



# EUNAVFOR MED Operation SOPHIA



**12° IFLOS MARITIME TALKS**  
**Migrants at Sea**  
**Hamburg, 17 March 2018**

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# OPERATION SOPHIA

## part of the EU Comprehensive Approach

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- ENFM is part of the EU's comprehensive approach to **migration** and supports **the return of stability to Libya (with 27 MS participating)**
- Key EU migration initiatives:
  - **10 Point Action Plan – 25 April 2015**
  - **Valletta Action Plan, Valletta Summit – November 2015**
  - **Migration Partnership Framework – 7 June 2016**
  - **Malta Declaration – 3 Feb 2017**
  - **Commission Action plan on measures to support Italy – July 2017**
  - **AU-EU-UN Task Force (AU-EU summit) – 28 November 2017**
  - **EU Africa Trust Fund project on Support to Integrated Border and Migration Management in Libya – December 2017**



# EUNAVFOR MED TASKS

Mandate extended to 31 December 2018



## CORE TASK

**2015**

**CONTRIBUTE TO  
DISRUPT THE  
SMUGGLERS'  
BUSINESS  
MODEL**

## SUPPORTING TASKS

**2016**

**ARMS  
EMBARGO**

**CAPACITY BUILDING  
and TRAINING  
LIBYAN NAVY  
AND COAST GUARD**

**2017**

**ENHANCE  
INFORMATION  
EXCHANGE**

**GATHERING  
INFORMATION  
ON OIL SMUGGLING**

**MONITORING  
LIBYAN NAVY  
AND COAST GUARD**



# CORE TASK

## UNSCR 2380 (2017)



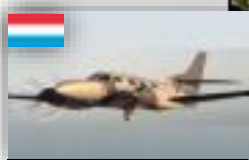
SEAGULL 75



GATO 11



PRORA/RANDA 45



SEAGULL 19



JASON 10



PIRATE



SAN GIUSTO



ESPS SANTA MARIA



FGS SACHSEN



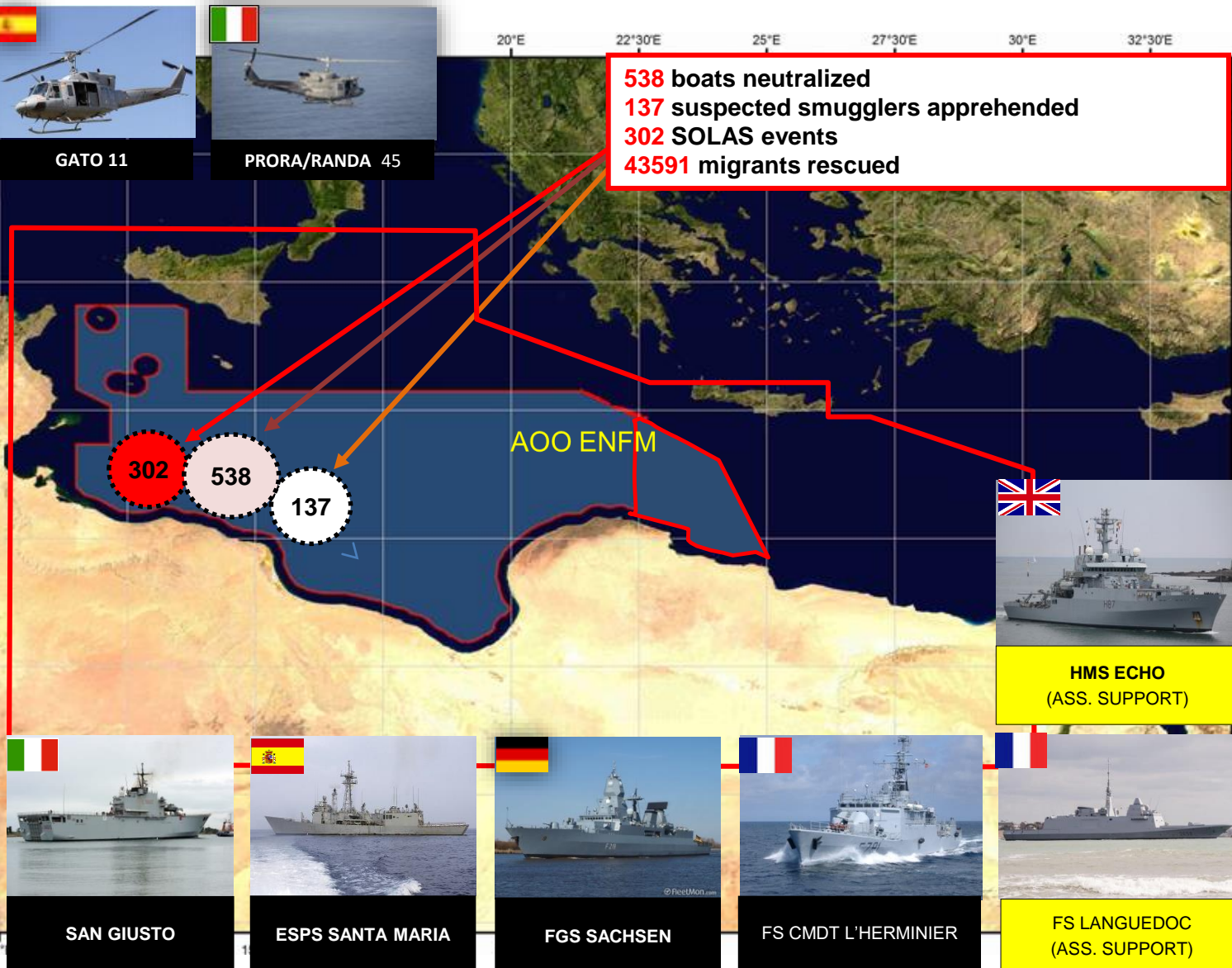
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FS LANGUEDOC  
(ASS. SUPPORT)



