
Environmental crime Going beyond JHA

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On-line Seminar on Environmental Crime

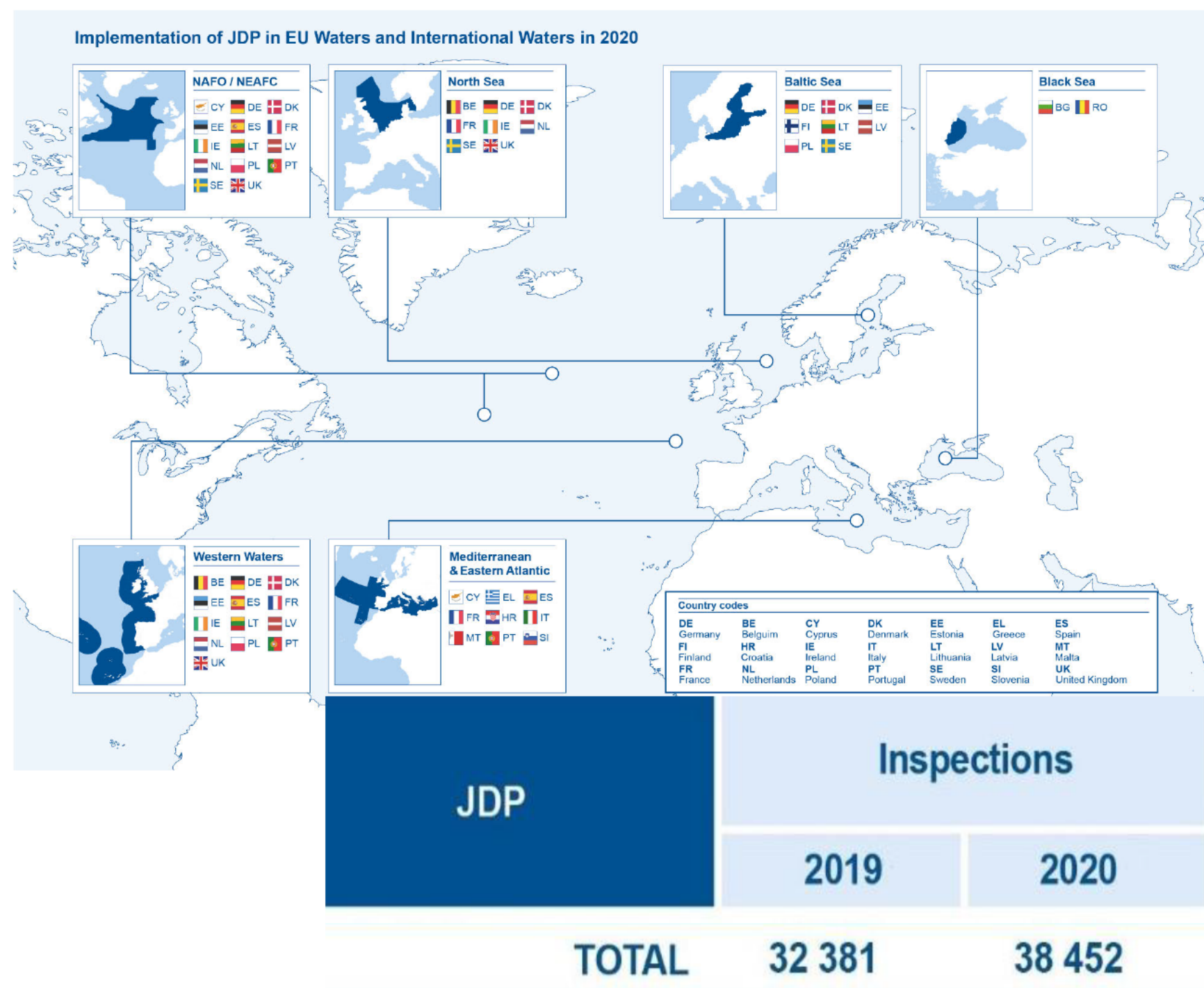
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Presentation outline

- EFCA's mission
- Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) model
- Potentials on addressing environmental crime

