

Annual European Coast Guard Event 2026

Teatro Micaelense - Centro Cultural e de Congressos

Ponta Delgada, 09 June 2026 - 10 June 2026

Tuesday, 09 June 2026

Time	Agenda Item
09:30 – 10:00	Registration and coffee
10:00 – 10:10	Opening of the event <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ms Maja Markovčić Kostelac, Executive Director of EMSA
10:10 – 10:40	Welcome addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Portuguese Authorities■ European Commission
10:40 – 11:00	The strategic importance of the Azores <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ RA Nuno António de Noronha Bragança – Coordinator of the Atlantic Centre■ Duarte Cota, Science and Education - Portuguese Space Agency■ MRCC Ponta Delgada (TBC)
11:00 – 11:10	Family Photo
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:15	High level panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ms Maja Markovčić Kostelac, Executive Director of EMSA■ Dr Susan Steele, Executive Director of EFCA■ Mr Lars Gerdes, Deputy Executive Director Operations of Frontex■ Member States Representatives
12:15 – 12:30	Questions and answers
12:30 – 13:00	Cooperation with the European Coast Guard Function Forum and the Coast Guard Global Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ECGFF – Italian Chairmanship■ CGGS – Indian Chairmanship, Japan Coast Guard support secretariat
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch buffet

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14:30 – 15:15	Panel discussion: The importance of strengthening cooperation at regional level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ECGFF Chairmanship – Italian Coast Guard ■ NACGF Chairmanship – Icelandic Coast Guard ■ MedCGF Chairmanship – Spanish Navy
15:15 -15:30	Questions and answers
15:30 – 16:00	The European Digital Twin of the Ocean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mercator International Centre of the Ocean (TBC)
18:00	Bus departure to Furnas
19:00 – 19:45	Cocktail – Terra Nostra Garden
19:45 – 20:30	Greening Award Initiative – Terra Nostra Garden
20:30 – 22:30	Gala dinner – Casino Terra Nostra
22:30	Bus departure to Ponta Delgada

Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Time	Agenda Item
09:30 – 10:00	Registration and coffee
10:00 – 10:15	Livestream from EMSA – La Manche MMO Coordination Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Presenting EMSA lead MMO and showcasing live services offered
10:15 – 10:30	Workshop on MMOs – Kick-off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Introduction to the workshop and grouping of participants following a tailored sea-basin/ regional approach
10:30 – 11:30	Workshop on MMOs – Part 1: Getting ready, Planning an MMO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Interactive exercises simulating the necessary steps to prepare and plan an MMO <p>Each working group will work at its station through several exercises, with relevant explanation before starting and solutions revealed before the allocated time ends.</p>
11:30 – 12:30	Workshop on MMOs – Part 2: Implementing and closing an MMO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Interactive exercises simulating the necessary steps to implement and close an MMO <p>Each working group will work at its station through several exercises, with relevant explanation before starting and solutions revealed before the allocated time ends.</p>

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12:30 – 12:45	Outcomes of the workshop on MMOs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Closing the workshop and presenting final results
12:45 – 13:00	Handover ceremony and closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ms Maja Markovčić Kostelac, Executive Director of EMSA ■ Dr Susan Steele, Executive Director of EFCA
13:00	Farewell buffet

Annex 1 – List of recommended hotels (no special rates available)

4 * hotels:

- Hotel Marina Atlântico
- Hotel Vila Galé Collection
- Mercure Ponta Delgada Azores
- Antillia Hotel
- Azores Royal Garden
- Sao Miguel Park Hotel
- VIP Executive Azores Hotel

5* hotels

- Grand Hotel Atlantico
- Octant Hotel