HMS ECHO  
(ASS. SUPPORT)

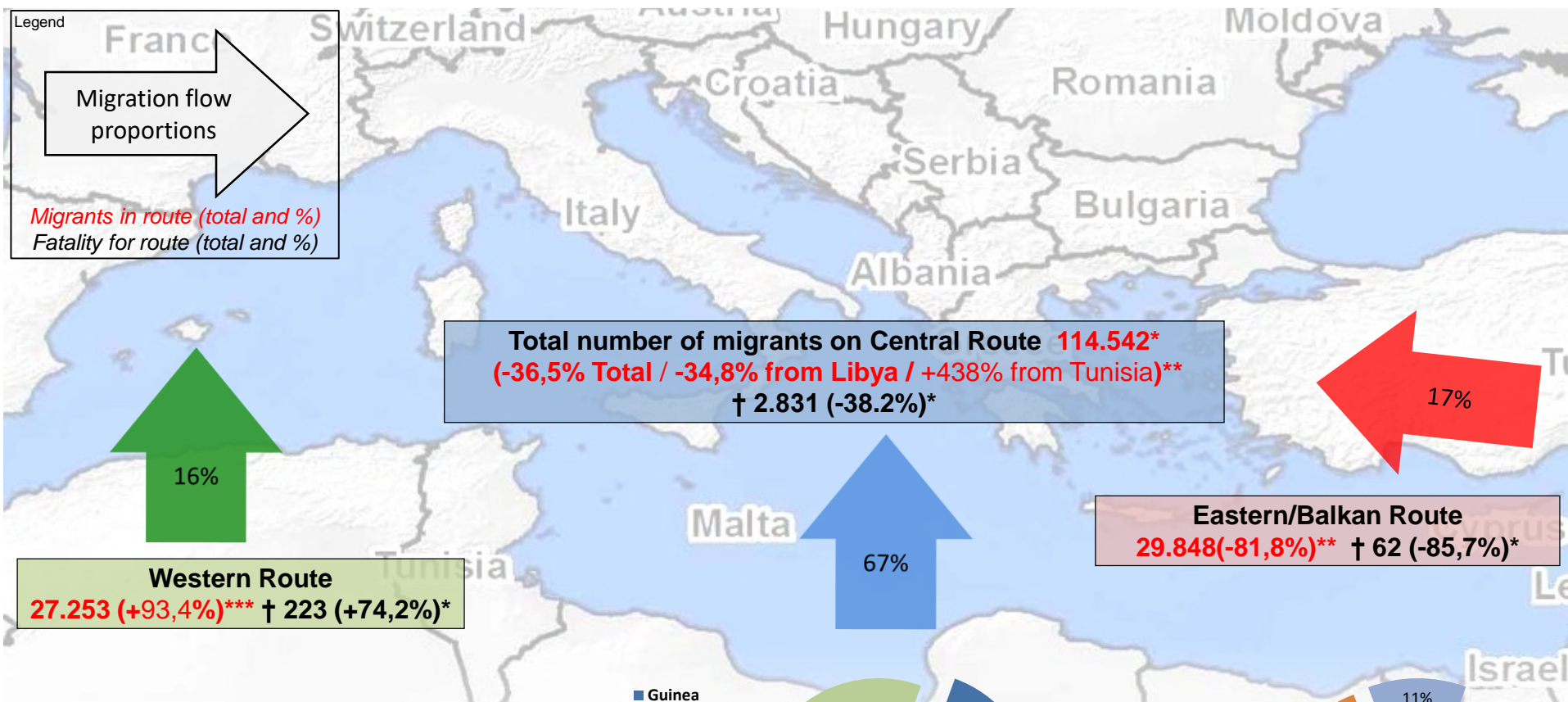






# Migration Flow 2017

01 Jan 2017 – 31 Dec 2017



## Sources:

CMR – FRONTEX/JORA (02 Jan 2018)