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EFCA's Mission

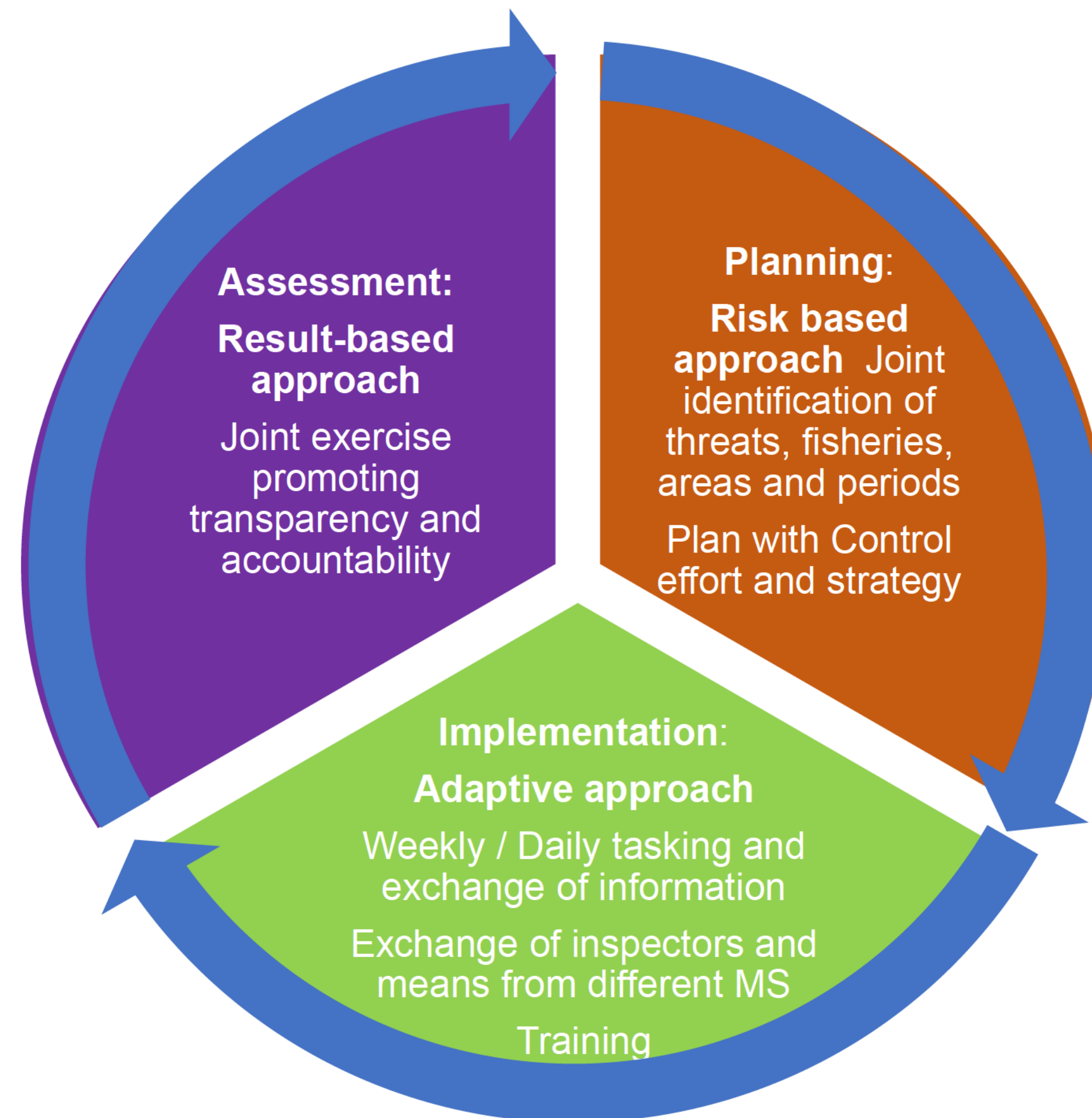


- To coordinate and assist the MS and the EU Commission through joint deployment plans (JDPs) for a fair and harmonised implementation of the Control regime of the Common Fisheries Policy
- Joint Deployment Plan: instrument at EU level for coordination
- Support in the fight against IUU fishing
- Support in the implementation of coast guard functions

