

EMA – winner of Vessel Monitoring System tender for fisheries in Albania



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In tough international competition EMA won the tender for implementing Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) for fisheries, issued by the European Union Delegation to Albania, together with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Water Administration of the Republic of Albania.

The project objective was to enable Albanian environmental and fisheries organizations to monitor and control fishing fleets and their activities according to the requirements of the EU Commission regulation 1224/2009, which forms the overall system of control and enforcement in the Common Fisheries Policy.

EMA lead the consortium with FBS from Albania and TrackWell from Iceland, and was chosen among 7 international bidders, including Kontrax Technologies, Celsius, Gis Data, Cestel & Inf. Syst. Cactus and Selex-Sistemi Integrati.



With its BlueTraker VMS system, EMA prevailed over other most recognized vendors on the telematic technology market. Project commences this month and it is to be completed in the next 10 months.

EMA's CEO, **Zlatko Mastnak**, expressed his satisfaction *"Albania, together with the Delegation of European Union to Albania, chose EMA for implementation of its VMS system, clearly deciding for latest, most advanced and reliable technology, which offers cost effective communication and compatibility for future VMS integrations."*

The implementation of the Albanian VMS system includes the installation of EMA's BlueTraker VMS transponders on more than 200 ships, the integral hardware and software implementation of Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC), communication pathways systems and technical training.

EMA's BlueTraker VMS transponder technology distinguishes itself through an all integrated design, which includes all modules and antennas in one, externally mounted, totally weatherproof housing.



BlueTraker VMS transponder

BlueTraker VMS transponder fulfils and supersedes tender's strict demand for system availability of 99.98% and technological requirements for system implementation; among other the hybrid, satellite (Iridium) and terrestrial GSM (GPRS/SMS) communication, automatic data download when GPRS signal is available, bidirectional communication to and from the Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC), OTA - over the air software upgrades, economy in running costs and Position Report Polling.

EMA's BlueTraker VMS system is also e-logbook ready.

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