WMR – UNHCR STATISTICS (20 Dec 2017)

EMR – EUNAVFORMED – FRONTEX (19 Dec 2017)

## Source fatalities:

IOM Missing Migrants (21 Dec 2017)

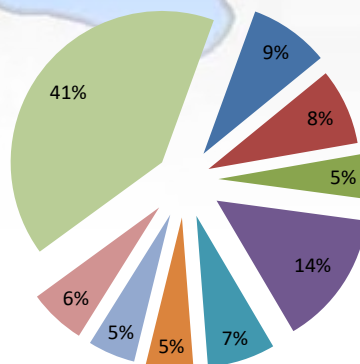
\* Excluding migrants arriving from Turkey and Greece

\*\* Compared to the same period (CMR and EMR)

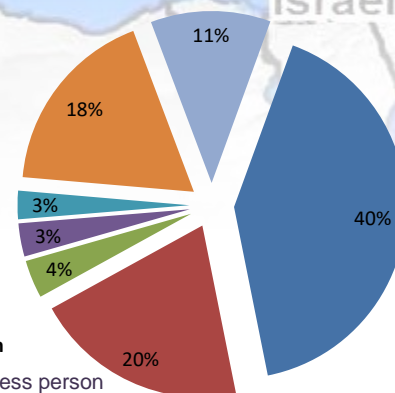
\*\*\* Compared period 31 Dec 2016 (WMR)

\* Compared period 30 Dec 2016

Guinea  
Ivory Coast  
Senegal  
Nigeria  
Bangladesh  
Gambia  
Sudan  
Mali  
Others