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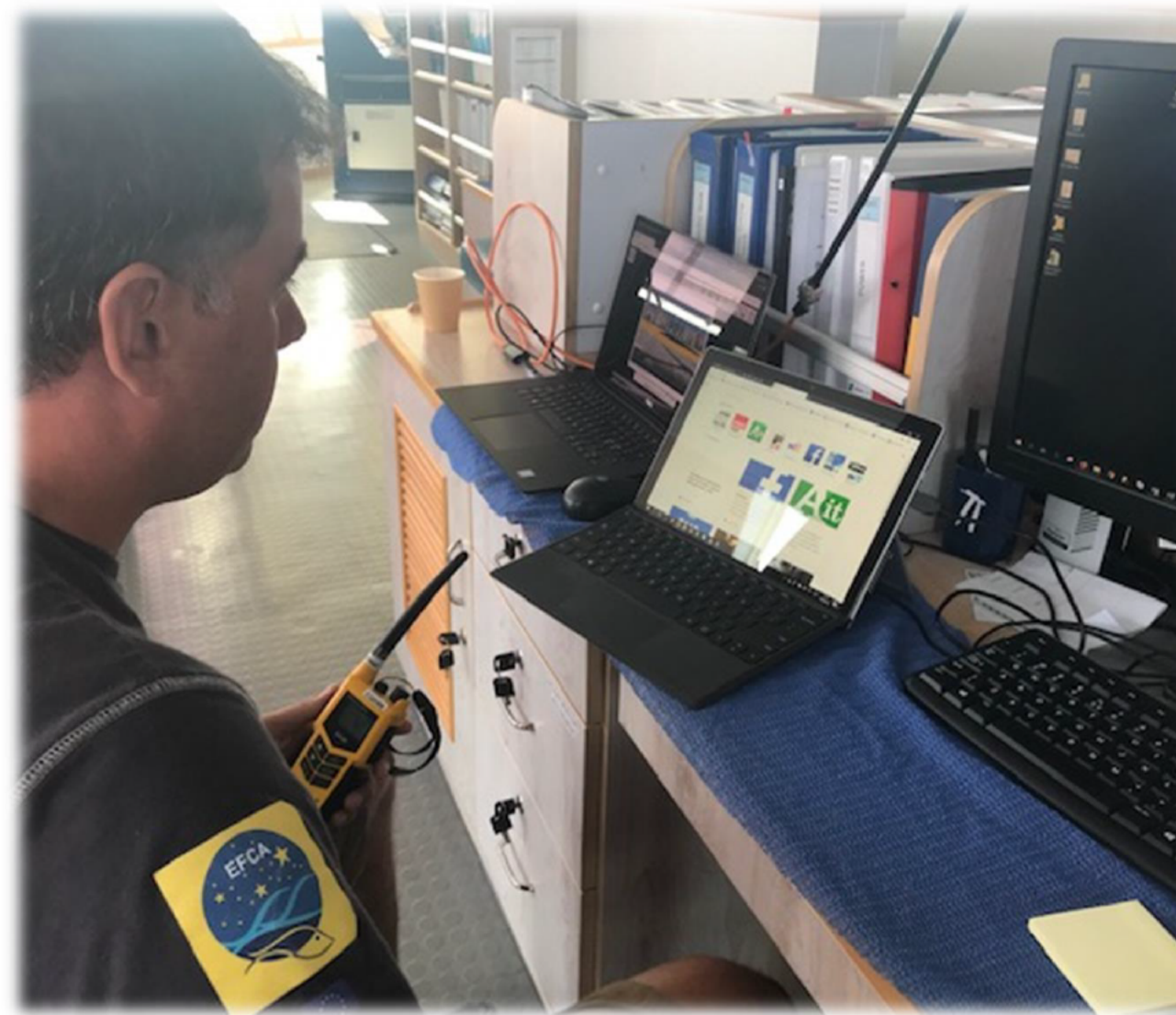
JDPs cycle



Why Regional cooperation?

By organising the best use of human and material resources pooled by MS, EFCA JDPs promote:

- Regional risk assessment
- Standardization of inspection practices
- Transparency
- Level playing field
- Cost effectiveness
- and finally... compliance



Key benefits of JDP cooperation

Joint planning and use of means with FPVs in different MS / RFMOs waters:

- Possible to have a NL FPV in IE waters allowing for an optimal use of limited control resources.

