



EUNAVFOR MED Operation SOPHIA



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Part of the EU Comprehensive Approach



- ENFM is part of the EU's comprehensive approach to **migration** and supports **the return of stability to Libya (with 26 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**
 - **EU-AU-UN Task Force (EU-AU summit) – 28 November 2017**
 - **EU Africa Trust Fund project on Support to Integrated Border and Migration Management in Libya – December 2017**

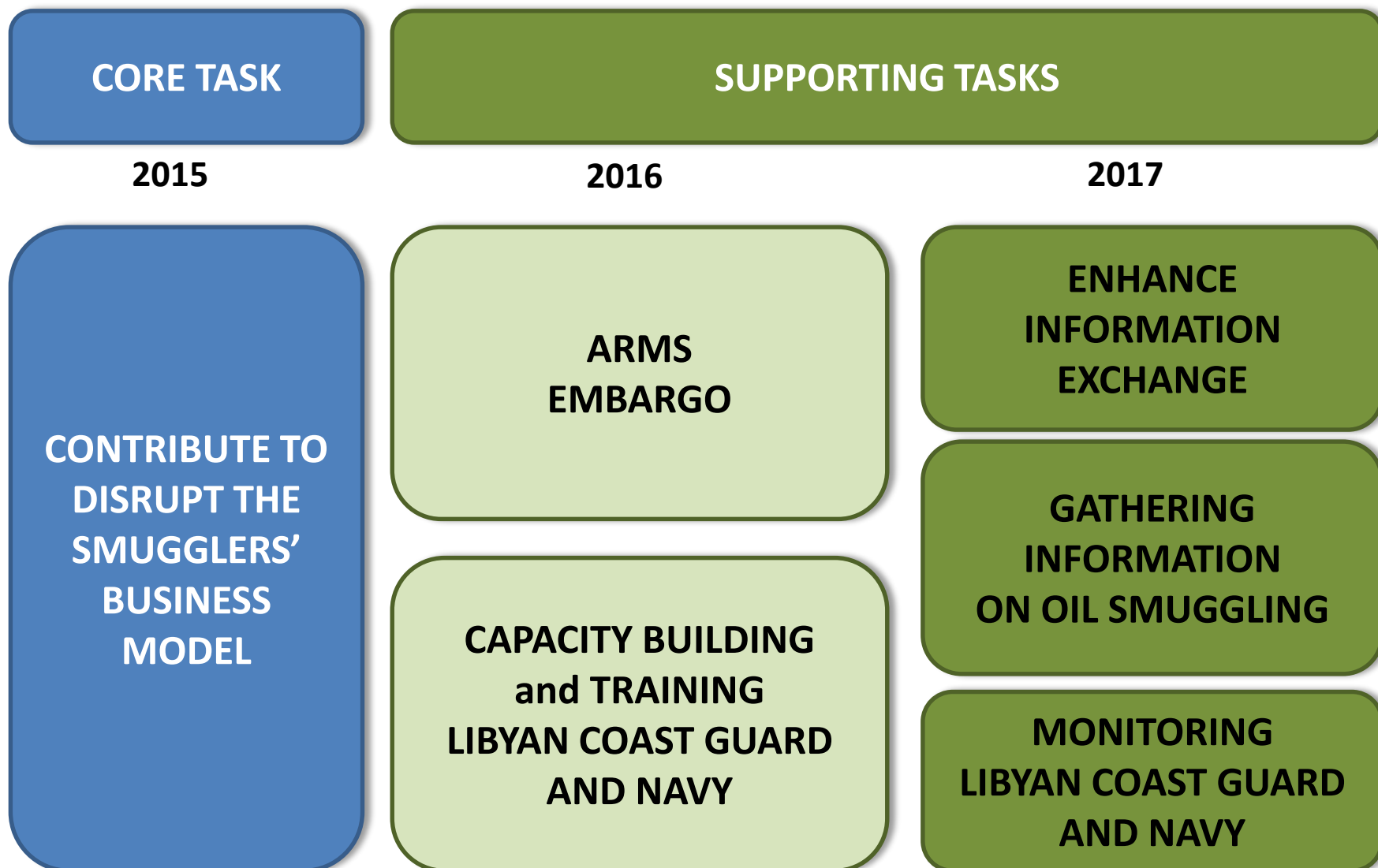


EUNAVFOR MED TASKS

Mandate extended to 31 December 2018

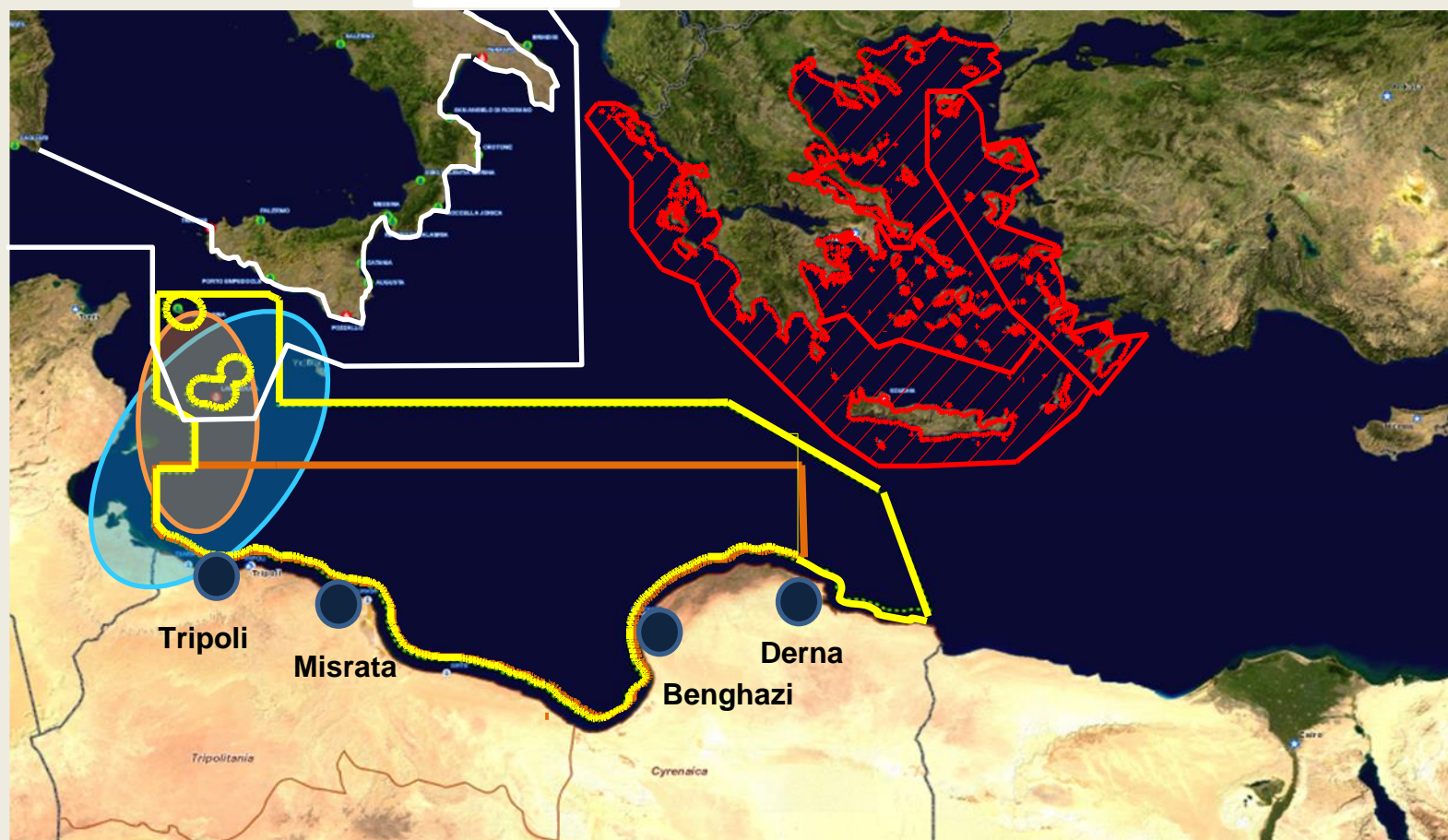


(OPLAN rev 5.1 approved on 21 June 2018)





AOO & OTHER OPERATIONS

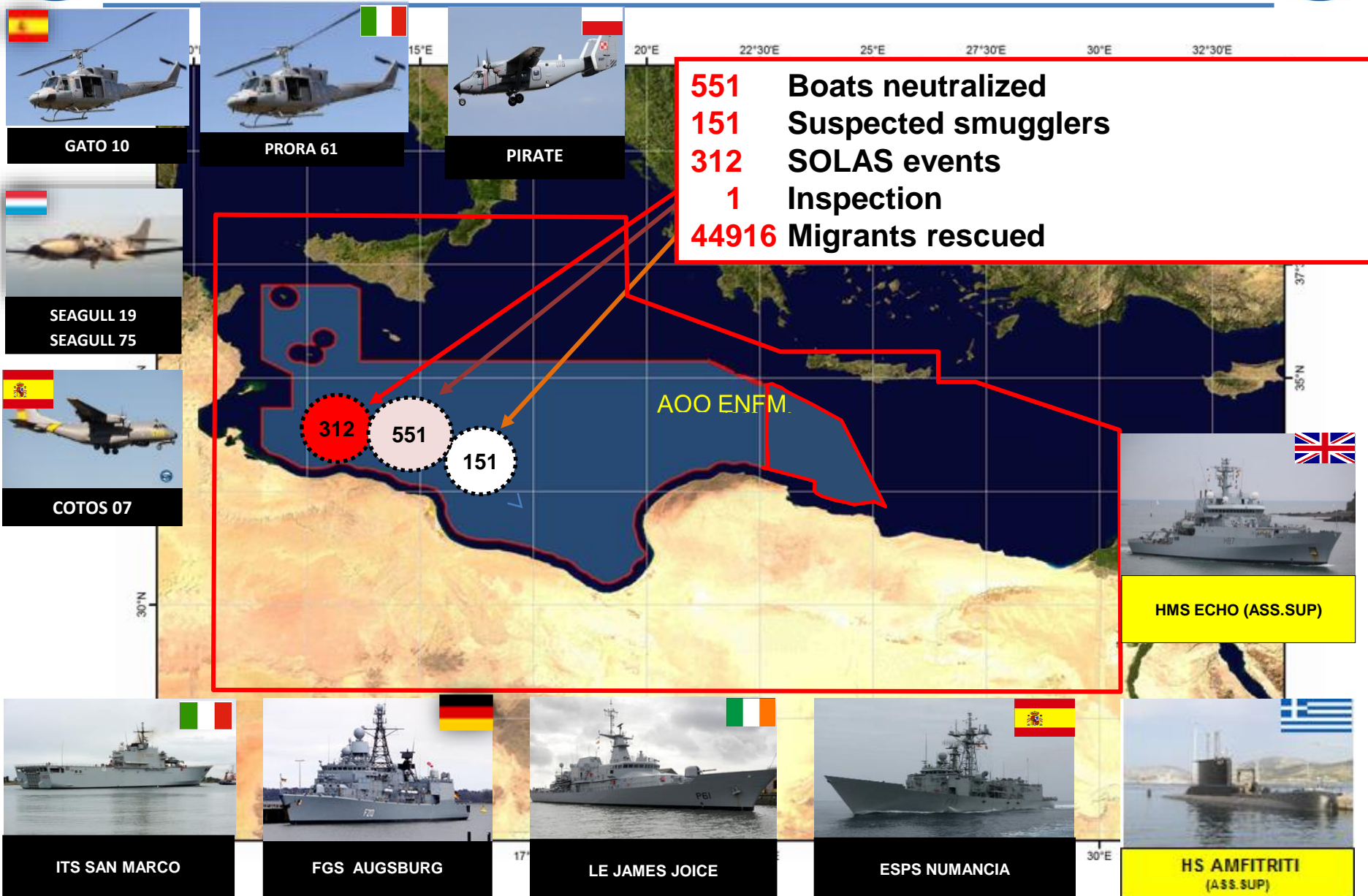


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|  ENFM Op SOPHIA |  NGO |  THEMIS (FRONTEX) |
|  Mare Sicuro (ITA) |  POSEIDON (FRONTEX) | - NATO Op Sea Guardian |