Syria  
Iraq  
Pakistan  
XXA  
Algeria  
Others  
Afghanistan

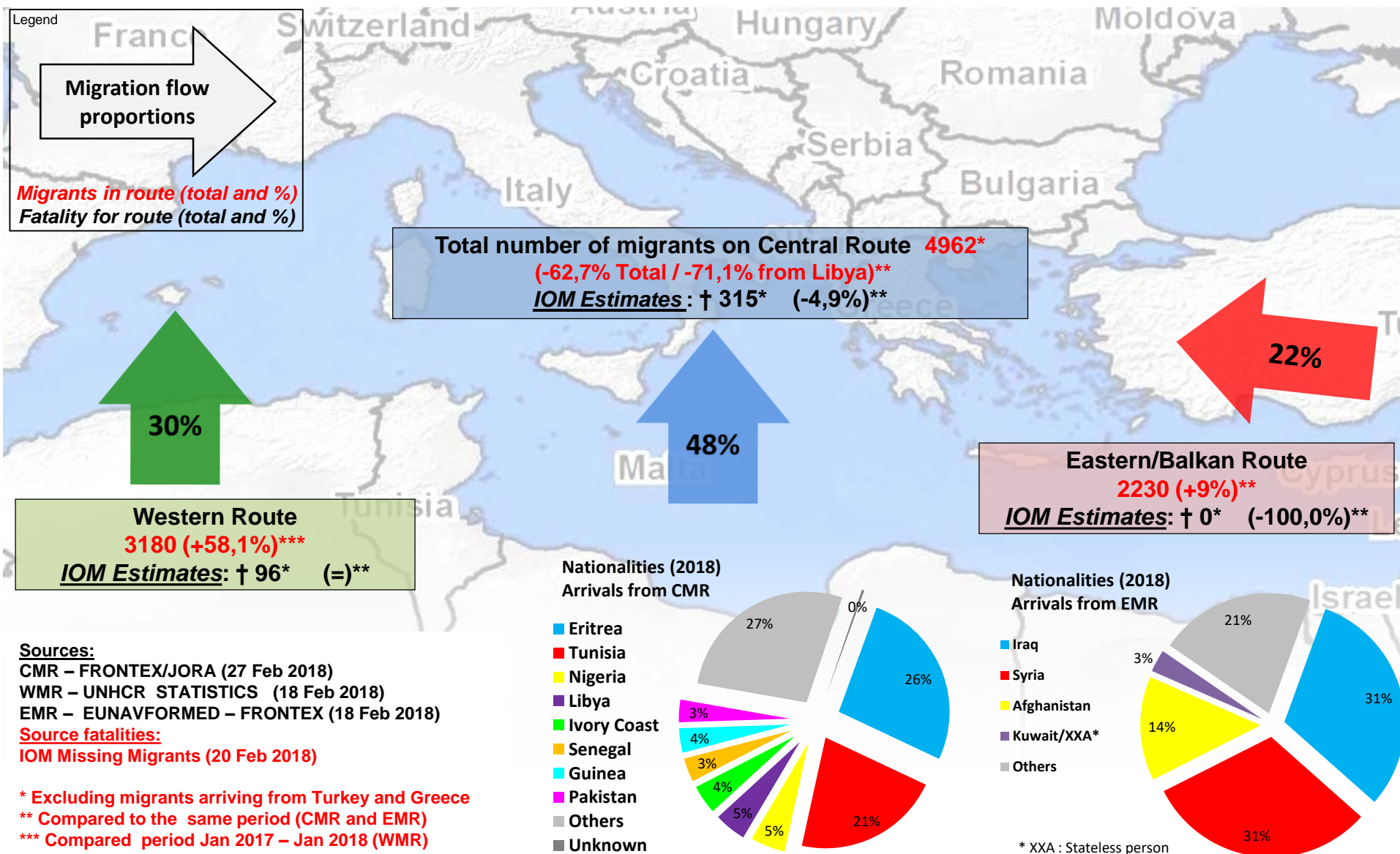


XXA = Stateless person



# Migration Flow 2018

01 Jan 2018 – 27 Feb 2018



**Sources:**  
CMR – FRONTEX/JORA (27 Feb 2018)  
WMR – UNHCR STATISTICS (18 Feb 2018)  
EMR – EUNAVFORMED – FRONTEX (18 Feb 2018)  
**Source fatalities:**  
IOM Missing Migrants (20 Feb 2018)

\* Excluding migrants arriving from Turkey and Greece  
\*\* Compared to the same period (CMR and EMR)  
\*\*\* Compared period Jan 2017 – Jan 2018 (WMR)  
\* Current year figures (death + missing)  
\*\* Compared period Jan 2017 – Jan 2018

