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EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

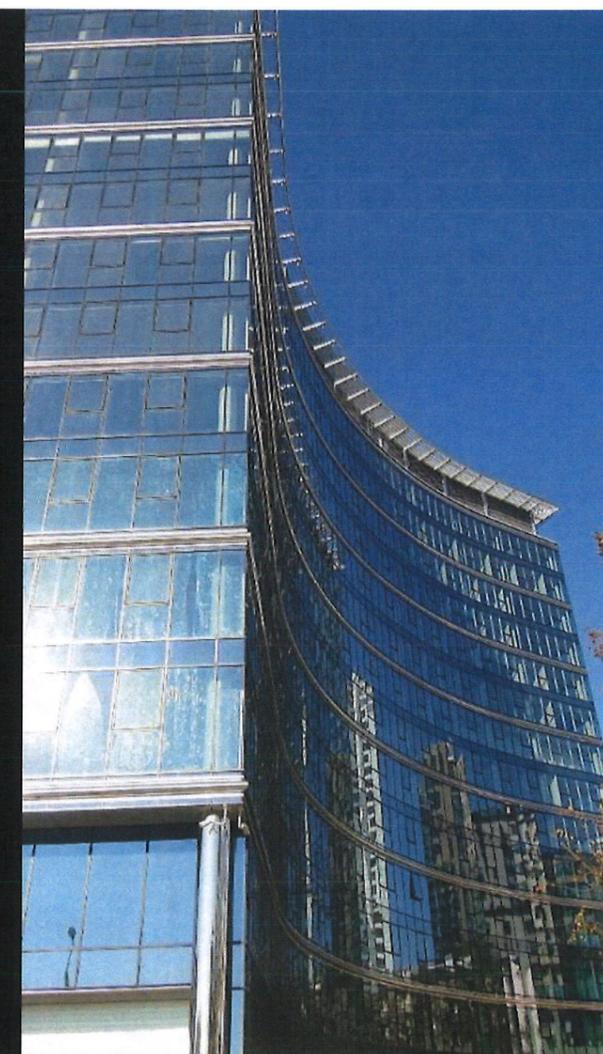
Search and rescue activities in the context of EU borders management

28 November 2023

Coast Guard Sector- Coast Guard & Law Enforcement Unit

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- EU agency built on the foundation of Frontex (operational since 2005);
- Governed by a Management Board composed of the heads of national border guard authorities and representatives of the European Commission;
- Headquarters in Warsaw/Poland.
- The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) is governed by [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1896](#) of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard.
- Executive Director: Mr. Hans Leijtens, Netherlands



Protecting borders

Fighting cross-border crime

Return operations

Monitoring the borders

Risk analysis

Making Schengen Area safer (ETIAS)