CORE TASK

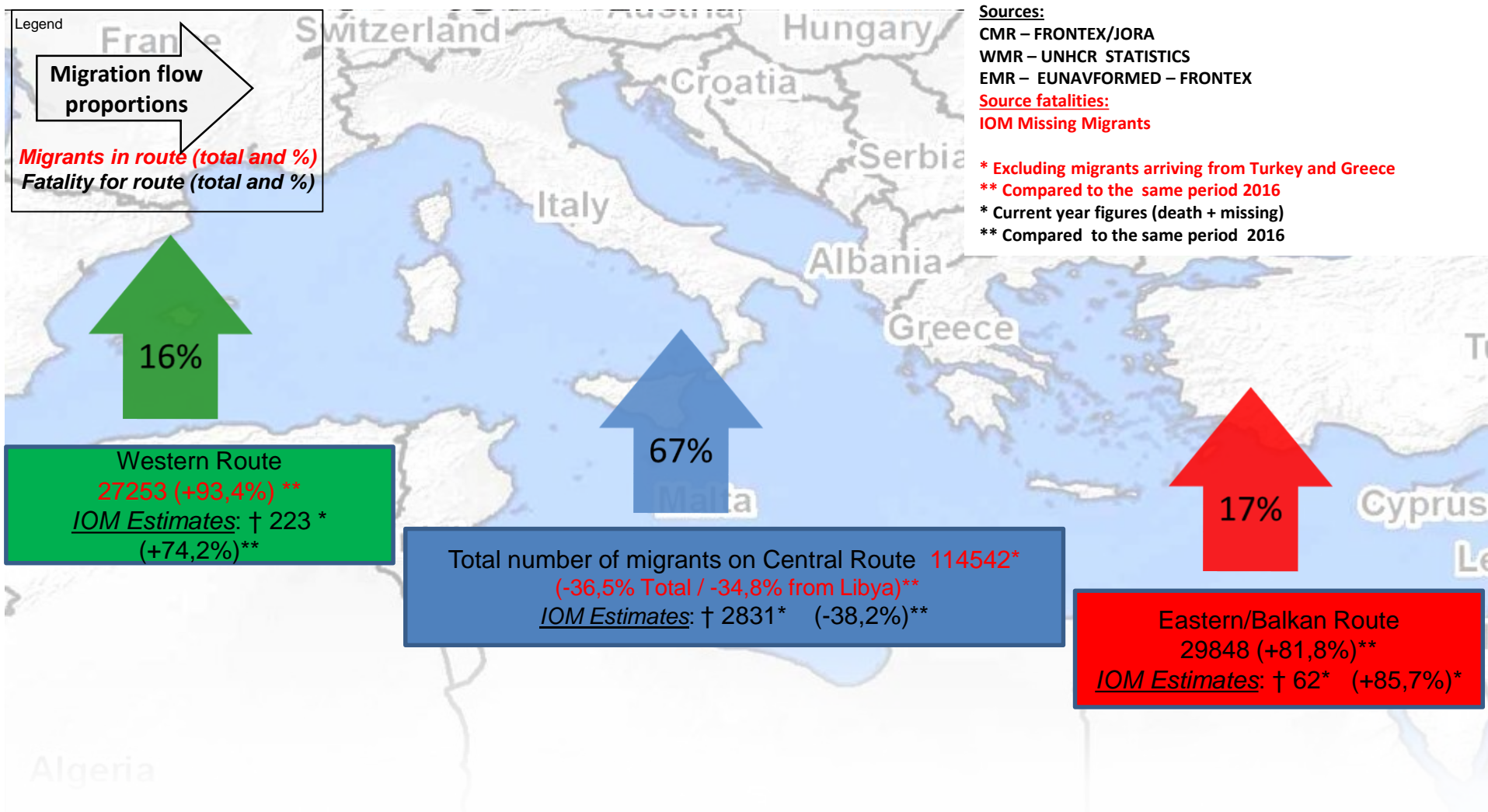
UNSCR 2437 (2018)





MIGRATION FLOW 2017

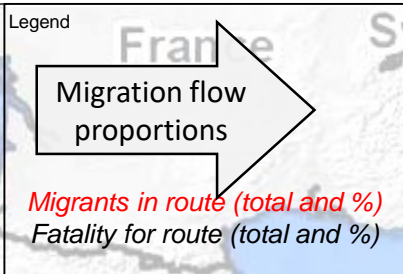
01 Jan 2017 – 31 Dec 2017





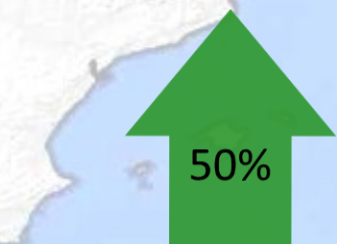
MIGRATION FLOW 2018

01 Jan 2018 – 05 Oct 2018

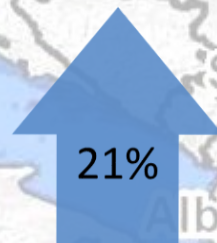


Sources:
CMR – FRONTEX/JORA
WMR – UNHCR STATISTICS
EMR – EUNAVFORMED – FRONTEX
Source fatalities:
IOM Missing Migrants

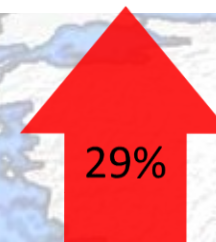
* Excluding migrants arriving from Turkey and Greece
** Compared to the same period 2017
* Current year figures (death + missing)
** Compared to the same period 2017



Western Route
42470 (+146.6%)**
IOM Estimates: † 399* (+175.2%)**

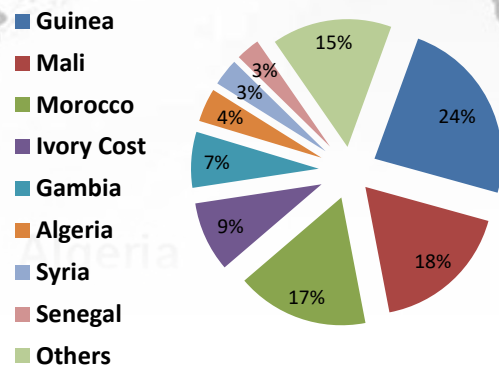


Total number of migrants on Central Route 18322*
(-82.2% Total / -87.1% from Libya)**
IOM Estimates: † 1260* (-49.3%)**

