EMSA offers enhanced maritime awareness for operations in Somalia and Libya through agreements signed with EU Naval Missions.

EMSA is supporting EU Naval Force operations - Atalanta and Ilafruddo - following the signature of two cooperation agreements with EU NAVFOR-Somalia (Operation Atalanta) on the one hand and EU NAVFOR MED (Operation Ilafruddo) on the other. Under these agreements, Operation Atalanta targets counter piracy and the protection of vulnerable vessels and humanitarian ships off the coast of Somalia, while Operation Ilafruddo seeks to assist the UN embargo in Libya and in doing so contribute to the country's progress process. By cooperating with EMSA in the areas of maritime security and surveillance, multiple sources of ship information and physical data can be combined to enhance maritime awareness for the EU Naval Force in places of particularly high risk and complexity. The support provided by EMSA comes in the context of the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy.

**Maritime traffic off the Horn of Africa as displayed on EMSA's Integrated Maritime Services (IMS) platform.**

Use of RPAS in Maritime Surveillance

**Headline topic of European Coast Guard Functions Forum Workshop**

Workshop on the use of RPAS in Maritime Surveillance, held under the Presidency of Croatia, on 15-16 February. The workshop gathered 150 representatives - both virtual and in person - from the conference hosts, the EU, the IMO, the IHO, the Council of Europe, CONREP, EFCA, FRONTEX, and EMSA as well as the European Space Agency (ESA), the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre – Neurolog (MAOC-N) and the European Commission, DG MOVE and DG ENV.

The level of participation reflected the high level of interest in this topic which is of importance to the day-to-day surveillance activities of member state authorities. The workshop provided an opportunity to hear from member states with experience in using RPAS for maritime surveillance purposes, as well as from EU agencies, bodies, and industry. Presentations were given by Estonia, which is active in regional maritime surveillance activities with Finland and Latvia; France, which is deploying RPAS for emission monitoring and in doing so supporting port state control authorities; and Spain, which laid out the various operational scenarios in which RPAS have been used so far. Participants also heard from EMSA on the opportunities presented by the growing portfolio of services and RPAS for maritime surveillance.

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**Discover How EMSA's Integrated Maritime Services Support Search and Rescue Operations**

EMSA recently published a short overview of the Search and Rescue toolbox available to national authorities through the IMS system.

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**Inter-secretariat Cooperation Forum Meets to Discuss Pollution Prevention and Response**

EMSA offers support to national authorities through an efficient networking of SAR activities.

**Integrative maritime traffic picture provided by the IMS allows for efficient search and rescue actions.**

A stand-by oil spill recovery vessel - Atlantic Rescue Toolbox - available to national authorities through the IMS system.

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