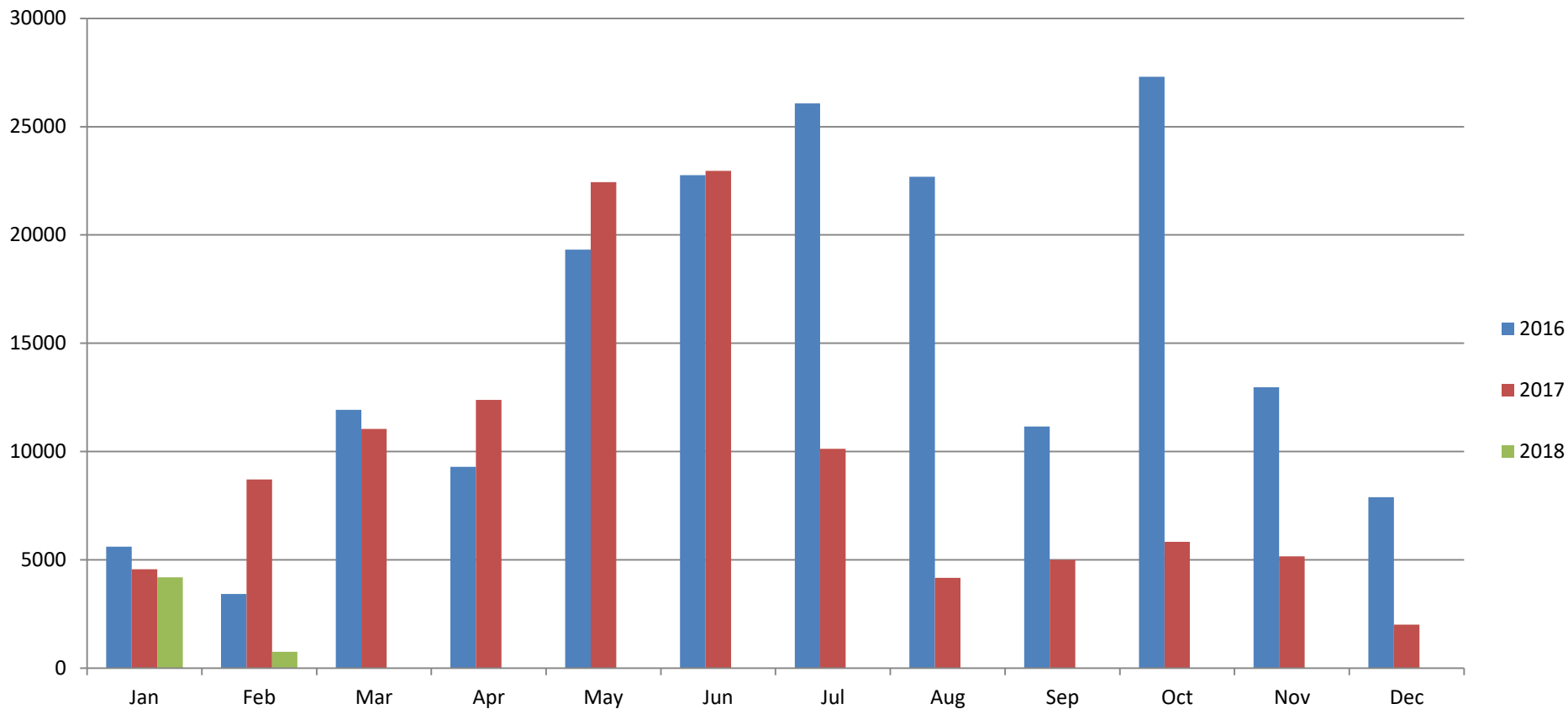


# MIGRATION FLOW

## Central Mediterranean Route



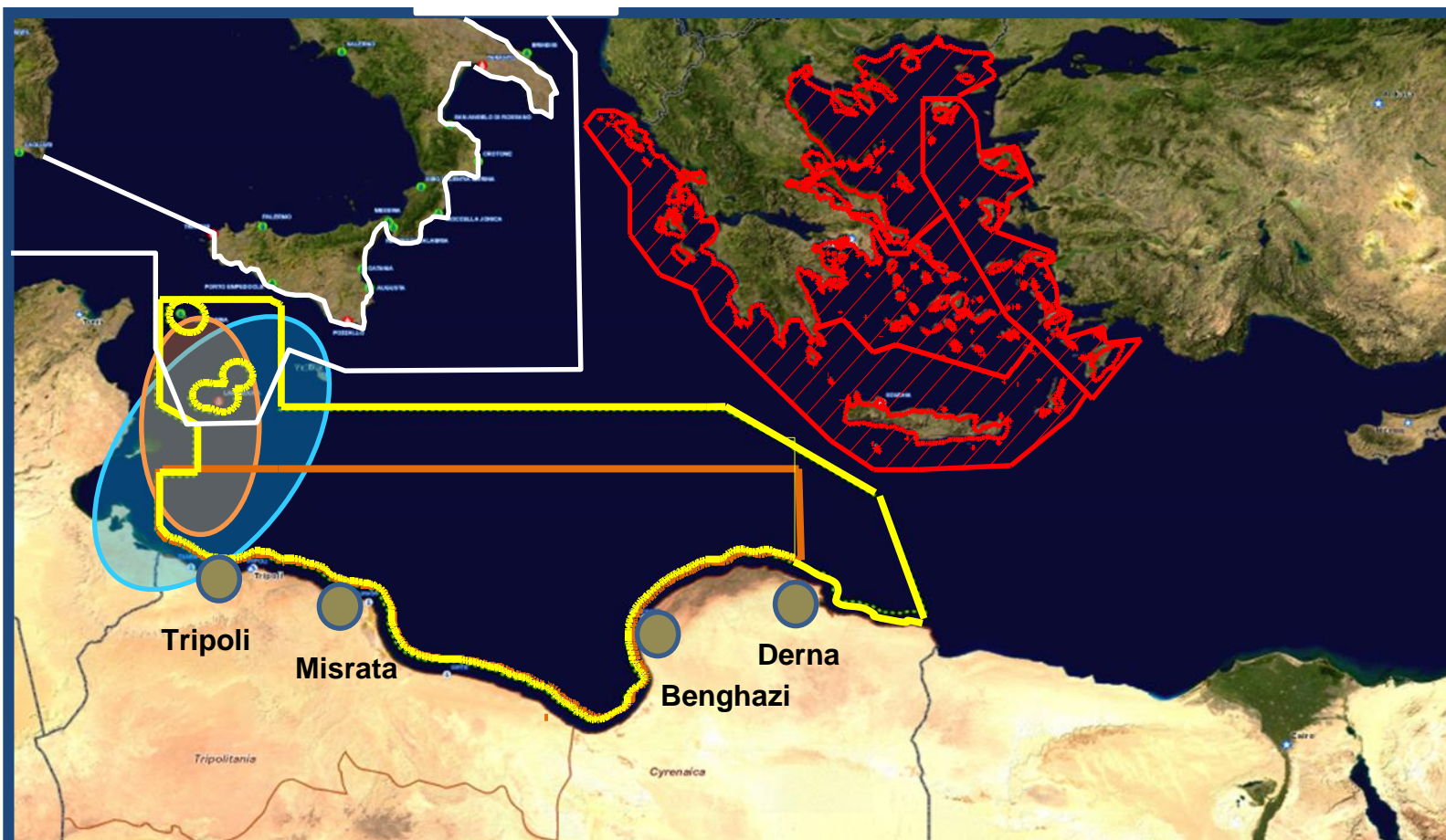
**CMR DEPARTURES (Monthly) 2016 – 2017 – 2018**