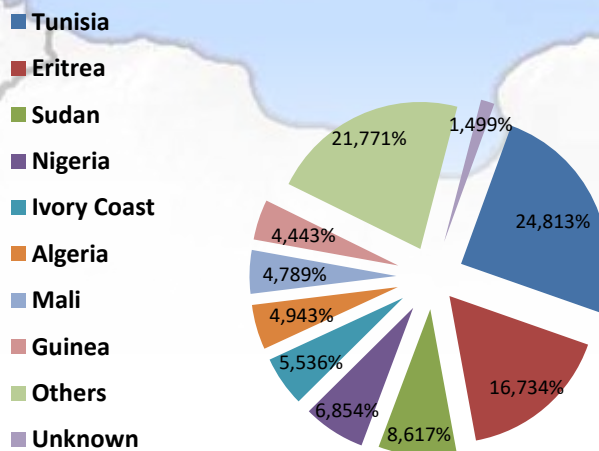


Eastern/Balkan Route
24537 (+17.1%)**
IOM Estimates: † 118* (+156.5%)**

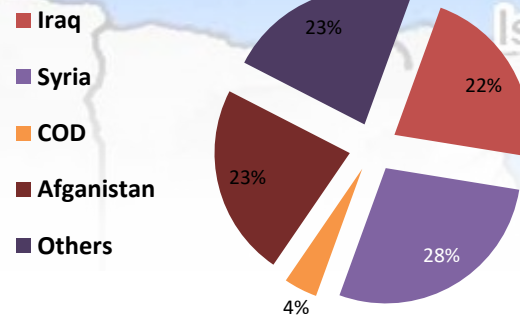
Nationalities *(2018) – WMR - Monthly



Nationalities (2018) – CMR - Daily



Nationalities (2018) – EMR - Weekly

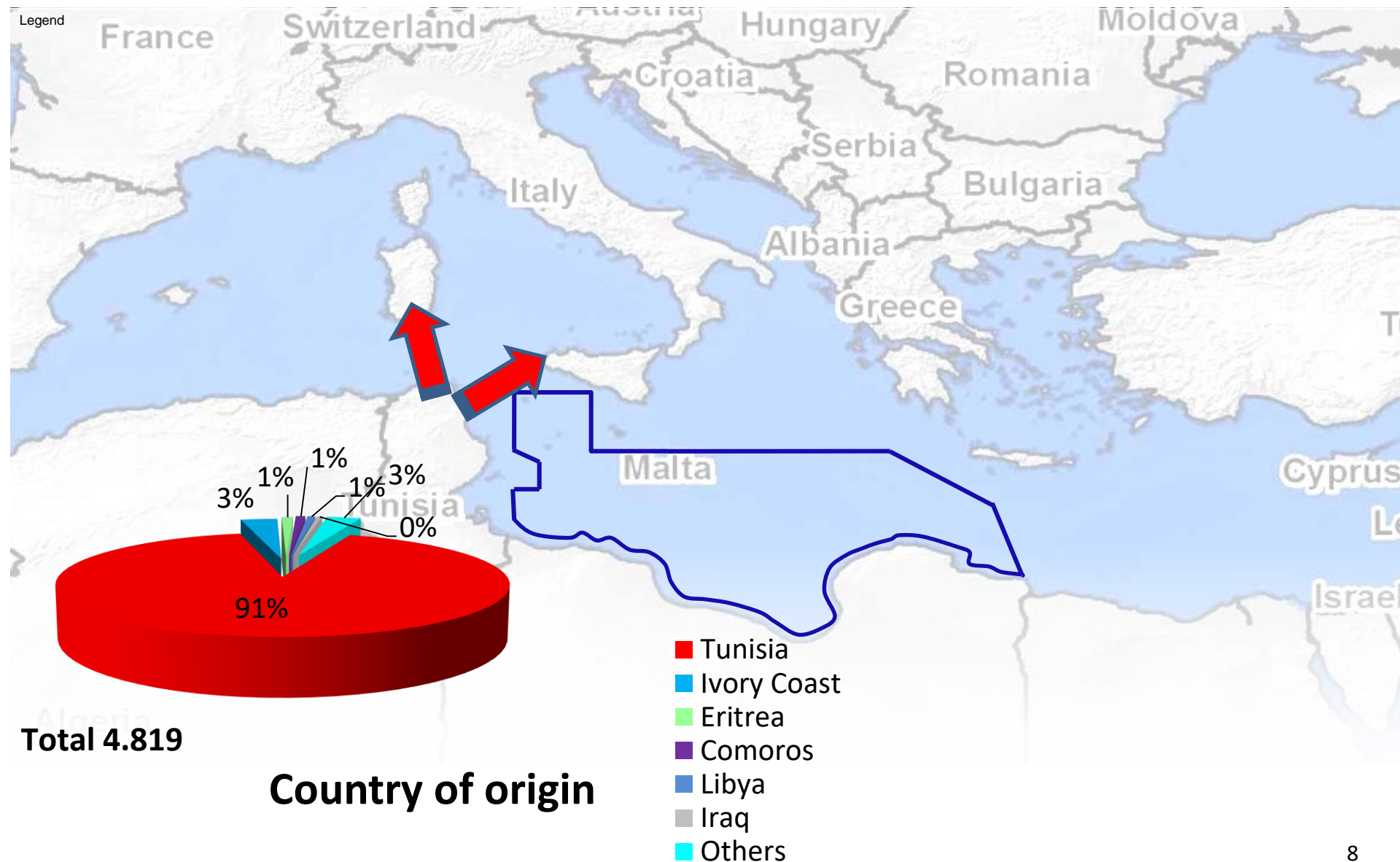


