TRANSAS VTMIS PROGRESS IN BULGARIA

On 7 January 2015 Transas reported from Bulgaria positive progress of the Bulgarian Vessel Traffic Management and Information System (VTMIS) – the Phase 3 project. Since its announcement, the project had met its required milestones and is ready to move forward to its next phase. Being a part of the European safety system SafeSeaNet, Bulgarian VTMIS is expected to be fully operational by mid-2015.

The main objectives of the project include installation of the new generation solid-state radars, a seamless integration of existing radars and an upgrade of the Bulgarian coastal GMDSS system. Under the contract Transas will supply fourteen VTS and six GMDSS operator workstations, CCTV cameras, RDF, Weather stations, seven new radars and AIS shore-based Base stations, delivering a complete retrofit of transmitting and receiving GMDSS equipment. In addition, Transas will enhance the overall system with its VTS simulators and 3D VTS software. Installation of new powerful data centres in the Varna and Bourgas VTS towers will allow for full integration of all sensors into a single information system.

In its early New Year news Transas reported that almost all equipment had been delivered to Bulgaria: radars, VHF stations, VTS/GMDSS, IT equipment. Software factory acceptance tests had been successfully completed. Much progress has been made in terms of civil construction works including manufacture of nine communication/radar towers and submission of the general construction project for further approval by the Bulgarian Ministry of Regional Development. Overall system configuration has been already accepted, with its final design to be released in February. Installation of equipment at four more sites was completed.

Bulgarian VTMIS – Phase 3 is funded by European Community grants and represents the national part of the Community SafeSeaNet vessel traffic and information system, ensuring effective and safe navigation in the waters of the member states. The project is based on the Directive 2002/59 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002.

Finally, in its statement on 7 January Transas indicated that it was pleased to see the project progressing at high pace thanks to the great collaborative work of all partners. Separate thanks were conveyed to the local customer’s team for their professional approach to work and their co-operation. It is understood that the project is moving according to its agreed schedule. In conclusion, Transas stated that it will also provide dedicated support to and technical training of VTMS staff.