Exchange of EU inspectors at sea and land

- Possible to have a FR inspector in a NL FPV in IE waters inspecting an ES vessel.
- FR inspector in IE ports inspecting FR vessel

Exchange of information (VMS/ERS/EIR) and intelligence through a virtual coordination platform (FISHNET)

- Transparency and common basis for joint risk assessment

Joint projects implementation

- Identification of procedures for securing evidence by different MS legal systems.
- Landing obligation: Last haul

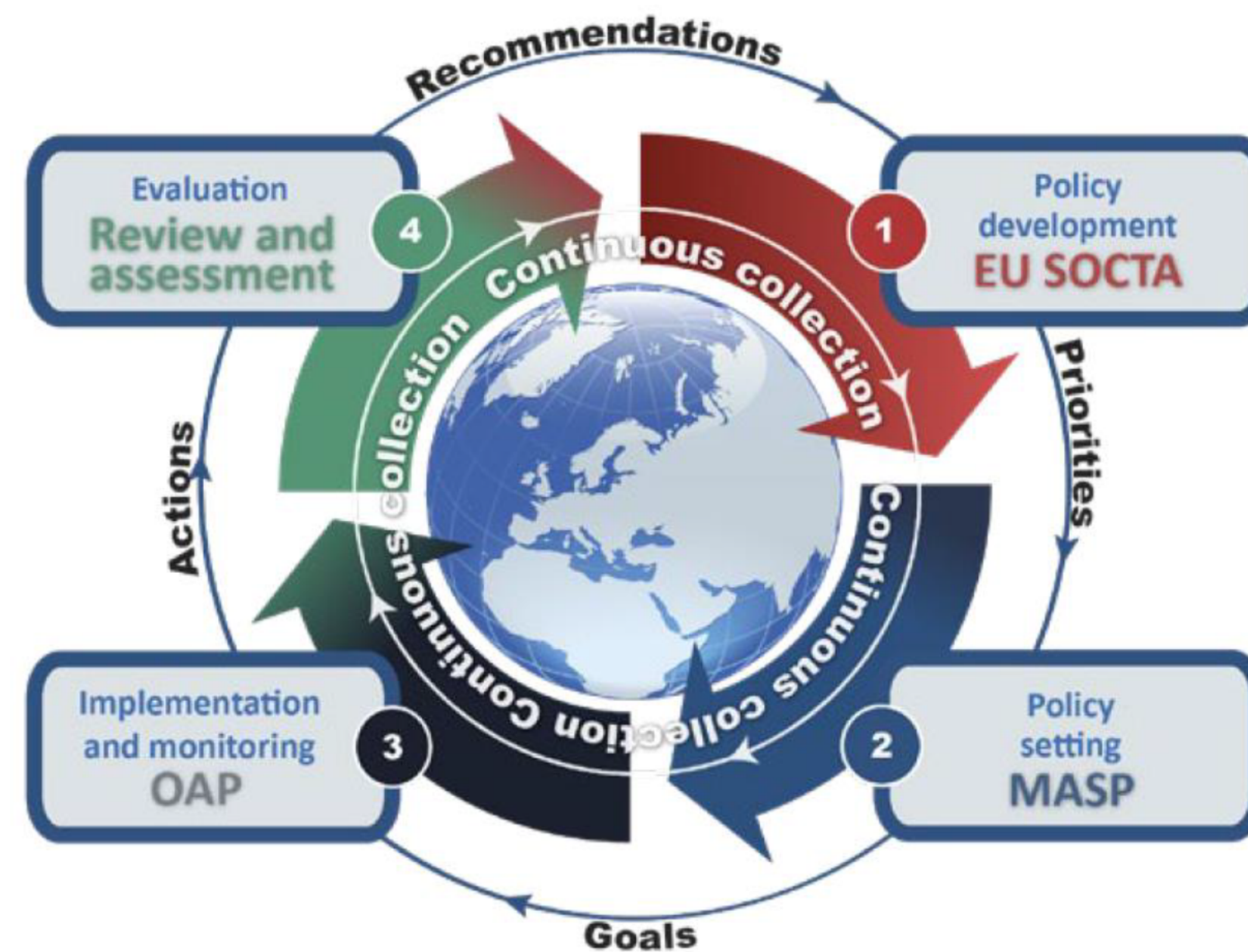
Joint workshops and training of EU inspectors