*COD: Democratic Republic of the Congo



Migration Flow from Tunisia 2018

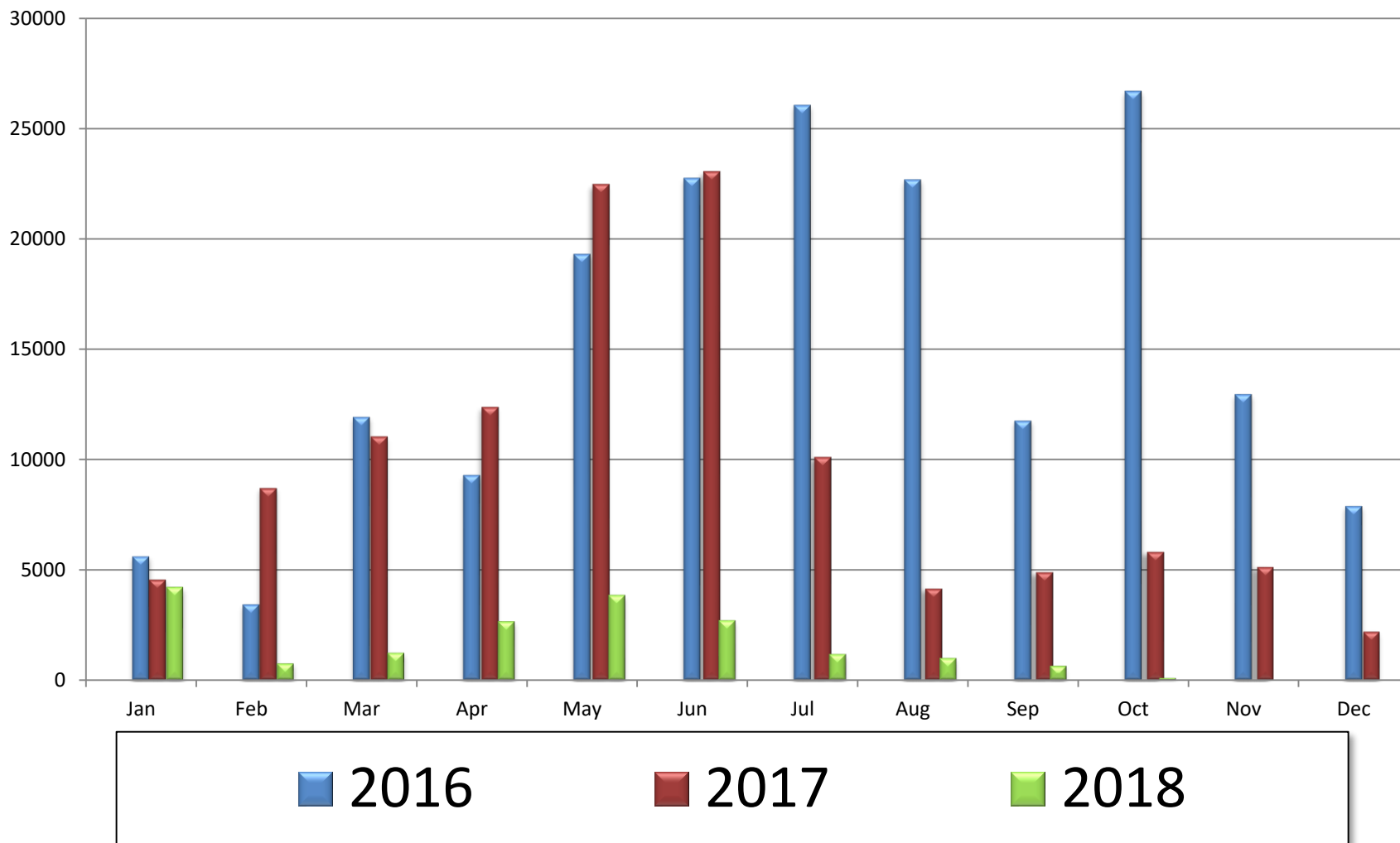
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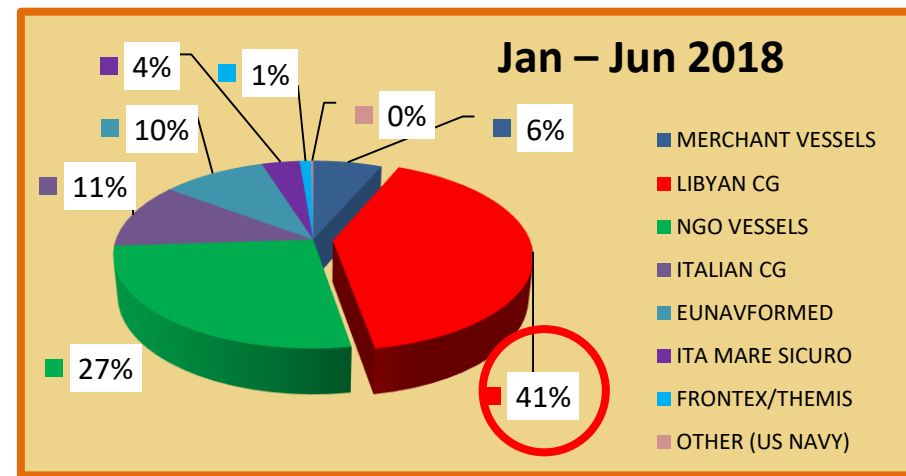
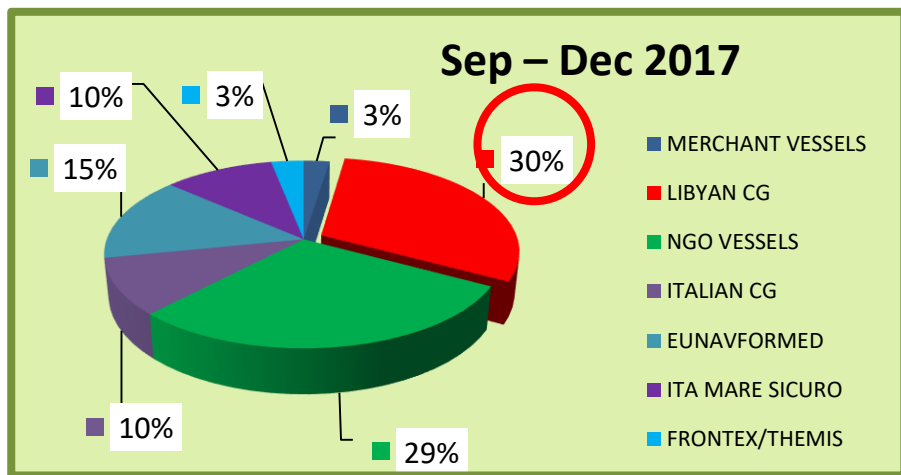
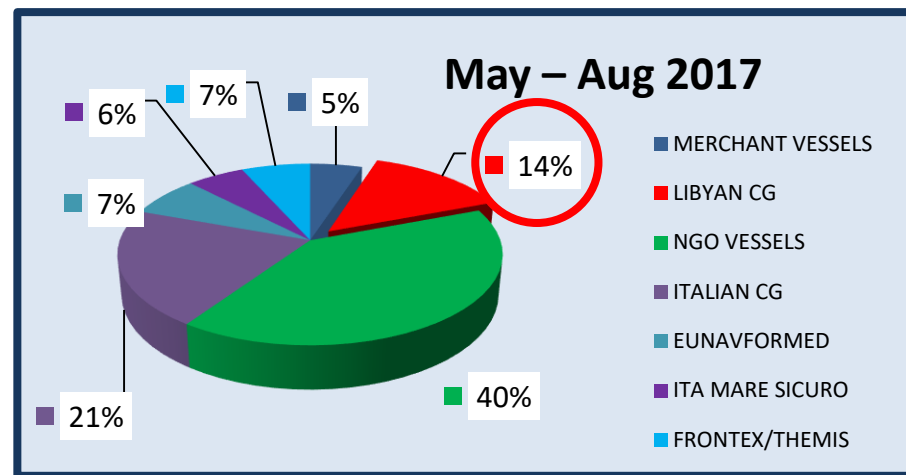
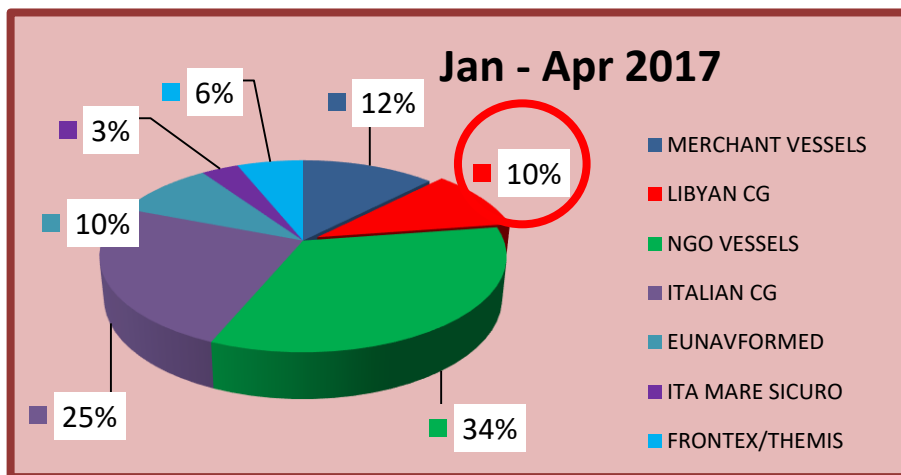
MIGRATION FLOW

