# **HOW WILL CISE BE USED?**

CISE enables maritime surveillance information - collected by one maritime authority and considered necessary for the operational activities of others - to be shared and used for multiple purposes. The timely and secure access to relevant information increases the efficiency and coordination of maritime operations at the strategic, operational and tactical levels.

Through the CISE network, maritime authorities can access additional information across borders and sectors, using their own surveillance systems. CISE's decentralised architecture allows authorities to control to who, when and what information is shared.



A number of operational scenarios and use cases are being developed for CISE. During the Transitional Phase, these scenarios are being analysed in depth and enhanced for use in the Operational Phase.

# **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

You can contact the authority representing your EU/EEA Member State or EU Body, as shown on the website: <a href="https://www.emsa.europa.eu/cise">www.emsa.europa.eu/cise</a>

Member States not yet participating in CISE are very much encouraged to join. For any questions, you are welcome to contact the CISE Team at <a href="mass@emsa.europa.eu">mss@emsa.europa.eu</a>



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# WHAT IS CISE?

The Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) is an EU initiative which aims to:

- make existing European and EU/EEA Member State surveillance systems interoperable
- enhance classified/unclassified information sharing among public authorities from different sectors through a voluntary and decentralised network
- foster cooperation and create synergies among the stakeholders involved, including civil-military cooperation
- avoid duplication of data acquisition, and increase the complementarity of the information and services delivered

CISE seeks to further enhance and promote information sharing between authorities from seven different sectors involved in maritime surveillance:

# Maritime safety & security Marine environment Border control Customs Customs Fisheries Control Customs

# TRANSITIONAL PHASE

The development of CISE was first proposed in 2009 and has since been refined and developed with the overall legal and policy context laid out in the EU Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS).

In April 2019, EMSA was entrusted by the European Commission (DG MARE) with the implementation of the Transitional Phase, in close coordination with the Member States. The idea is to ensure a coherent evolution of the CISE network and to achieve an operational CISE. The activities are defined and coordinated by the CISE Stakeholder Group, whose members are designated by the EU/EEA Member States. Other members of the group include the European Commission, EDA, EEAS, EFCA, EMSA, Frontex and SatCen.

# **MAIN OBJECTIVES**

The main objectives of the Transitional Phase of CISE include:

- transforming an EU research project into an EU-wide operational network for exchanging maritime surveillance information
- widening participation to all EU/EEA Member States and interested EU agencies
- evaluating, and if appropriate streamlining, maintaining and consolidating the existing CISE network and nodes
- working towards the complementarity of information sharing and interoperability with existing EU maritime surveillance systems
- preparing the baseline for the CISE Operational Phase.

