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Training and support is being provided by the EU to the Libyan General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS) and the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG) under different frameworks.

The EU Emergency Trust Fund finances a project, implemented by Italy, to enhance the surveillance capacity in the coastal areas of the General Administration for Coastal Security (GACS) and the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG). The project includes training and delivery of equipment. In this context, a number of training sessions for GACS crew members were delivered in Italy and Tunisia in March/June and October/December 2017. Also, three 14-meter patrol boats were repaired and handed over to GACS in January and February 2018 whilst two 35-meter patrol boats and a 22-meter patrol boat are currently being repaired.

Further training sessions for GACS crew members are planned to be delivered in the framework of the mentioned EU Emergency Trust Fund project in Italy and Tunisia starting from October 2018, tentatively, depending on the patrol vessels restoration schedule.

Furthermore, a Joint Pilot Training Project (EU Border Assistance Mission in Libya/European Border and Coast Guard Agency (EBCGA)/Italian Ministry of Interior) under EBCGA funding is planned to provide the GACS with tailor made training opportunities including modules on protection of human rights.

Cooperation with non-EU countries is an integral part of the mandate of the EBCGA and one of the strategic priorities for the agency's work. The agency also continues to facilitate dialogue at operational level through initiatives such as the European Border and Coast Guard Day and the International Border Police Conference.

Finally, a regional project "EU4Border Security" (EUR 4 million budget) will be launched end 2018 aiming at enhancing border security in the Southern Neighbourhood region, including Libya. The project will contribute to strengthening the national capacities. and to building trust, structured partnerships and exchange of experiences and practices between Southern Neighbourhood countries and the EBCG in the area of Integrated Border Management.