Arrival Central Mediterranean Route



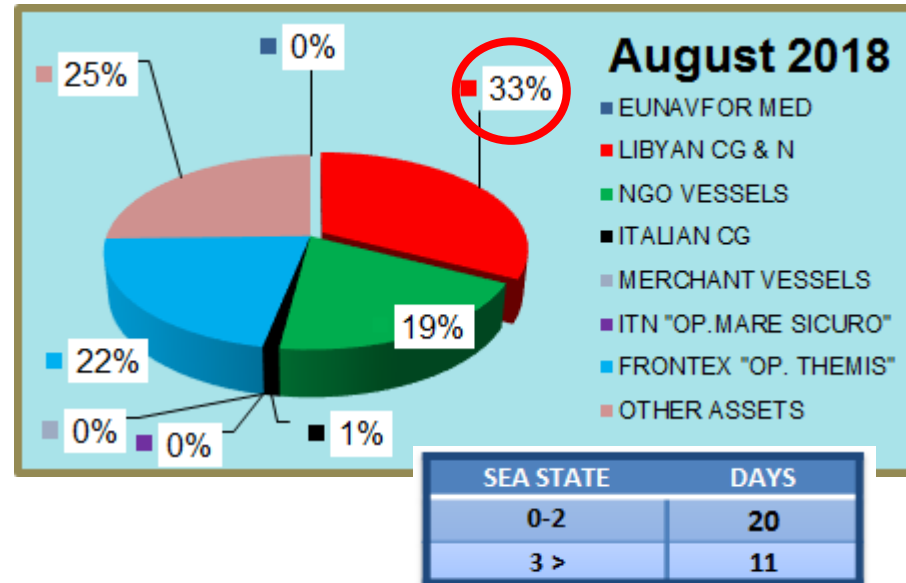
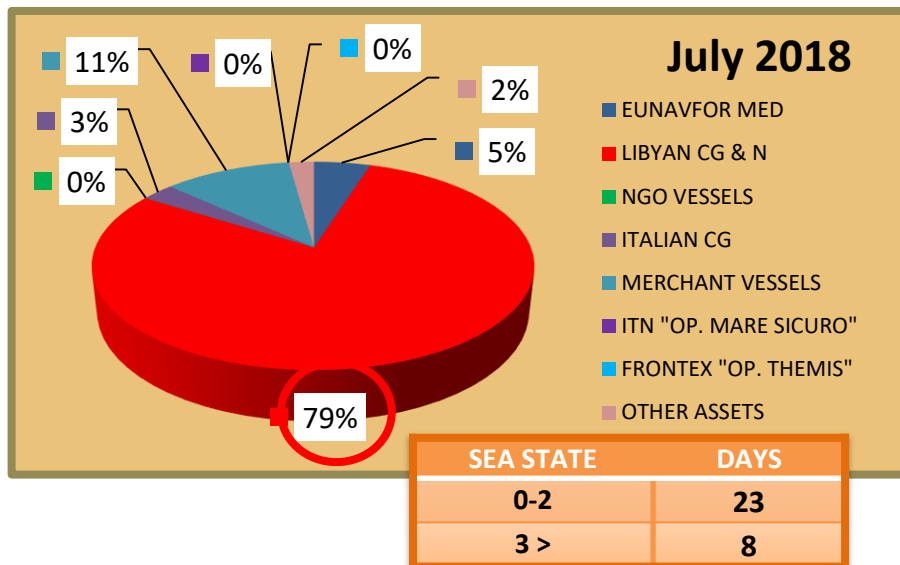


LCG&N contribution in SOLAS events since January 2017



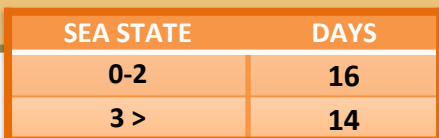


LCG&N contribution in SOLAS events 2018 (until 31 August)



ASSETS	EVENTS ATTENDED
EUNAVFOR MED	1
LIBYAN COAST GUARD & NAVY	18
NGOs VESSLS	1
ITALIAN COAST GUARD	2
MERCHANT VESSELS	3
ITNAVY «OP. MARE SICURO»	0
FRONTEX «OP. THEMIS»	0
OTHER ASSETS	1

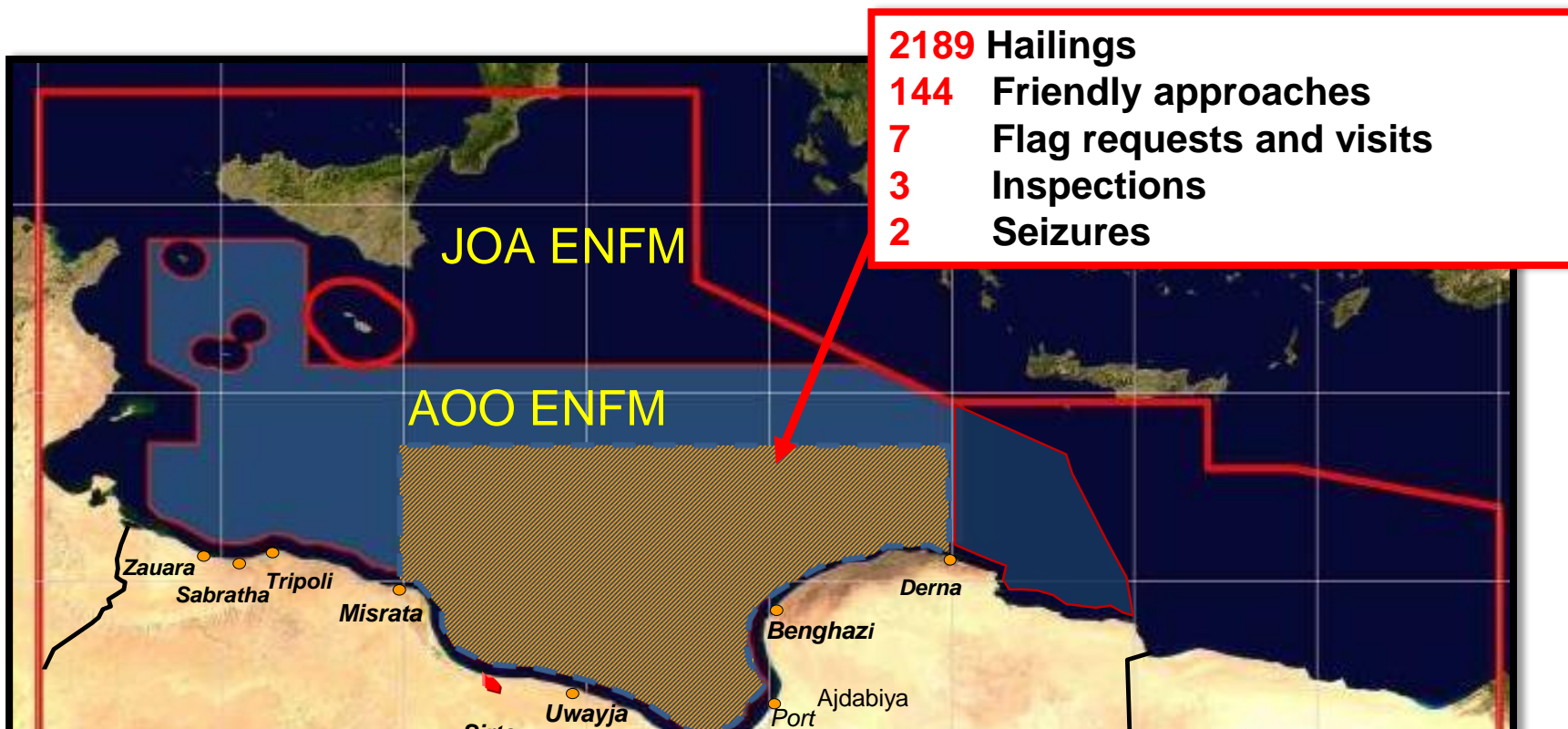
ASSETS	EVENTS ATTENDED
EUNAVFOR MED	0
LIBYAN COAST GUARD & NAVY	9
NGOs VESSELS	3
ITALIAN COAST GUARD	1
MERCHANT VESSELS	0
ITNAVY «OP. MARE SICURO»	0
FRONTEX «OP. THEMIS»	5
OTHER ASSETS	5