- Exchange of best practices, common inspection methodologies

ENVICRIME and EFCA



EFCA is part of coordinated approach at EU level - EMPACT



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The following priorities for 2018 and 2021 were adopted by the Council of the EU at its meeting on 18 May 2017:

- Cybercrime
- Drug trafficking
- Facilitation of illegal immigration
- Organised property crime
- Trafficking in human beings
- Excise and MTIC fraud
- Illicit firearms trafficking
- **Environmental crime (e.g., OA 2.1 Illegal fisheries)**
- Criminal finances and money laundering
- Document fraud

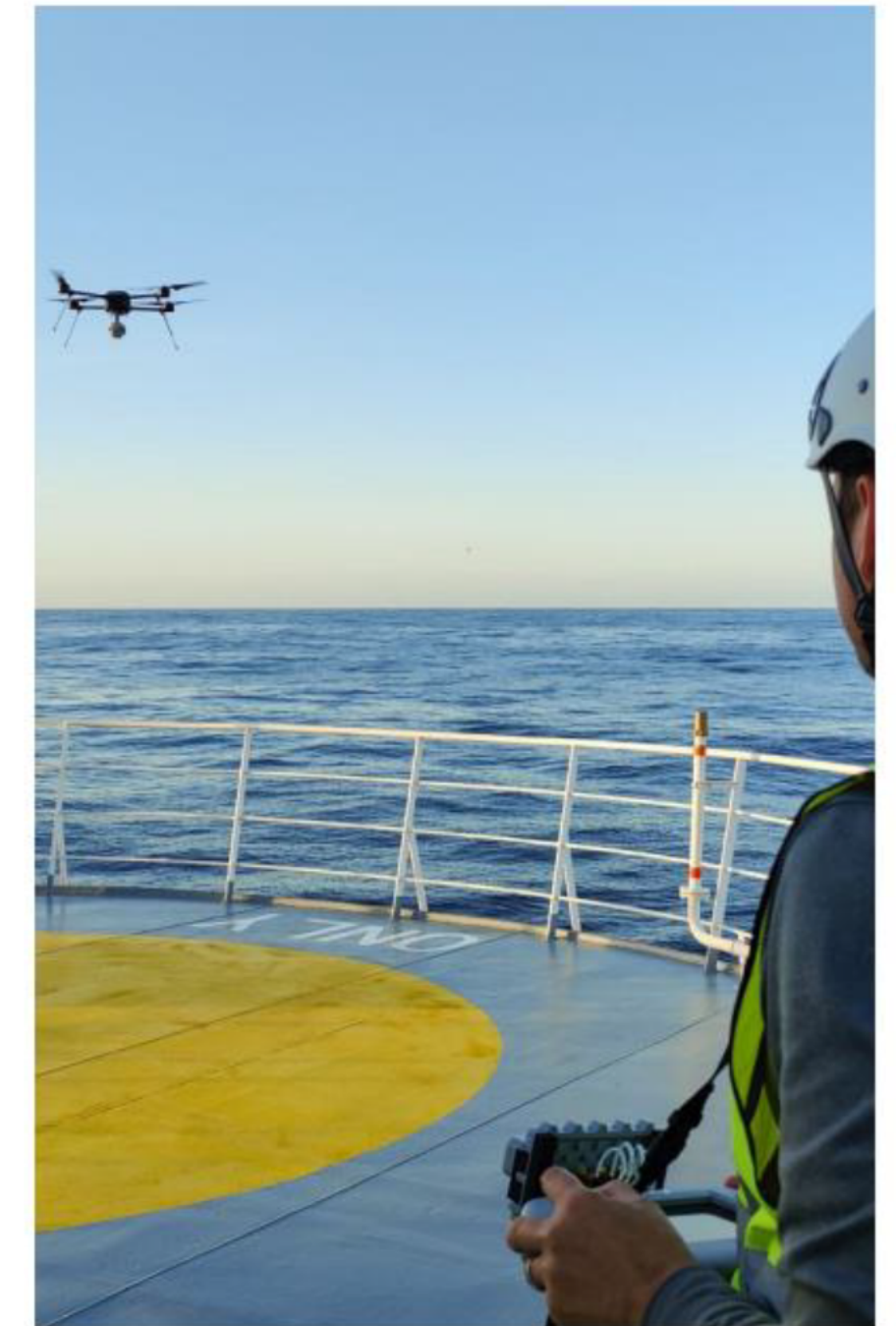


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EFCA becoming reliable partner in ENVICRIME

