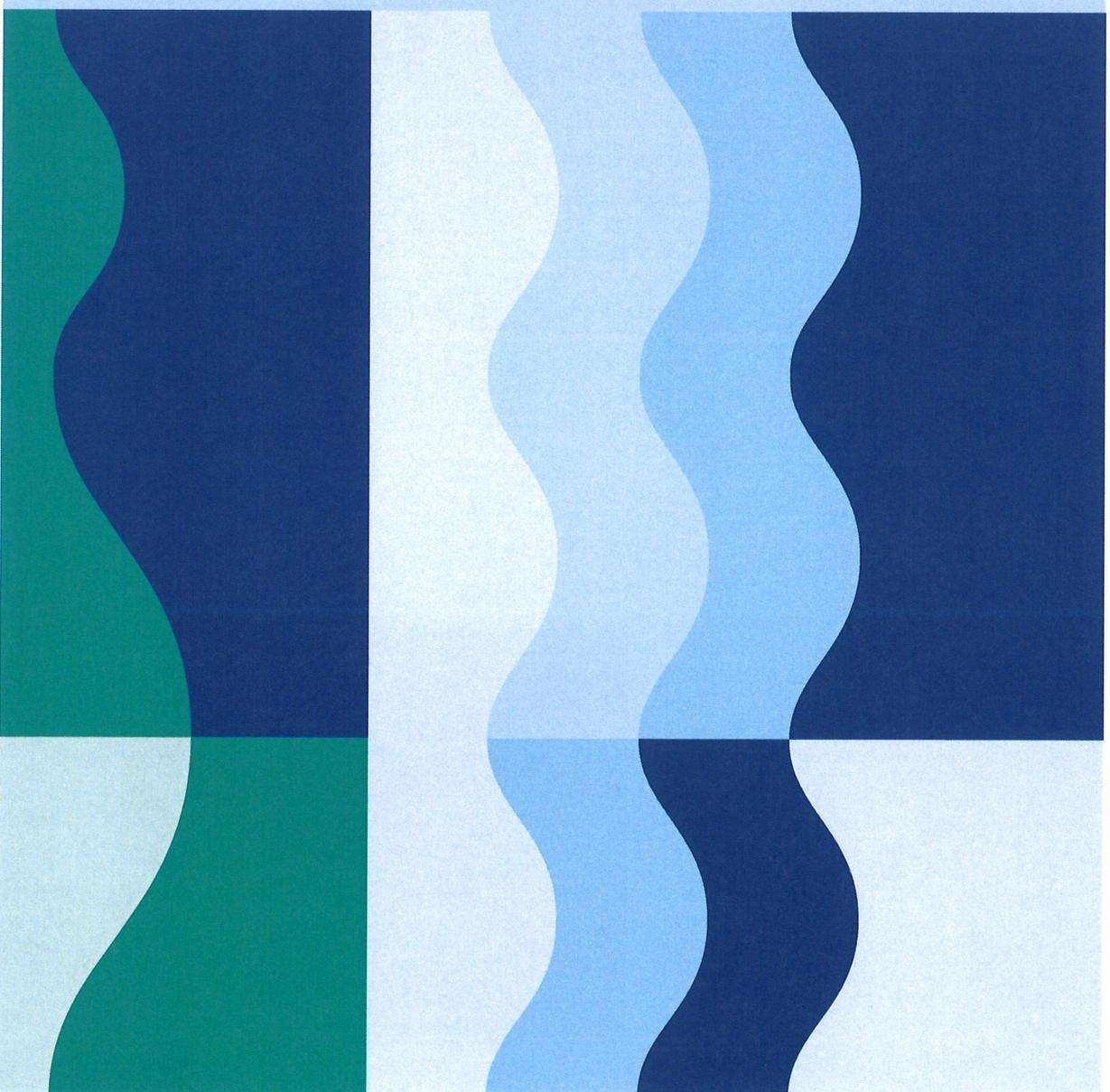

**“EFCA support in SAR and
Capacity Building and
Training Exchange
Programme as regards SAR
related activities”**

**SAR awareness session for non-SAR community
Online, 28NOV2023**

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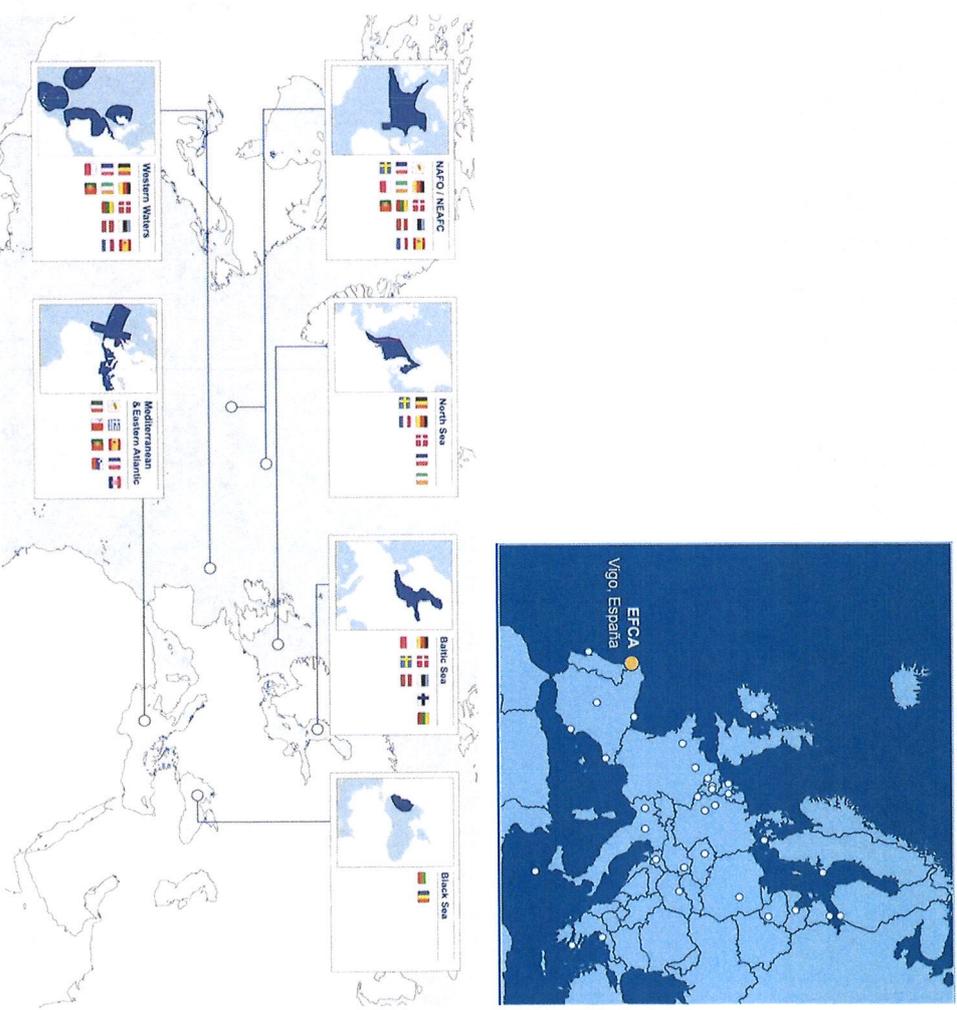
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EFCA in a nutshell

EFCA basic facts

- EU decentralized agency established as per Regulation (EC) 768/2005
- Since 2008 based in Vigo
- 2016 amendment of the mandate cooperation on coast guard functions: EFCA-EMSA-FRONTEX
- Budget 2023: 30 million EUR
- Staff: 100
- Executive Director: Dr. Susan Steele



EFFCAs operational model

EFFCAs operational model involve following operational capacities:

- 1 Coordination Centre at EFFCA HQ
- 3 chartered multipurpose offshore patrol vessels
- charter of airborne means
- IMS, JADE, FISHNET, other fisheries data basis, tools
- EFFCA and MS inspectors
- Interagency cooperation (TWA, SLA, MoU, etc.)