Research and Innovation

Training

International and EU cooperation

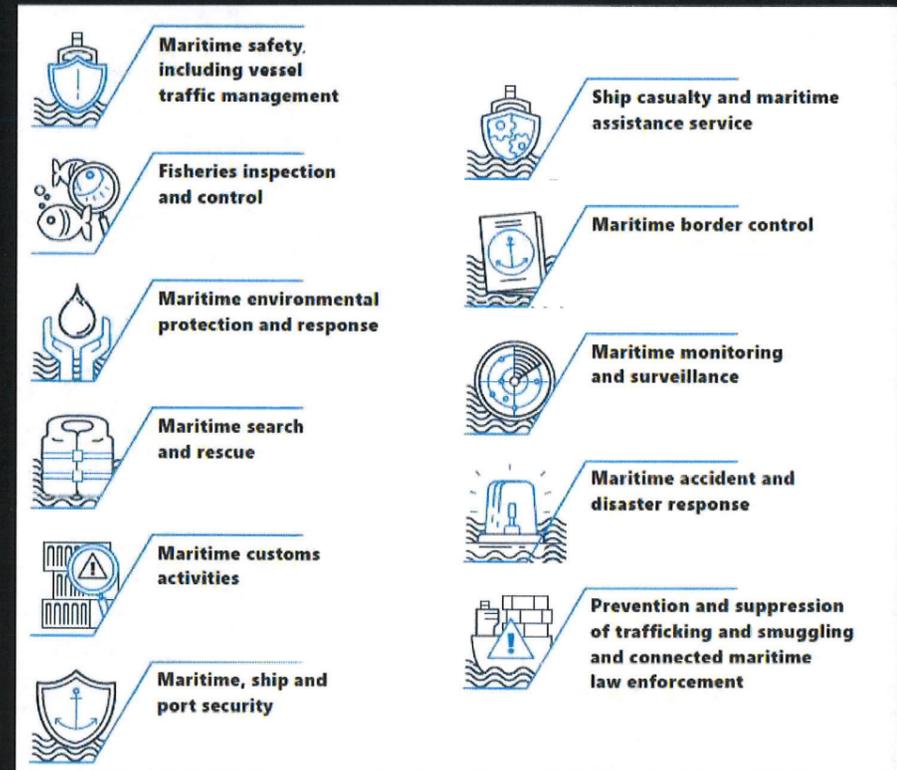


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MAIN
TASKS

Coast Guard Functions from the Commission Recommendation (EU) 2021/1222 of 20 July 2021

➤ Frontex can be involved in:

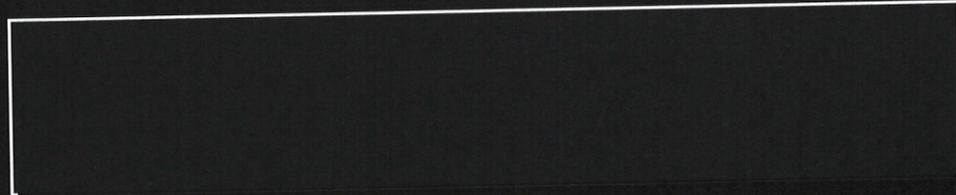
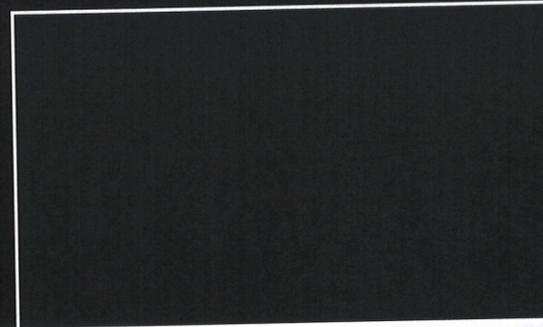
- ✓ Maritime border control
- ✓ Maritime law enforcement
- ✓ Maritime search and rescue
- ✓ Maritime customs activities
- ✓ Maritime security
- ✓ Maritime safety
- ✓ Fisheries control
- ✓ Maritime environmental protection



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Technical equipment

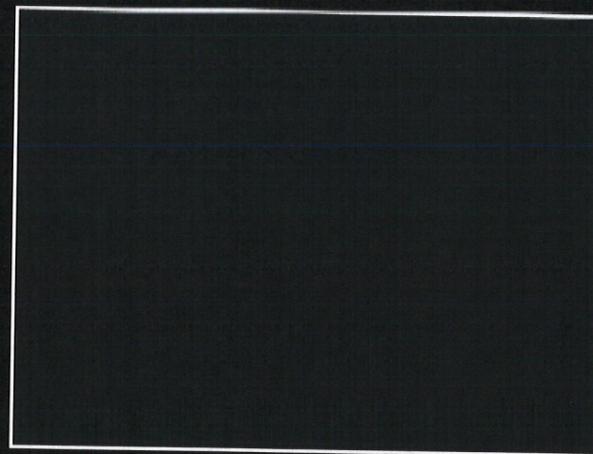
Operational concept at Sea

- Maritime Border Surveillance by aerial, naval and coastal assets
 - Early detect of irregular border crossings
 - Assist in SAR operations
 - Detect cross border crime activities, including terrorism
 - Prevention of undetected arrivals to EU
 - Channeling to respective identification & registration processes
 - Identification of those in need of protection/ vulnerable groups
 - Saving of life at sea
 - Detection of crime, including smugglers/ facilitators
- Identification and registration activities upon disembarkations and reception facilities