# AOO & OTHER OPERATIONS



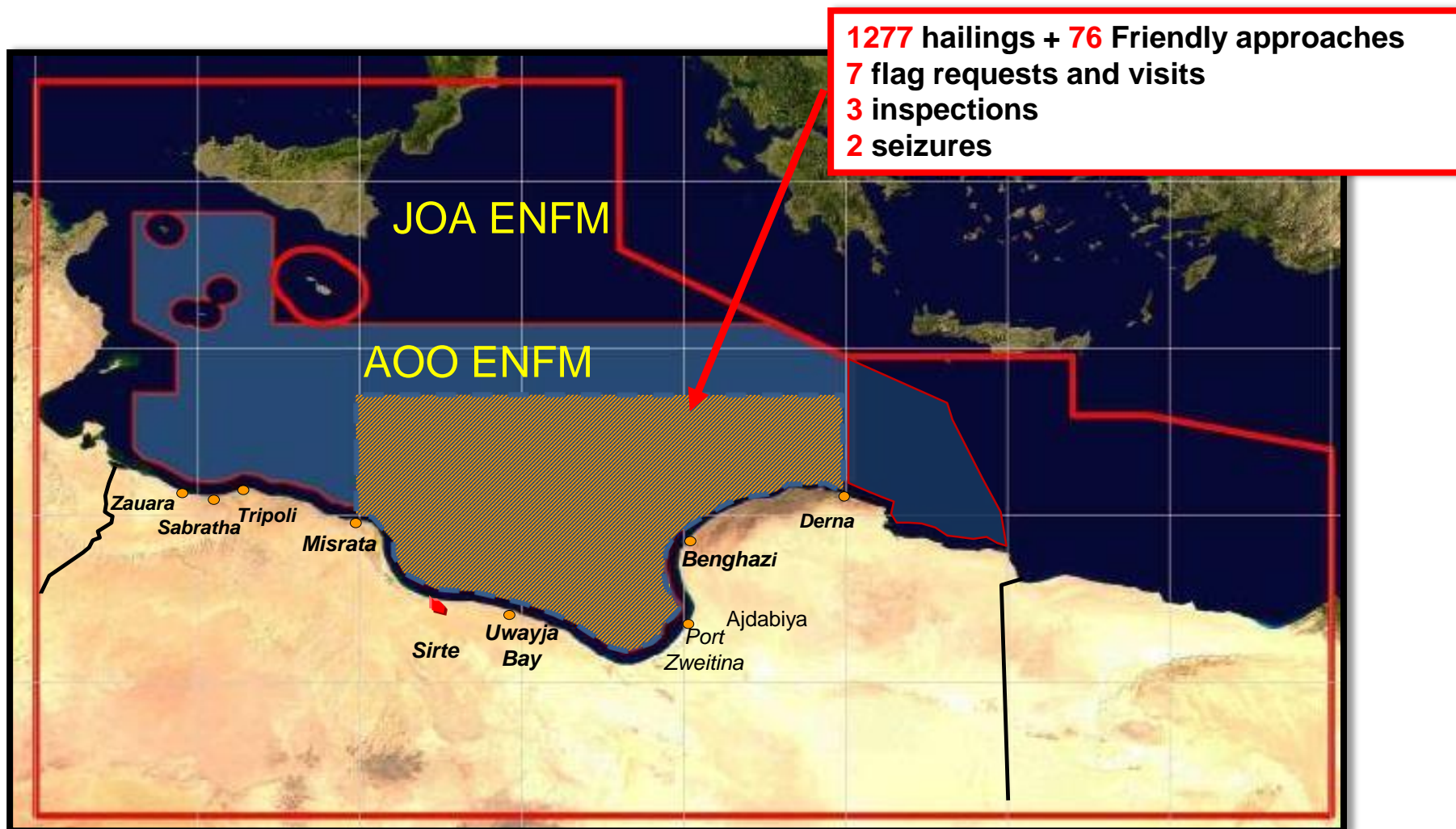
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| ENFM Op SOPHIA    | NGO/Independent deployers | THEMIS (FRONTEX)       |
| Mare Sicuro (ITA) | POSEIDON (FRONTEX)        | - NATO Op Sea Guardian |





