger vessels. This topic analyses recent accidents involving new materials, complex layouts and the limits of existing fire-protection systems.
Croatia	Fire Safety on a Modern Passenger Vessel – Fire and Total Loss of a Commercial Yacht
	Plenary: Discussion / Questions
Sweden/Estonia	Experiences from extensive underwater surveys During more than five years, investigative activities have been undertaken to examine details of the sinking of MV ESTONIA. Some of those experiences are shared
	Plenary: Discussion / Questions
1500 -1530	Coffee Break
	SESSION 2
1530 – 1700	Investigating Accidents in a Multi-State Environment Complex accidents often involve several flag, coastal and port States. This topic highlights coordination challenges, legal constraints and best practices for effective international investigations.
Germany	Introduction of Session: Legal documents and guidelines
Germany/UK	Collision between the bulk carrier POLESIE and the general cargo ship VERITY
Marshall Islands	Accident Investigation in a decentralized Organization
Lithuania	Investigating Accident in the Capacity of Coastal State: Case Study and Challenges
1700	End of Day 1 Agenda

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Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	
	SESSION 3
0900-1030	Anchoring Casualties: When a Safe Haven Becomes a Risk Anchoring accidents continue to increase worldwide, often due to environmental forces combined with human and organizational factors. This session explores lessons learned from recent investigations involving dragging anchors, collisions and groundings.
Croatia	Anchoring Casualties – Grounding and Total Loss of a Cargo Ship
UK	A case study of the collision between <i>Solong</i> and <i>Stena Immaculate</i>
	Plenary: Discussion / Questions
	General Cases
Bahamas	LPG fire on deck
1030 – 1100	Coffee break
1100 – 1230	SESSION 4
	General Cases
Sweden	MESHKA – ECDIS induced grounding?
Marshall Islands	General Equipment, Double Isolation and Electrocution
Latvia	Accident with Lifting Devices (IMO Guidelines for Lifting Appliances in real life)
Saudi Arabia	Occurrences Response Management
	Plenary: Discussion / Questions
1230-1330	Lunch

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1330 – 1500	SESSION 5 MAIIF in the international context WMU as observer – what does that mean? How can MAIIF contribute to IMO work
WMU/digital	What can WMU offer in the capacity of Observer?
IMO/digital	Update on IMO matters
	Plenary: Discussion / Questions
1500- 1530	Coffee break
1530 - 1600	SESSION 6 Human Factors Beyond the Bridge: Organizational Pressure and Safety Drift Many accidents originate ashore, long before the incident occurs at sea. This presentation examines how commercial pressure, fatigue and normalization of deviance contribute to maritime casualties.
Germany	Case study: PETRA L
China	Lessons from an Abandon Ship Drill Accident
	Plenary: Discussion / Questions.
	End of Day 2
1800-2100 Excursion	Social activity

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Thursday 4 th June 2026	
0900-1030	SESSION 7 EMSA: Cooperation between Safety Investigation Authorities and EMSA Support Alternative fuels
EMSA/Digital	Overview of the PCF activities, ongoing initiatives (e.g. peer review and Artificial Intelligence for Accident Investigation), and the support offered by the Agency to the SIA community. Operational support from the accident investigation sector (ROV, EMCIP).
EMSA/Digital	EMSA Academy's work in the field of Alternative Fuels
	Plenary: Discussion / Questions
1030 - 1100	Coffee break
1100 - 1200	SESSION 8 New Energy, Alternative Fuels and Maritime Safety New Risks The transition to LNG, methanol, lithium-ion batteries, and other alternative fuels introduces unfamiliar hazards. This session shares early investigation findings and identifies safety gaps and regulatory challenges.
Norway	Battery Fire on MS BRIM
Estonia	Green Transition Resulting in Loss of Control
	Plenary: Discussion / Questions
1200-1230	Wrap up & Closing Comments
1230-	Lunch
	End of Conference