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2023 Frontex Maritime Operations (JO/MMO)



60-80% of border incidents at sea involve SAR

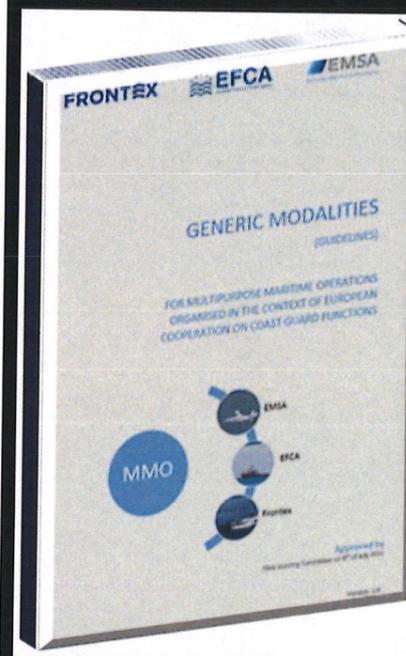
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Joint Operation- Sea

▪ Specific operational aim

- - To provide increased technical and operational assistance to host MS by coordinating operational activities at the external sea borders in order to control illegal immigration flows, to tackle cross-border crime and to enhance European cooperation on coast guard functions and law enforcement activities.
- - To prevent unauthorised border crossings at the external sea borders and to ensure support of search and rescue operations for persons in distress at sea.

Multipurpose Maritime Operations



MMO Definition : An operational activity in a specific maritime area and for a certain implementation period, which may require enhanced cooperation in order to support national authorities carrying out coast guard functions at national and Union level and where appropriate international level by addressing **at least two coast guard functions** (falling under the mandate of more than one Agency involved in the MMO).

MMO shall be launched upon the request of **one or several Member States** or by **EFCA, EMSA or Frontex** involving assets, services or experts of these agencies and agreed by the Member States concerned.

These assets, services or experts may be supplemented by the Member States involved.