EFFCAs fleet of multipurpose OPVs

EFFCA's platforms of opportunity:

* Ocean Sentinel * Ocean Guardian * Ocean Protector *

Primary

 Fisheries inspection and control

Support role

-  Search and rescue
-  Border Control and Customs control
-  Law enforcement
-  Maritime environmental protection and response
-  Maritime monitoring and surveillance
-  Maritime safety
-  Maritime accident and disaster response

- Multi-Role Support Emergency Response and Rescue Vessels (ERRV) built in 2018 with overall length of 62 meters each

- Portuguese flag

- 7 ensuite cabins for single or double use

- Enclosed space for physical exercise

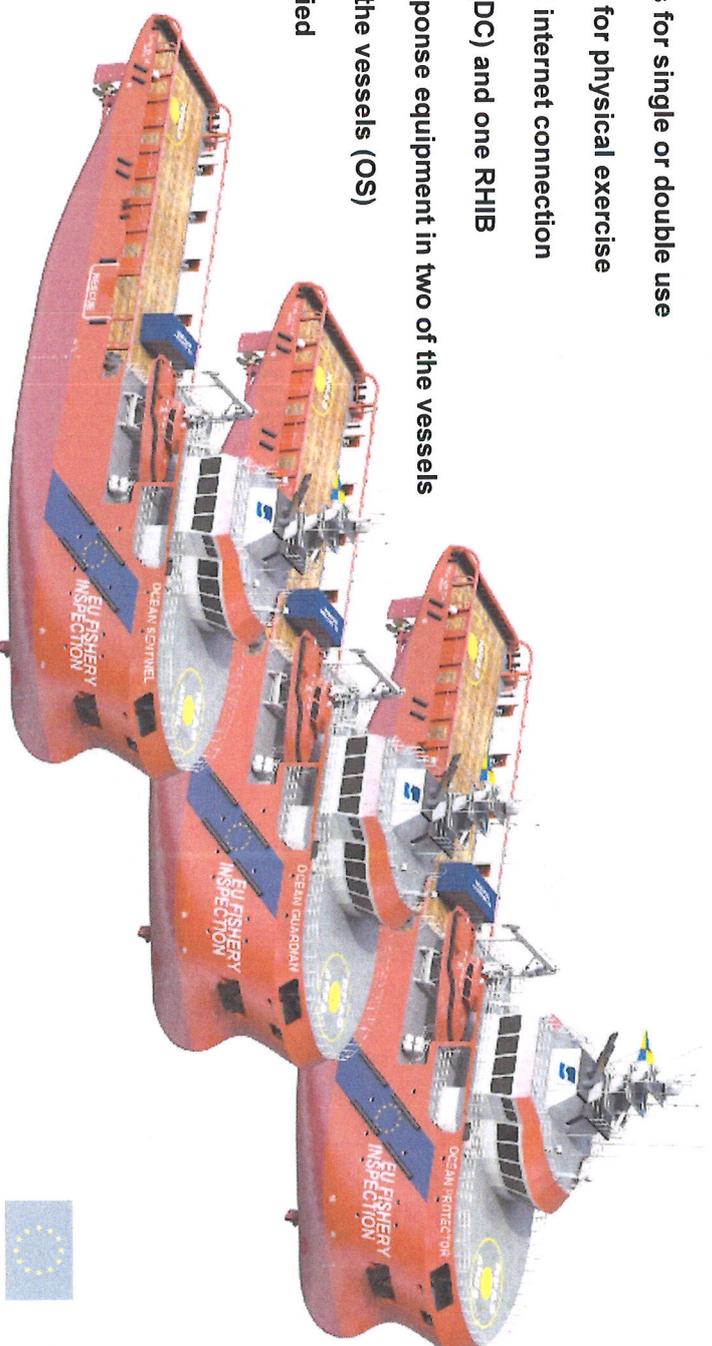
- High broadband internet connection

- Daughter Craft (DC) and one RHIB

- Oil pollution response equipment in two of the vessels

- RPAS in one of the vessels (OS)

- ISO 14001 certified



EFCA's fleet of multipurpose OPVs

EFCA's platforms of opportunity:

* Ocean Sentinel * Ocean Guardian * Ocean Protector *

Extra supplies:

- Life vests 
- Surplus medical supplies 
- Disinfection and protection means 
- Food and emergency rations 
- Shelter place 



Main principles during SAR

Respect of international rules related to SAR for chartered means by EFCA during their mission.

