

**Question for written answer E-003014/2022**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: New technologies for the surveillance of the Mediterranean by Libya

Several Libyan authorities are in the process of procuring new technologies for the surveillance of the Mediterranean. The country also wants to be connected to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System. EUBAM Libya intends to provide support to this end. The beneficiaries would be the Libyan Coast Guard, the General Coast Guard Administration, the Coast Guard of the Libyan Navy and the Authority for Communications and Information Technology.

1. What projects is EUBAM Libya launching to assist the Libyan authorities in the surveillance of the Mediterranean Sea, and to what extent does it include connection to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System?
2. To what extent is the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System to be used by the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres, and where is there such a coordination centre already?
3. What further measures does the Mission intend to take to improve the effectiveness of sea border surveillance operations by Libya, and to what extent is a working arrangement between EUBAM Libya and Frontex envisaged?