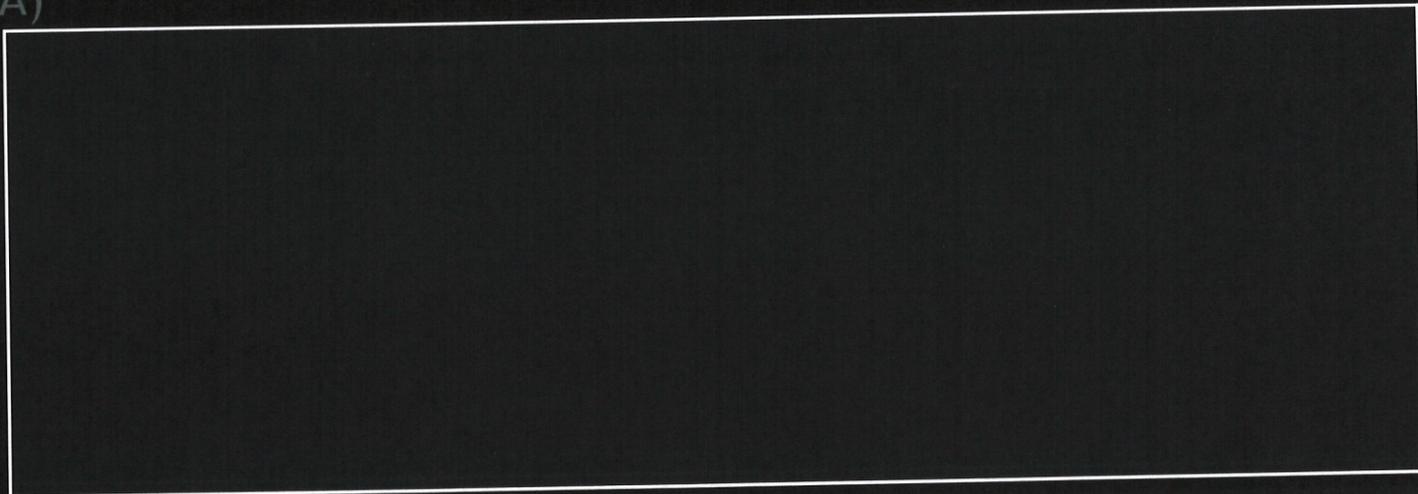


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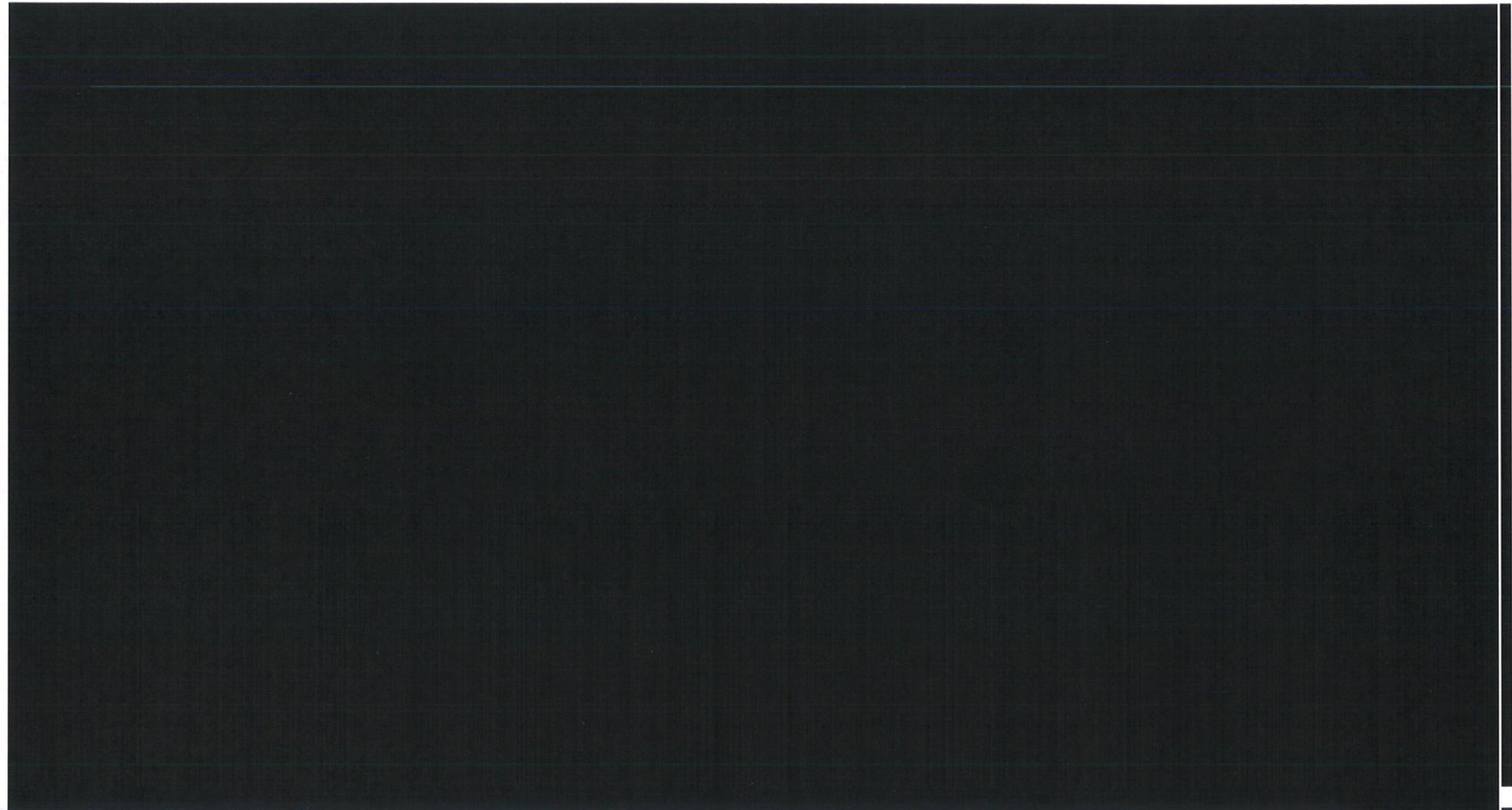
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Frontex Surveillance Aircraft