# COUNTERING ILLEGAL ARMS TRAFFICKING

## UNSRC 2357 (2017)





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## UNSCR 2357 (2017)



- ENFM continues to be the **only actor** implementing the UN arms embargo on Libya in line with UNSCR 2357 (2017)
- ENFM's presence has achieved an internationally recognised **deterrent effect** against arms smugglers in international waters
- During the last year **three inspections** and **two arms seizures** were conducted





# GATHERING INFO ON OIL SMUGGLING



- **List of Vessel of interest** (around 250 today) suspected to be involved in illicit activities has been extended to those vessels suspected of oil smuggling (around 40)
- Gathered information, VOI list and dedicated intelligence reports are **regularly shared** with relevant agencies
- **First Report** on “oil smuggling” in March 2018







# TRAINING

## LIBYAN NAVY AND COAST GUARD

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- **Memorandum of understanding** signed by the OPCDR and LCG&N Commander on 23 August 2016
- Training is **coordinated** by ENFM and **provided** by EU MS training facilities with the support of EU MS mobile team and EU, UN and NGO organizations
- **201** certificates awarded and **188** Libyan personnel trained since October 2016
- **Target:** Libyan Coast Guard and Navy personnel (coast guard functions) – goal: **500** people trained by the end of 2018)
- Personnel are selected by the Libyan Committee of Experts and **vetted** by EU MS, EUROPOL and INTERPOL
- Training is **funded** by MS on a voluntary base



# TRAINING

## LIBYAN NAVY AND COAST GUARD



### Package 1 – at sea

Basic training on EU ships

- ITS San Giorgio (10 weeks)
- HNLMS Rotterdam (4 weeks)

Completed - 93 trained

### Package 2 – ashore

Greece & Malta – 40 trained  
Italy (Taranto) – 65 trained  
Italy (SMART) – 3 trained

#### Future Training

Greece: 25 trainees  
7 weeks (Mar-May 18)  
Spain: 36 trainees  
4 weeks (2018)  
Italy: 85 trainees  
8 week (2018)

### Package 3 - operational sea training

Advanced training on Libyan boats (8 weeks)





# MONITORING



- Addendum to the **Memorandum of understanding** signed by the OPCDR and LCG&N Commander on 21 August 2017
- **Monitoring mechanism** based on 3 pillars:
  - Information collection
  - Remote monitoring
  - Periodic meetings (Libya, Tunis)
- **Conditions**
  - Observation of LCG&N personnel's service and workplace
  - Single-day meetings as part of other EU visits
  - Monitoring done in respect of national mandates, considering security and legal aspects
  - No executive functions nor military-embedded mentoring activities





# INFORMATION EXCHANGE



Italian Direzione Nazionale Antimafia  
e antiterrorismo  
"Observatory" Protocol  
(4 July 2017)

IT Prosecutors  
Information on  
suspects & interviews

EUROJUST  
Letter of Understanding  
(1 October 2015)

IMO, ICS  
Technical meetings

INTERPOL through NCB Italy  
Working arrangement  
(21 July 2017)  
Vetting partner

USA, TUNISIA,  
AFRICAN UNION  
• Info Exchange

MARCOM  
Administrative Arrangement  
Op. Sophia and Op. Sea Guardian  
(30 May 2017)

FRONTEX  
Exchange of letters  
(July 2015)  
Vetting partner

UNSMIL  
Info exchange through LNO

UNODC  
Working arrangement  
(24 November 2016)

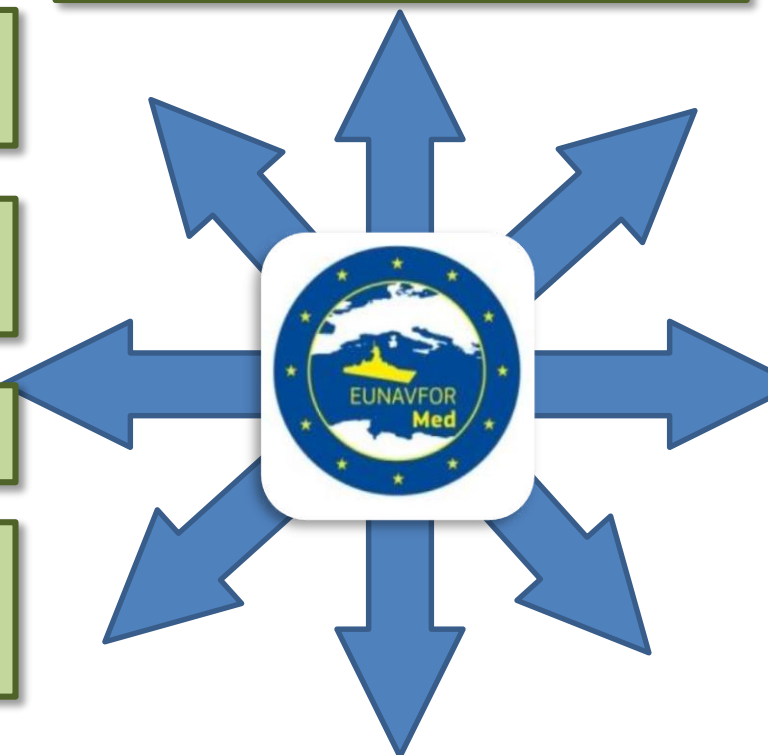
IOM, UNHCR  
Technical meetings  
Training Partner

