

**DG MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES
(DG MARE)**

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Initiative	Keyword(s)
<p>As part of the implementation of the European Agenda for Migration, DG MARE has been closely working with DG HOME and DG MOVE on supporting the legally established Inter-Agency Cooperation on Coast Guard Functions. This Inter-Agency cooperation brings together the EU Agencies EBCGA/FRONTEX, EMSA and EFCA to cooperate in a number of coast guard functions, including the management and security of the EU's external borders. This co-operation has improved operational co-operation and information exchange regarding vessels used for irregular migration and cross-border crime detected during maritime surveillance operations. This cross-sectorial collaboration has also allowed the Agencies to draw on additional capacities, training and knowledge in a cost-efficient manner. It is worth highlighting in particular the establishment of joint multipurpose operations, including by sharing inspection and surveillance platforms during joint operational activities, the development of a multipurpose drone capacity and through enhanced exchange of information between the three Agencies.</p> <p>The main policy initiative that governs DG MARE`s actions in the security and defence domain is the EU Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS) and its Action Plan (revised in June 2018). As far as migration is concerned, EUMSS deals with capabilities of managing the EU borders and the further implementation of the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE). DG MARE leads the implementation of the CISE project through enhanced cooperation between civil and military authorities aiming at common maritime situational awareness and data exchange.</p>	<p>maritime borders, coast guards</p>