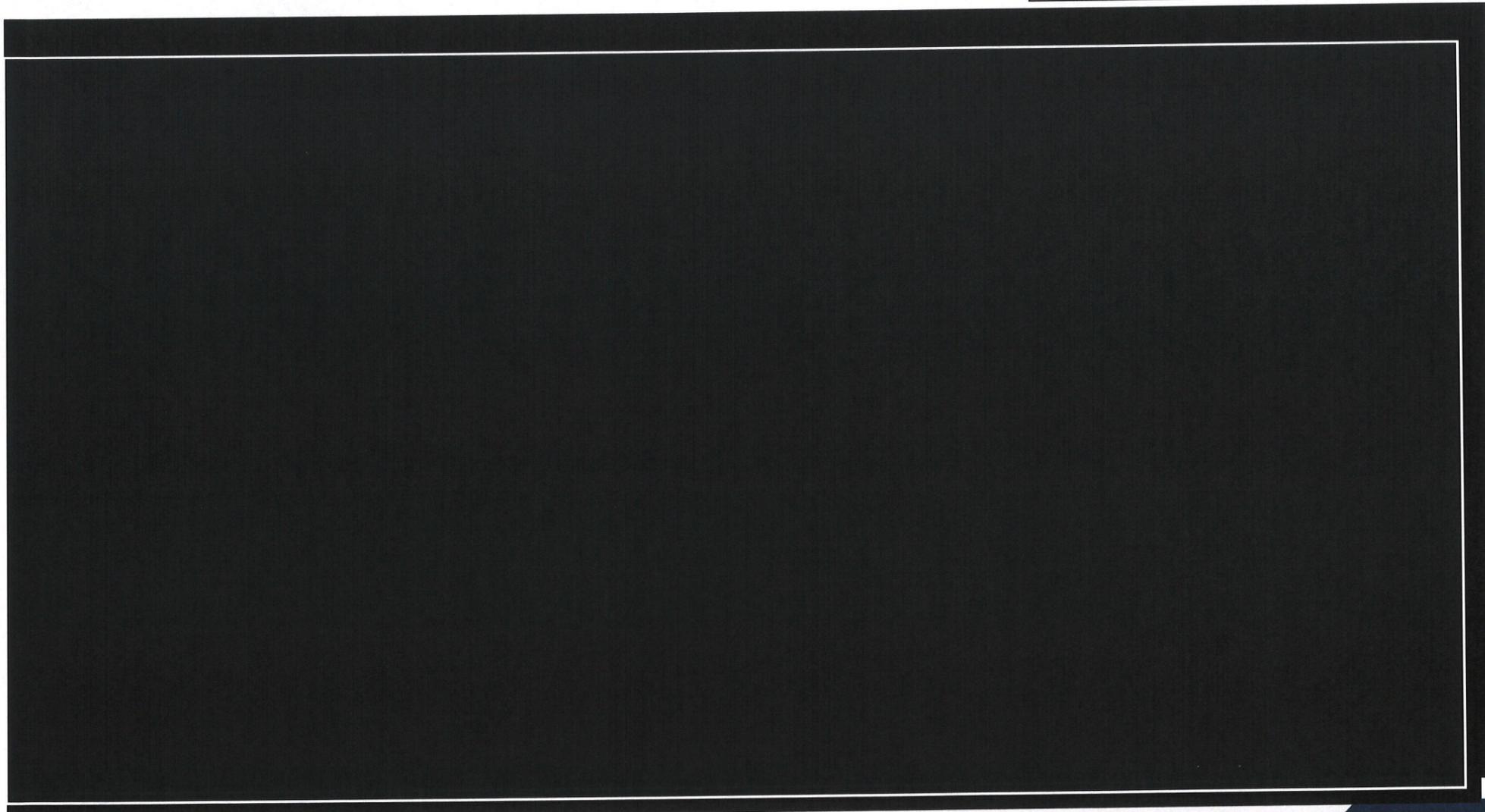
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- Coast Guard Functions cooperation with MS, European Agencies (EFCA, EMSA)