Participation in SAR operation when requested by a MRCC/JRCC after request has been acknowledged by master.

Providing assistance to any person found in distress at sea.



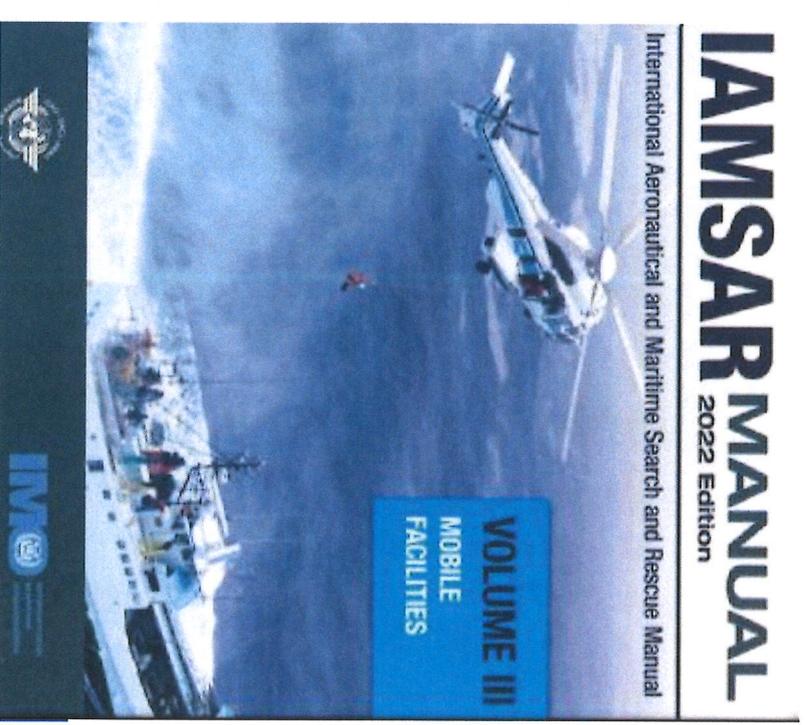
Conclusion

EFCA is one of the EUs operational actors at sea.

EFCA's operational capabilities can contribute to other CG functions.

Timely coordination with relevant actors during the SAR is critical.

Swift disembarkation of rescued persons at sea to a place of safety must be ensured.



CBTEXPr background information

CG Project capacity building and training (CBT) activity is the direct follow up of the European Coast Guard Academies network (ECGFA Net) project covering:

- capacity building and training exchange programme (CBTEXPr),
- Sectoral Qualification Framework for Coast Guard Functions (SQFCGF).

Exchange programmes of officers/experts allow better to exchange experience and best practices among CG authorities in different EU MS allows also to:

- support and strengthen co-operation with neighbouring countries and between countries in different regions,
- prepare jointly better for international missions/operations.



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Scope and target audience of CBTEXPr

Inclusive and covers the widest possible scope in the CGF area.

For example:

- support cross-sectorial co-work and co-operations,
- strengthen common understanding and inter-agency cooperation.

It gives to all authorities in EU MS, which are dealing on daily basis with CGF, an opportunity to participate in the program as:

- a facilitator (exchange host) or
- an officer/expert as a trainee (exchange participant).

Target audience:
CGF authorities,
entities, and
academies from MS,
European Free Trade
Association countries
and Schengen
associated countries.



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Aim of the CBTEXPr

The aim of the CBTEXPr is to encourage EU MS CG authorities and entities, as well as the academies, to share, among other things:

1) their experiences and working methods;

2) show/introduce their equipment, resources, capabilities and infrastructure.