- 2018 EFCA joined OA 2.1 as observer
- 2019 PT (GNR) is leader of the OA 2.1 and EFCA is co-leader (one JAD organized)
- 2020-21 PT (GNR) is leader and EFCA and ES (GC) are co-leaders (one JAD organized)

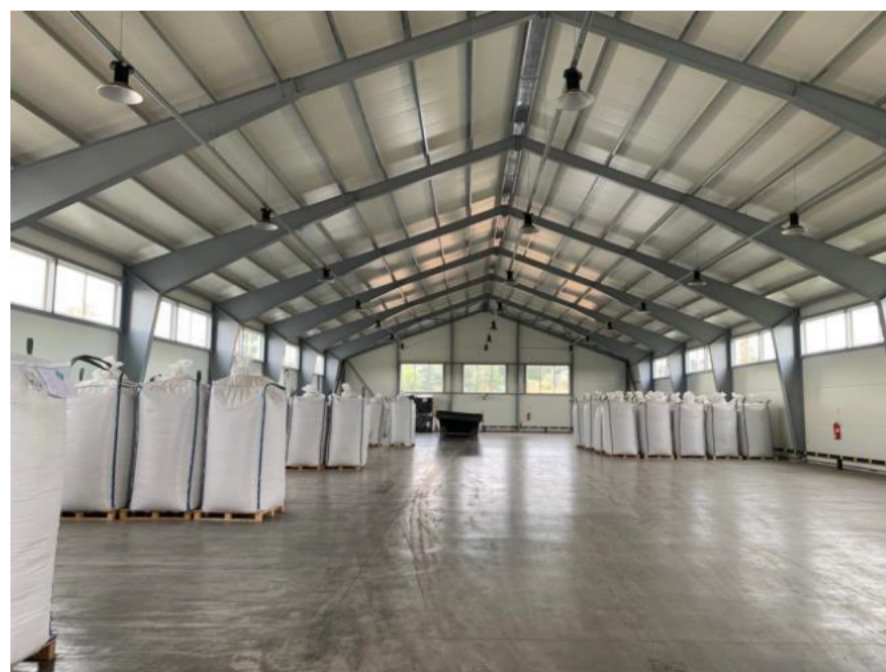




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Results of JAD “Pontus” (25 September 2019)

- Controls – 430 persons, 526 vehicles and 173 vessels.
- Illicit activities - 50
- Adm. infringements - 157
- Seizures – 4 boats, 3 engines, 3 tanks, 1 vehicle, 3.948 kg of fish/clams, different kind of fishing and diving equipment's





EMPACT Environmental Crime, OAP 2020
OA 2.1: Combatting Illegal Fishery at Sea

Leader: PT
Co-Leader: EFCA, ES
Participants: EL, FR, HR, MT, RO, SE,
EUROJUST, EUROPOL, FRONTEX, INTERPOL