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COUNTERING ILLEGAL ARMS TRAFFICKING

UNSCR 2420 (2018)



- ENFM is the **only international actor** implementing the UN arms embargo on Libya in line with UNSCR 2420 (2018)
- ENFM's presence has achieved an internationally recognised **deterrent effect** against arms smugglers in international waters



GATHERING INFO ON OIL SMUGGLING

UNSCR 2362 (2017)



- **List of Vessel of interest** (around 260 today) suspected to be involved in illicit activities has been extended to those vessels suspected of oil smuggling (around 60)
- Gathered information, vessel of interest list and dedicated intelligence reports are **regularly shared** with relevant agencies
- **First Report** on “Oil Smuggling” has been issued in May 2018





TRAINING LIBYAN COASTGUARD AND NAVY



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) – 6 trained
Greece – 22 trained
Spain – 26 trained
Italy – 4 trained

Ongoing Training

Italy : 70 Trainees
8 week (fm 08 October 2018)

Future Training

Croatia: 10 Trainees
10 Week (fm 28 October 2018)

Package 3 - operational sea training

Advanced training on Libyan boats (8 weeks)

- **238** personnel trained (**159** Libyan Coast Guard and **79** Navy)
- **80** personnel trained in the upcoming weeks
- Target: train **500** LCG&N personnel



The Monitoring Mechanism



Information Collection. Reporting performed by the LCG&N Operations Room, which includes pre-sailing and post-mission reports passed to ENFM OHQ

Remote Monitoring: Remote monitoring by ENFM assets, including ships, submarines, aircraft and Remotely Piloted Aerial Systems (RPAS), contributes to the verification of the overall effectiveness of LCG&N operational activity at sea.

Periodic meeting: Periodic meetings between ENFM and LCG&N take place in Tripoli, Tunis and Rome (OHQ).



MONITORING LIBYAN COAST GUARD & NAVY



LCG Operation Room

30% sorties are reported by LCG&N Ops Room to JOC ENFM

Trained people

238 LCG&N members trained by ENFM
80 % works in Tripoli area
50 % works ashore
70% embarked people works on Bigliani class
30% embarked people on other Patrol Boats

Naval Bases

LCG&N operates from **3 naval bases**, with the majority of sorties coming from Tripoli

Sorties

Average of 12/15 sorties / week

Presence

Activity at sea carried out with **up 5** patrol boats at **same time**

Distance

Up to the **northern part** of **Libyan SAR** region

Assets

75% of sorties with **Bigliani** Class patrol boats (provided by IT)



