

**DG MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES
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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 setting up a European co-operation on Coastguard functions through enhanced cooperation between EU Agencies Frontex, EMSA and EFCA and the establishment, in October 2016, of the European Border and Coast Guard - which aims to reinforce the management and security of the EU's external borders. This co-operation will notably improve operational co-operation and information exchange on vessels used for irregular migration and cross-border crime detected during maritime surveillance operations. This cross-sectorial cooperation will allow the Agencies to draw on additional capacities and knowledge in a cost-efficient manner. In 2016, a preparatory pilot project was launched aiming to establish joint multipurpose operations and exchange of information between the 3 agencies. The project will conclude in mid-2017.</p> <p>The main policy initiative that governs DG MARE's actions in the security and defence domain is the EU Maritime Security Strategy and its Action Plan. 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>