**What is CISE?**

The Common Information Sharing Environment - CISE is a network that connects systems of authorities with responsibility in maritime surveillance. CISE enables them to exchange relevant information across borders and different sectors (maritime safety and security, fisheries control, border control, law enforcement, customs, defence, and marine environment), allowing for more effective operations at sea.

**Why CISE?**

Member States’ authorities gather data and information through their sectoral platforms and IT systems to get the best maritime picture.

**BUT**

Sharing information among authorities of different sectors can be a complex process: information is often shared only to a limited extent.

In some cases, information is not even exchanged because:

1. Authorities do not know that the information is available in other authorities’ systems, or that they have information of interest to others.
2. There is no framework for sharing such information between different types of authorities across Europe.

This could lead to duplication of data or to the contrary: a lack of data, resulting in unnecessary operational costs.

**What is the solution offered by CISE?**

CISE makes the information sharing process easier and quicker interconnecting the existing EU and Member States’ maritime surveillance systems.

CISE will add value to Member States’ maritime surveillance efforts because:

- Information collected by one maritime authority will be **shared and used by others too**.
- **No additional system** will be needed to share and use data with CISE.
- Users will have **full control over the information shared** since CISE will not store data.
- The work of operators in the Maritime Operation Centres will be easier.
- CISE will foster **cooperation** and synergies among EU/EEA Member States, EU Agencies and Institutions and will make their maritime surveillance activities even more effective, responsive, and cost-efficient.

**CISE for safe, secure and clean seas around Europe**