**Compilation of national criminal law provisions on
illegal fishing in the Member States participating in
the OA 2.1**

and

**Overview of EU law on fisheries control,
inspection and enforcement**

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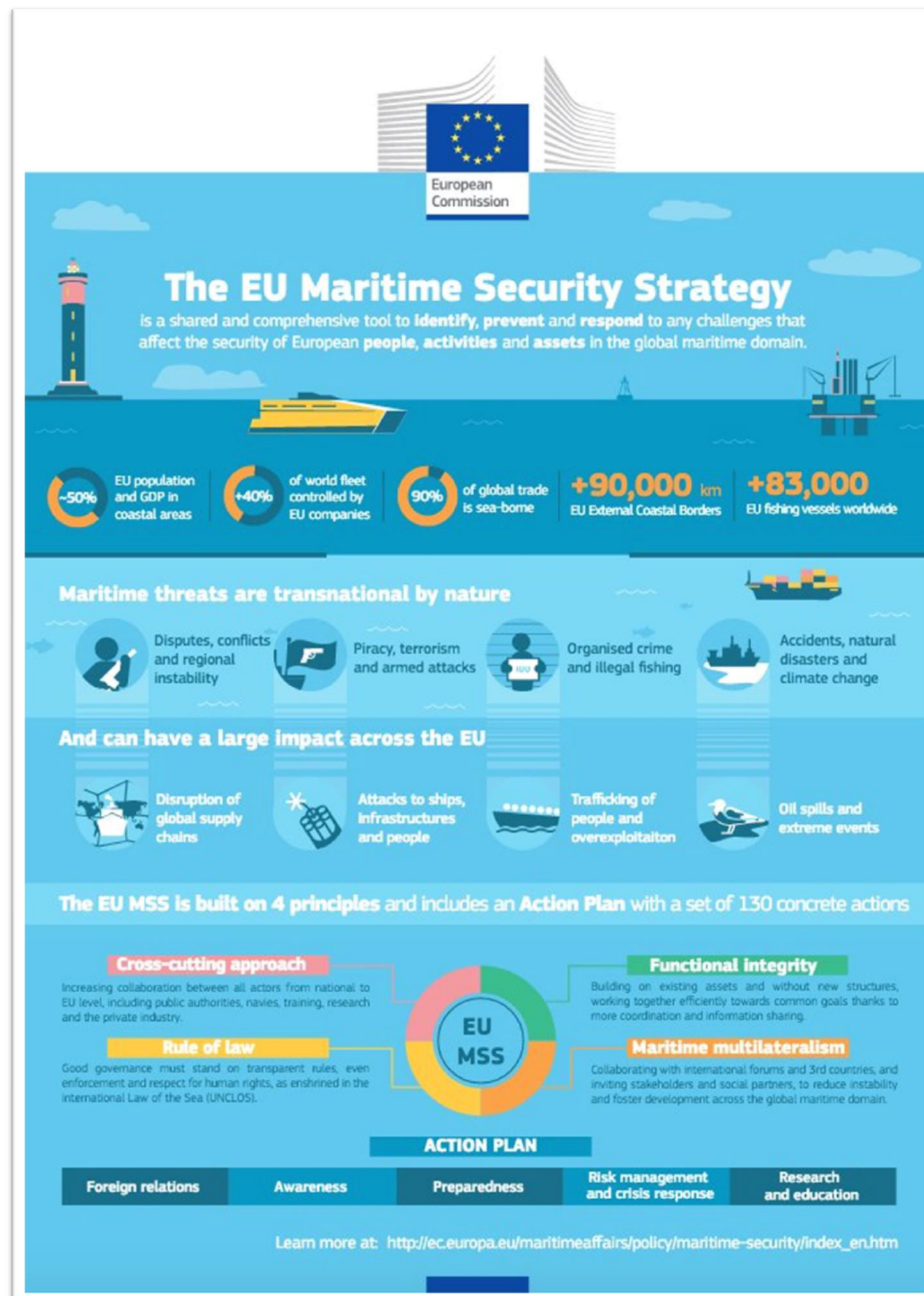


Results of JAD “Pontus II” (3-7 May 2021)

- Results are coming...
- JAD Debriefing Meeting will take place 7 June 2021



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EFCA contributes to respond to global challenges as part of the European Union Maritime Security Strategy in the framework of European cooperation on coast guard functions



Conclusions

- **EFCA is mandated at EU level to support Commission to implement CFP and address illegal fishing**
- **EFCA's is part of ENVICRIME OAP in order to foster interagency cooperation at EU and national level**
- **EU cooperation on CG functions is a good platform to commonly discuss on important topics and set common actions (including environmental crime)**
- **EU Maritime Security Strategy could be seen as overarching document of EU's comprehensive response to the threats at maritime domain**



THANK YOU!

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