INFORMATION EXCHANGE



MARCOM
Administrative Arrangement
Op. Sophia and Op. Sea Guardian

ITALIAN NAVY
Administrative Arrangement
Op. Sophia and Op. Mare Sicuro

Italian Direzione Nazionale Antimafia e antiterrorismo
"Observatory" Protocol

IT Prosecutors
Information on suspects & interviews

EUROJUST
Letter of Understanding

IMO, ICS
Technical meetings

INTERPOL through NCB Italy
Working arrangement
Vetting partner

USA, TUNISIA
• Info Exchange



UNSMIL
Info exchange through LNO

UNODC
Working arrangement

IOM, UNHCR
Technical meetings
Training Partner

EUBAM Libya
Administrative Arrangement on Cooperation

OSCE
Letter of Intent

FRONTEX
Exchange of letters
Vetting partner

CRIME INFORMATION CELL

AFRICAN UNION (CISSA)
• Info Exchange

ICC
Administrative Arrangement

EUROPOL
MOU
Vetting partner



CRIME INFORMATION CELL

Pilot Project

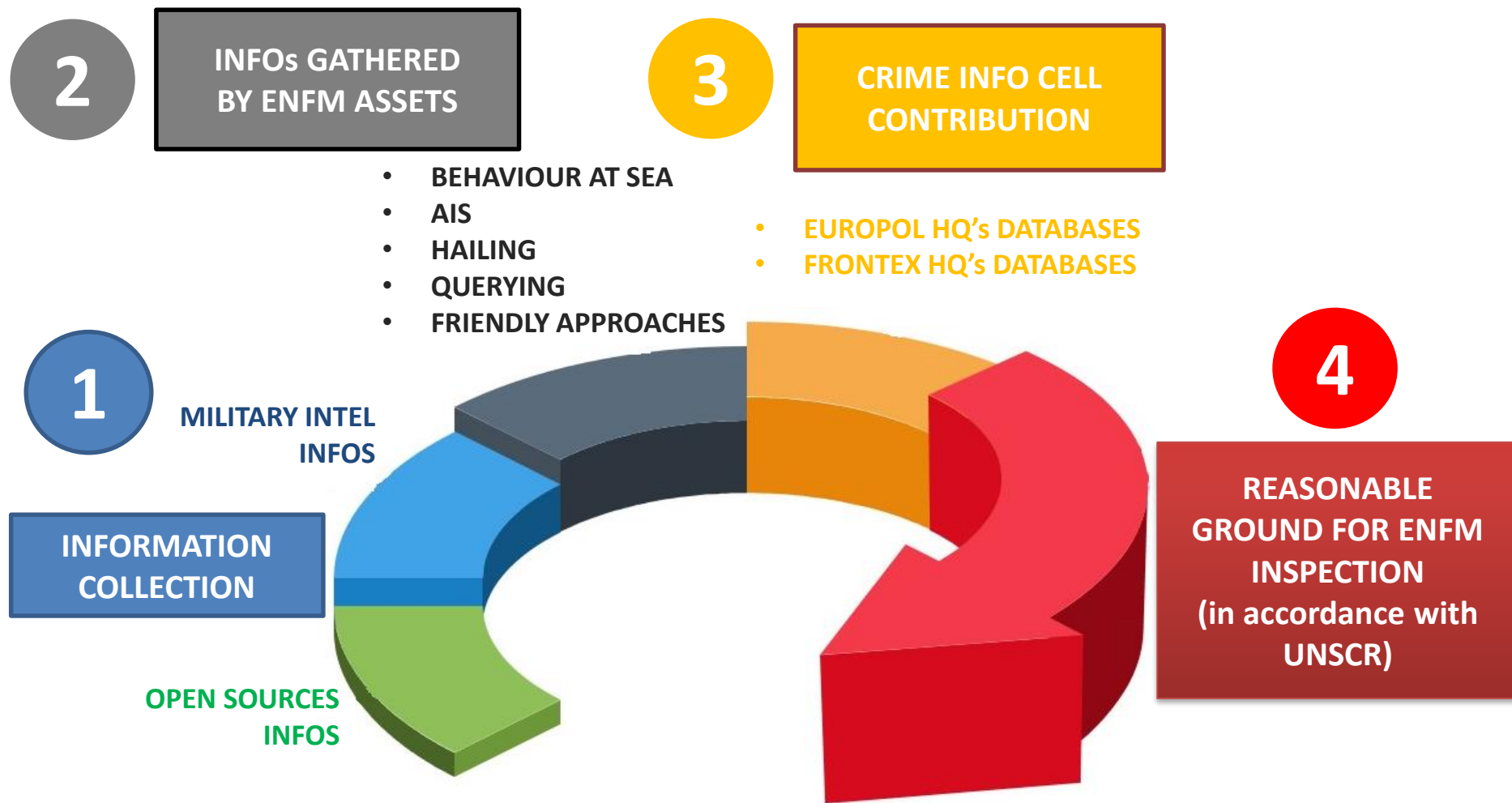


- The pilot project has **started on 5 of July** and will last for six months
- The CIC is **composed of** officials from EUROPOL, FRONTEX as well as representatives from MS law enforcement agencies and EUNAVFOR MED
- The CIC is tasked to **facilitate** the collection and transmission of information related to **ENFM tasks**, as well as criminal activity relevant to the **security** of the **operation** itself



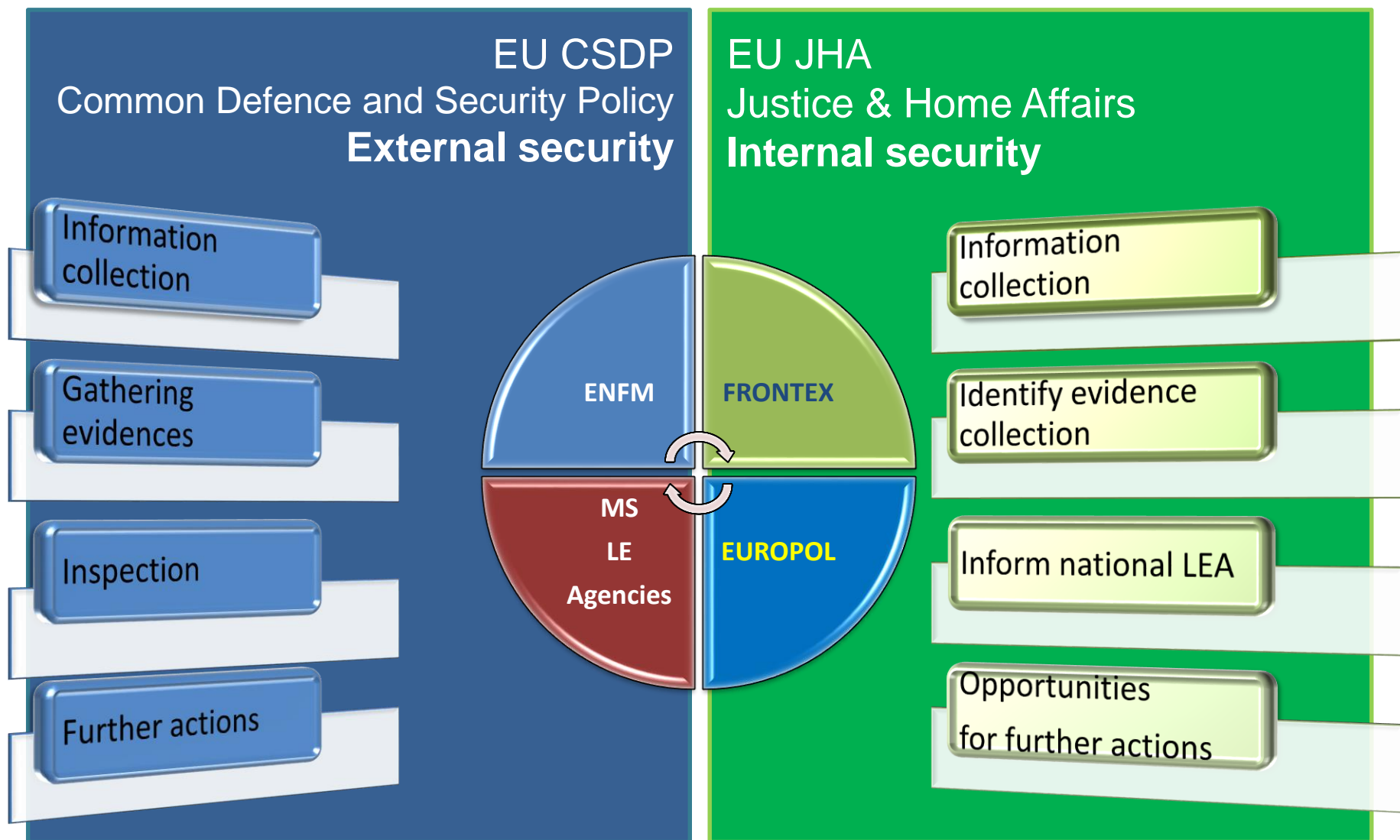
FIGHTING ILLICIT ACTIVITIES AT SEA

DECISION MAKING PROCESS





Crime Information Cell - ADDED VALUE





6th SHADE MED



Shared Awareness and De-confliction in the Mediterranean



- **6th SHADE MED** conference held in Rome on 19-20 June 2018
- Attended by **242** representatives from **37** countries and **127** organisations
- Co-chaired by EUNAVFOR MED and MARCOM
- Luxemburg financed the event
- Positive feedback and productive interactions during WG for mutual awareness and understanding
- **7th SHADE MED** conference will be held in Rome on 28-29 November 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 (SBM) can be broken. **Is it sustainable?**
- **Focusing on LCG&N capability is key**. They are **eager** to fight illicit activities and save lives at sea. **Training and monitoring** the LCG&N is a crucial part of the EU's engagement
- **Arms embargo: deterrent effect achieved**
- **Oil smuggling**: ENFM ready to assume a **more active role**
- The **presence** in the high seas of a **EU maritime force** is still necessary, at least for **18/24** months to **synchronize** with the other **EU ongoing initiatives**, contributing to **disrupt** the SBM, **deter and counter** illicit activities (potentially also terrorists) at sea and from the sea, and **support** the LCG&N (training and equipment)
- SOPHIA is the first concrete example that synergy between **internal** and **external EU security** dimension can be achieved, and how much this represents an **added value** in the deliveries of **tangible results** in the comprehensive approach



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