During the exchange(s) the participants will get the experience on how to work together in an international environment, which will be a good basis for the joint operations and exercises done and held at the EU level.



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CBTEXPr Terms of References

- Main CBTEXPr document for hosts and exchange participants.
- Document contains information about background, scope and main actors, roles of different involved parties, requirements for hosts and participants, conditions and rules of procedures, steps of implementing capacity building and training exchange programme, as well as calendar of the exchange periods and all the respective annexes.
- The eligible costs of the CBTEXPr include travel, accommodation and daily allowance. The programme does not cover the hosts' costs.



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CBTEPr first period 02.2024 to 01.2025 activities

- Call for hosts – launched on the 2 June 2023, open until 11 September 2023 (twice prolonged).
- Offers for hosts were voluntary. The programme does not cover the hosts' costs.
- Outcome of call for hosts:
 - 9 Member States & Iceland;
 - 21 coast guard authorities and entities;
 - 28 different exchange offers;
 - 127 participants places;
 - offered exchanges cover all CGF, sea and air activities.
- Call for participants – launched on the 23 October 2023. Due date for applying was 26 November 2023. Due date extended until 18 December 2023.
- Exchanges to start from February 2024.
- Observation of exchanges with a summary stories/leaflets.

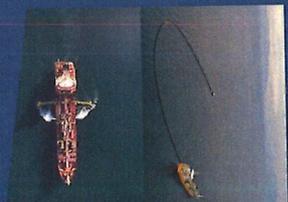


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<https://coastguard.europa.eu>

(Operation 'Frontex' projects are co-financed in the future under the ERDF)



The aim of the Exchange Programme is to encourage the authorities, entities, and academies involved in Coast Guard Functions, to share their know-how and working methods, present and exchange experience with their equipment, resources, capabilities, and infrastructure

Be part of the new and inclusive Exchange Programme as a host and/or a participant.

Contact us to help develop and enhance the European cooperation on Coast Guard Functions.

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Target audience

Coast Guard Function authorities, entities, and academies from Member States, European Free Trade Association countries and Schengen associated countries



Scope

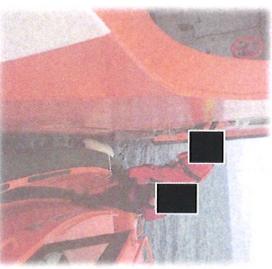
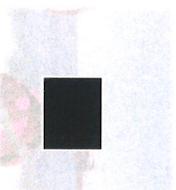
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- Strengthen common understanding and inter-agency cooperation.



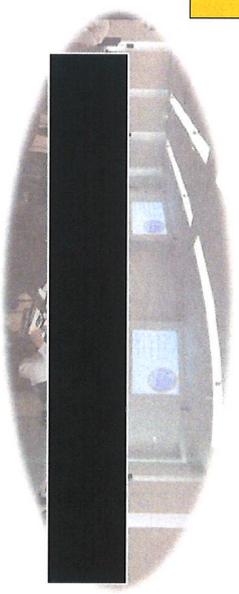
Areas

- On-the-job training and work shadowing (core of the Exchange Programme).
- Different Coast Guard Function courses.

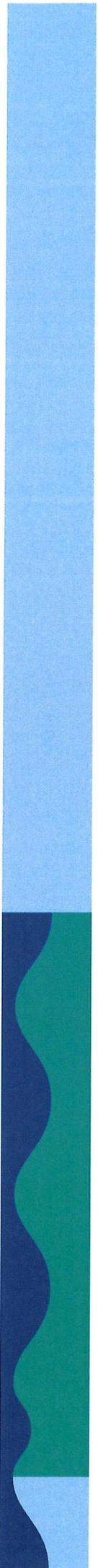
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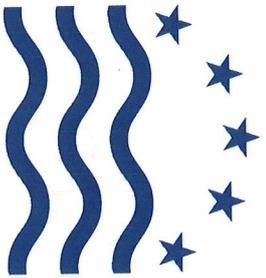


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Any questions?





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