EUBAM Libya  
Administrative Arrangement on  
Cooperation  
(26 January 2018)

OSCE  
Letter of Intent  
(27 June 2017)

EUROPOL  
MOU  
(22 December 2015)  
Vetting partner

ICC  
Administrative  
Arrangement  
(7 September 2017)





# OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



## INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES

- ☐ African Union (African Group at UN)
- ☐ Arab League (Arab Group at UN)
- ☐ International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- ☐ International Federation Of Red Cross and Red crescent (IFRC)
- ☐ International Criminal Court (ICC)
- ☐ INTERPOL
- ☐ Italian National Prosecutor Office against organized crime
- ☐ Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- ☐ **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO-MARCOM) \***
- ☐ Sovrano Ordine Militare di Malta (SMOM)
- ☐ International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
- ☐ International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- ☐ International Organization for Migration (IOM)

## UNITED NATIONS (UN)

- ☐ Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- ☐ UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- ☐ UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)
- ☐ UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- ☐ **UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) \***
- ☐ UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- ☐ UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- ☐ UN Department of Political Affairs (UNDPA)
- ☐ UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO)
- ☐ UN Office of Military Affairs (UNOMA)
- ☐ WFP (World Food Program)

## NON GOVERNAMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

- ☐ International Medical Corps
- ☐ Jugend Rettet
- ☐ Médecin Sans Frontières
- ☐ MOAS
- ☐ Proactiva Open Arms
- ☐ Save the Children
- ☐ Sea Eye
- ☐ SOS Méditerranée
- ☐ Sea Watch
- ☐ Rava Foundation
- ☐ CARITAS

## EUROPEAN UNION

- ☐ EU PARLIAMENT
- ☐ EU Training Mission (EUTM) MALI
- ☐ EU Training Mission (EUTM) SOMALIA
- ☐ **EU Military Staff (EUMS) \***
- ☐ **CIVILIAN PLANNING CONDUCT CAPABILITY (EEAS/CPCC) \***
- ☐ European Defence Agency (EDA)
- ☐ EUROJUST
- ☐ **EUROPOL \***
- ☐ **EUROPEAN BORDER COAST GUARD AGENCY (FRONTEx - WARSAW) \***
- ☐ **EUROPEAN BORDER COAST GUARD AGENCY (FRONTEx - CATANIA) \***
- ☐ EUNAVFOR ATALANTA
- ☐ EU Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) LIBYA
- ☐ EU Libya Planning Cell (EULPC)
- ☐ EU Satellite Center (EU SATCEN)
- ☐ EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE (EASO)

## THIRD COUNTRIES

- ☐ LIBYA
- ☐ TUNISIA
- ☐ EGYPT
- ☐ ALGERIA
- ☐ ISRAEL
- ☐ NORWAY
- ☐ TURKEY
- ☐ USA

## **AFRICOM \***

## **EUCOM \***

## **NAVEUR \***

- ☐ COMSIXFLEET
- ☐ US COAST GUARD

\* LO/WV Acting

\* LO/WV Foreseen



# Shared Awareness and De-confliction in the Mediterranean (SHADE MED)



- **5th SHADE MED** conference held in Rome on 23-24 November 2017
- Attended by **202** representatives from **36** countries and **94** organisations.
- The conference was chaired by IT Navy
- Supporting information exchange between civilian and military actors
- ENFM continues to provide the permanent secretariat for the SHADE MED
- **Next SHADE MED** planned on **19-20 June 2018**





# CONCLUSIONS



- Since July 2017, **irregular migration** from Libya to Europe has been **reduced**. The situation needs monitoring, but it shows that through an **integrated approach** the smugglers business model can be broken. Is it sustainable?
- Building up **Libyan capacity** to tackle illicit activity (smuggling and trafficking) in a viable way remains a key pillar.
- **Training** and **Monitoring** are important elements of the EU capacity building efforts in Libya.
- Through its **presence at sea**, ENFM is contributing to **maritime security**  
- at the sea and from the sea (act and deter) - in the Central Mediterranean region



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