

# CISE Operational Phase Activities

## Background

Based on the results achieved during the Transitional Phase of CISE, and taking into account the political commitments to move CISE to the next phase (as stated in the Council Conclusions on maritime security (June 2021) and in the “Strategic Compass for Security and Defence” (March 2022), and the revised EU Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS) and its Action Plan (October 2023-tbc), the **Operational Phase of CISE is set to start in 2024.**

General objectives of the Operational Phase will be to:

- Ensure evolutive maintenance of the tools developed in the Transitional Phase, such as: the CISE technical building blocks (e.g., node, adaptors, test suite, simulator), the Cooperation Agreement, the “Responsibility to Share” methodology, and the initial set of operational capabilities (operational services, CISE’s catalogue, stakeholder Information Sharing Plan, etc)
- Start making use of the above-mentioned tools in an operational context,
- Establish the CISE CLASSIFIED network.

The Operational Phase of CISE will be financed by the **EMFAF**.

This document defines the activities and responsibilities of the three main actors involved in the CISE Operational Phase, i.e. the Commission, EMSA, and EU MS authorities and EU bodies/organisations (CISE Stakeholders).

## Activities and responsibilities

### Commission

The responsibilities to be undertaken by the Commission as owner of CISE initiative are mentioned in the table below.

Activity	Description
	Define and ensure the respect of the governance structure of CISE (as per objective 3.1.1 of the EUMSS- Action plan).
	Establish the CISE bi-annual plan in agreement with the stakeholders (as per objective 3.1.1 of the EUMSS- Action plan).

	Establish Contribution Agreements with EMSA to coordinate the activities specified in the bi-annual plan (as per objective 3.1.1 of the EUMSS- Action plan).
	Establish the funds to support the stakeholders in the implementation of their Information Sharing Plans (as per objective 3.1.1 of the EUMSS- Action plan).
	Encourage/incentivise Member States specific coast guard and military authorities to join the CISE community (see objective 3.1.2 of the EUMSS- Action plan).
	Take initiatives to ensure operational information exchange between the MARSUR Network and CISE (including classified and unclassified information) (see objective 3.1.6 of the EUMSS-Action plan).
	Monitor and control the implementation of the program and ensure the compliancy with the EUMSS and complementarity with other EU frameworks.

**EMSA**

As implementing body of CISE, EMSA will perform the tasks at the network level such as the organisation of events, meetings, workshops, and working groups; supporting the stakeholders in the implementation of their information sharing plan; providing technical support for the common building blocks (i.e., CISE’s node, simulator, and general adaptors), as well as developing the CLASSIFIED network and operating the UNCLASSIFIED network.

The activities to be undertaken by EMSA for the Operational Phase of CISE are described in the table below.

Activity	Description
<b>Coordination and Administration</b>	Coordinate the CISE activities; liaise with Commission, Council, and Member States.
	Provide secretariat and support to the chairpersons of the working groups and the CISE Stakeholders Group.

	Organize events and meetings (e.g., workshops, trainings).
	Create products to promote CISE (both on paper and media).
	Maintain the project library and collaborative tools.
	Keep the Cooperation Agreement up to date and put in place the amendment process, if necessary, with the agreement of the CSG.
<b>Technical/Operational support</b>	Evolutionary maintenance of the CISE building blocks (e.g., node and simulators).
	Evolutionary maintenance of the network tools (e.g., generic adaptor, or prototype adaptors)
	Operate, monitor, and evolve the UNCLASSIFIED network.
	Establish the CLASSIFIED network.
	Contribute to the standardization of the CISE specifications and their updates.
	Set-up, maintain and evolve the CISE compliance suite for testing the interoperability among the nodes.
	Provide technical support to stakeholders (in particular in the development of their adaptors).

	Monitor the state of the network and assess the vulnerability from the security point of view at network level.
<b>Information service development</b>	Coordinate the sharing of the information plan of the stakeholders.
	Support the stakeholders in establishing the operational exchange both from the technical and information services' point of view (e.g., Sea Basin strategy).
	Execute the "Responsibility to Share" audit (subject to the voluntary participation of the stakeholders).
	Support the Commission in the implementation of the actions to ensure operational information exchange between the MARSUR Network and CISE (including classified and unclassified information).
	Implement and maintain the services to be managed at network level to enable the execution of the stakeholders' use case.

### Stakeholders (MS and EU bodies)

The stakeholders in CISE are MS and EU bodies that are interested in making use of the CISE infrastructure to share maritime information (EMSA also plays a stakeholder role in CISE).

The following table outlines the tasks that each stakeholder should execute:

Activity	Description
<b>Coordination and Administration</b>	Appoint representatives and participate in the CSG meetings, relevant CISE working group, and events.
	Define a stakeholder plan to adopt CISE among the different maritime authorities at national level and establish a coordination approach.

	Promote the use of CISE as a cross-sectorial and cross-border maritime information exchange infrastructure.
<b>Technical set-up</b>	Adapt and connect the legacy systems. Develop and maintain the adaptors.
	Establish, maintain, and operate the UNCLASSIFIED network node (install and operate the node, infrastructure and connections to the other nodes).
	Establish, maintain, and operate the CLASSIFIED network node (optional).
	Contribute to the standardization of the CISE specifications and their updates.
	Monitor the state of the network and assess the vulnerability from the security point of view at the node level.
<b>Information services</b>	Establish and enhance the stakeholder information sharing plan.
	Establish the operational use of CISE in the relevant Maritime Operational Centres of the interested stakeholders.