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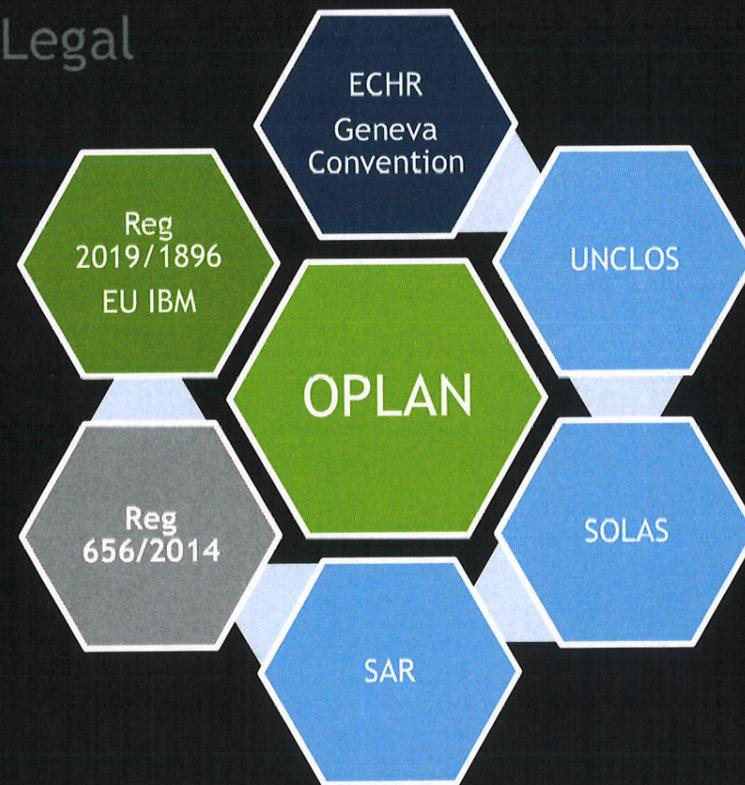


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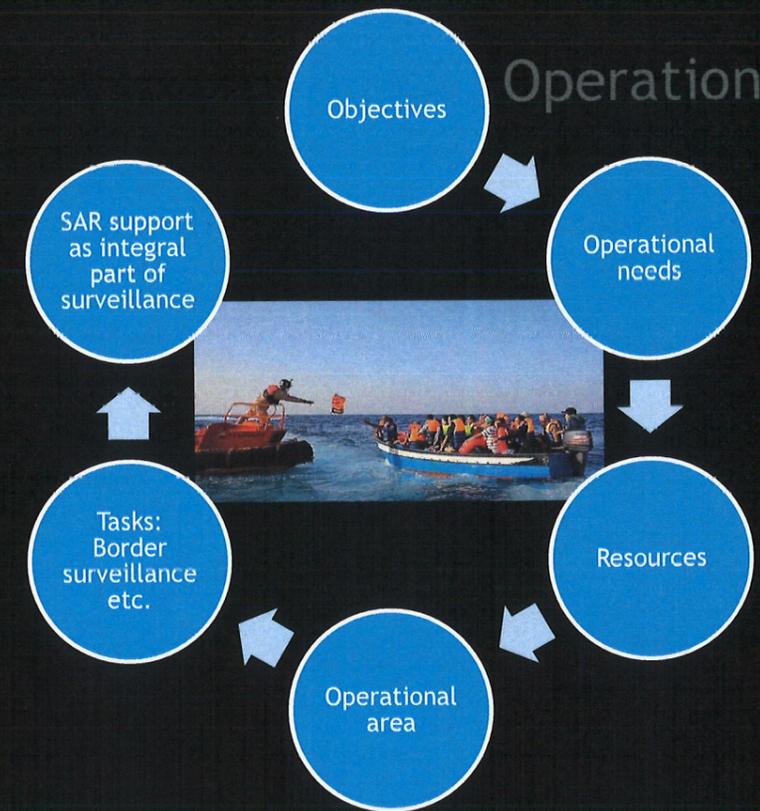


Context for SAR in Frontex maritime operations

Legal



Operational



SAR Responsibilities



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Helps National Authorities with border surveillance and other tasks related to coast Guard functions

Alerts the national rescue centres in the region whenever it planes or vessels discover a boat in distress

Keeps monitoring the rescue area, maintains contact with the coordination centres and send relevant updates

Works with EU national authorities to register the arrivals



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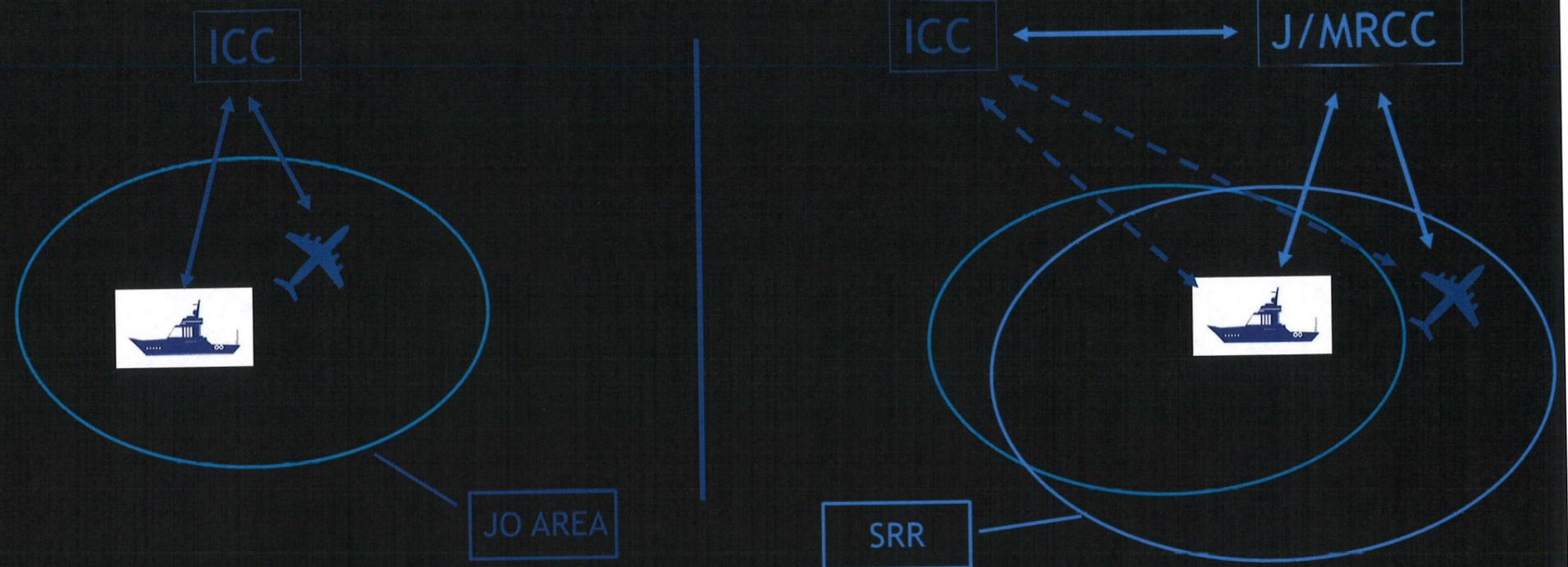
Cannot conduct rescue operations by itself or without the coordination of the competent MRCC

Cannot dispatch any vessel to perform a rescue

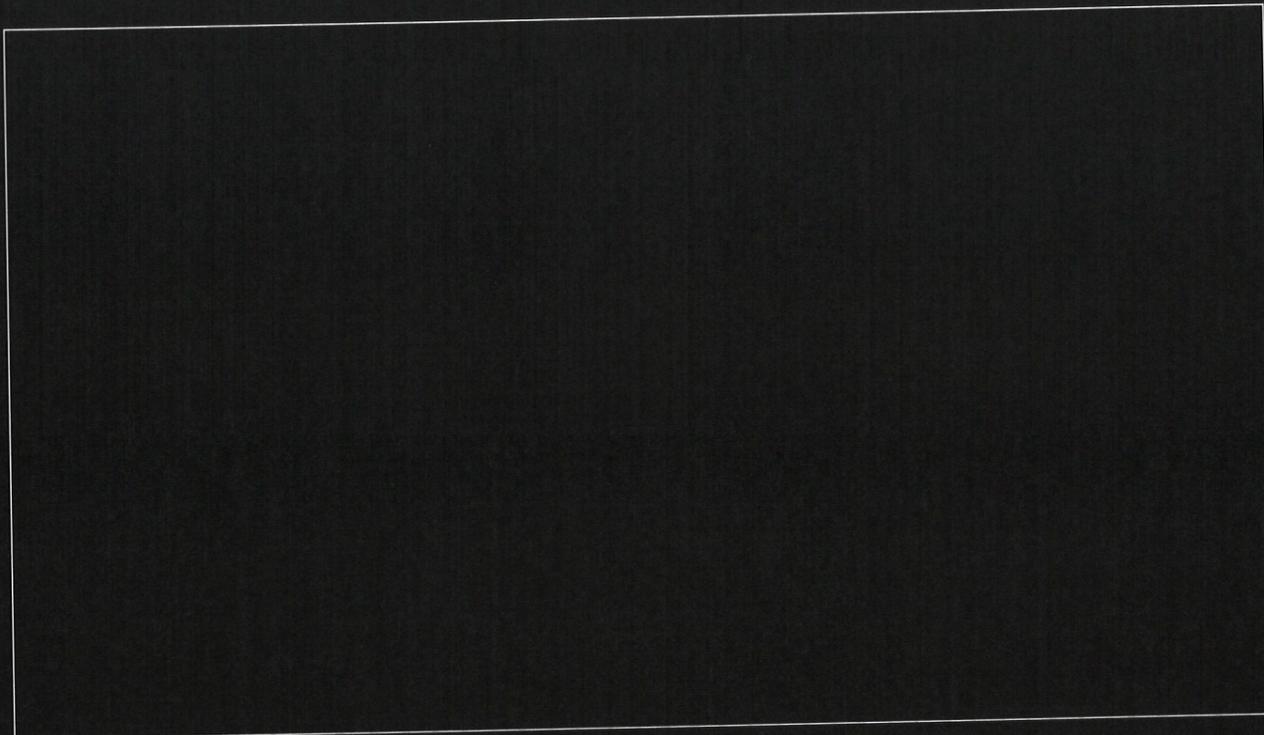
Does not decide on the place of disembarkations of the people rescued.



Frontex maritime joint operations (JO) SAR COOPERATION SCHEME



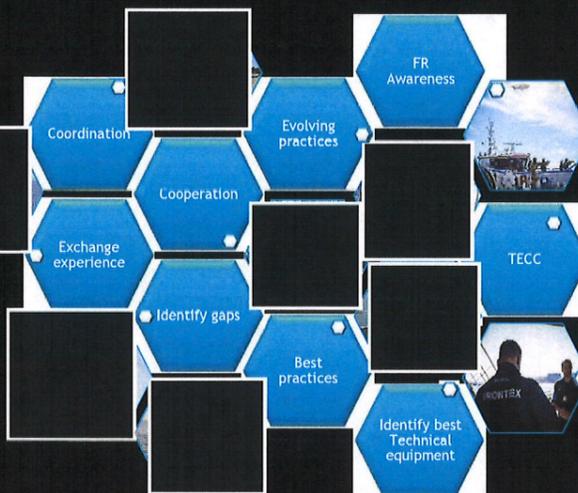
SAR Case on 24th of July 2023



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2023 SAR Capacity Building

- 1 SAR WS within JO Poseidon
- 1 SAR exercise within MMO BS
- 2 SAR exercises within the umbrella of MMO Baltic Sea (EMSA coop.)



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