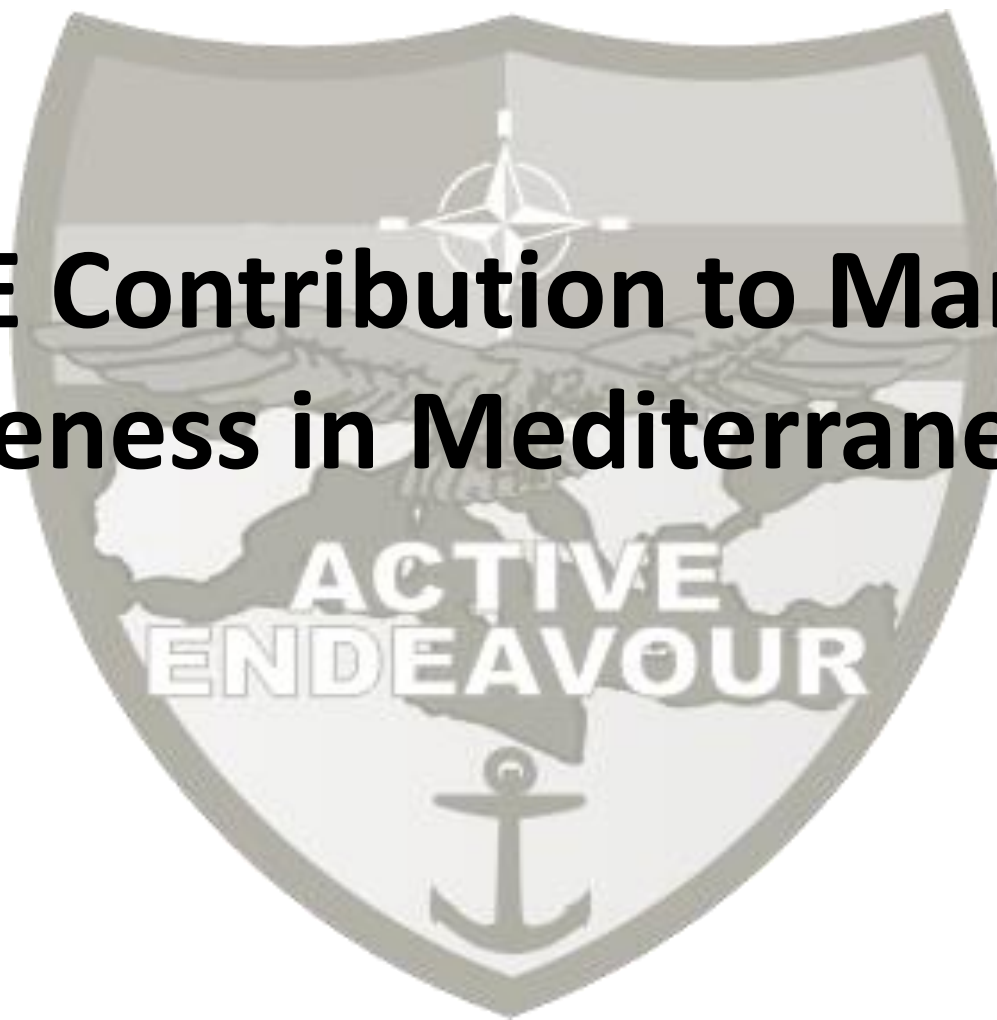




OAE Contribution to Maritime Awareness in Mediterranean Sea





Agenda



- **OAE end-state/mission/objectives**
- **OAE Relevance**
- **OAE Effects**
- **OAE Evolution**



End-State, Objectives and Mission



Political End-State

The threat of maritime terrorism is limited to a level that can be dealt with by the forces of nations in the framework of their normal activities

Strategic Military Objectives

Counter the threat of maritime terrorist

Regional maritime security capacity

Maritime situational awareness

Alliance resolve, capability and commitment to confront threats to international security

Mission

COM MARCOM is to conduct maritime operations to demonstrate NATO's resolve to:



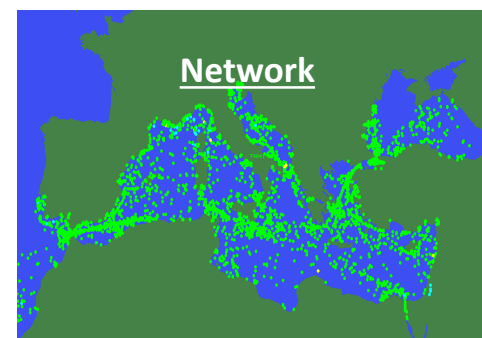
- Deter, defend, disrupt and protect against terrorism and terrorist support activities in the area of operations
- Engaging all regional actors
- Developing a sensor and non-sensor network



OAE Relevance



- OAE is not just a maritime matter, it's a strong regional “brand” based on well sustained “regional network” with partners.
- Experience in Civil-Military interactions in the maritime domain supporting shipping community on a daily basis via NATO Shipping Centre (e.g. Voluntary Reporting Scheme, Med Sea Maritime Security Chart).
- “Trigger” for stronger relationship with other organizations (e.g. EU, FRONTEX).
- Ensuring permanent presence in MED, being the foundation for Contingencies (e.g. OUP/OPCW/Aegean Sea Crisis)
- Profound knowledge of MED PoL (14 years looking at maritime security threats in the Mediterranean Sea => knowledge)
- Has been the principal pillar of overall NATO MSA (procedures, network)





OAE Recent Effects



Statistics (since 2001)

Boardings	170
MSAA (since FEB13)	71
Escorts	488
H&Q	123 000

GRC Authorities



MV ATLAS (TANZANIA)
29NOV14
ARRESTED
(90 million illegal cigarettes)

GRC Authorities



MV MESOGIO (TANZANIA)
20FEB15
ARRESTED
(600.000 illegal cigarettes
6 people arrested)

GRC Authorities



MV ROSETTA (TANZANIA)
09NOV15
ARRESTED
(2 containers illegal cigarettes
7 people arrested)

SNMG2



**MV BAHAA
(PAN)**
27SEP15
BOARDED

SNMG2



**MV BYBLOS
(TOGO)**
19AUG15
BOARDED

SNMG2



**MV PRINCESS MARIA
(COM)**
18AUG15
BOARDED

GEO Authorities



MV GROTNESARMEN
04MAR16
ARRESTED
(no flag, faked documents, crew
arrested)



OAE Evolution



- The security environment in the MED is in flux with new challenges and threat.
- NATO is transitioning OAE to a Non-article 5 Maritime Security operation (NA5OAE MSO) to provide a better response to current and future regional concerns on Maritime Security with relevant international organisations (mainly EU)
- Such response is considering the need to respond to regional concerns by broadening operation to embrace different tasking
- Expanding OAE security tasking will require continuous MSA enhancement.
- HQ MARCOM as sole NATO MSA responsible will proactively reinforce info sharing with non-NATO governmental/non-governmental and international agencies/organizations (e.g. EUROSUR, FRONTEX, MARSUR, INTERPOL, NGOs, IMO) – MSA network







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NATO's Aegean Sea Activity

12 May 2016

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AGENDA

- **NATO's role and contribution**
- **Composition and command**
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NATO's role and contribution

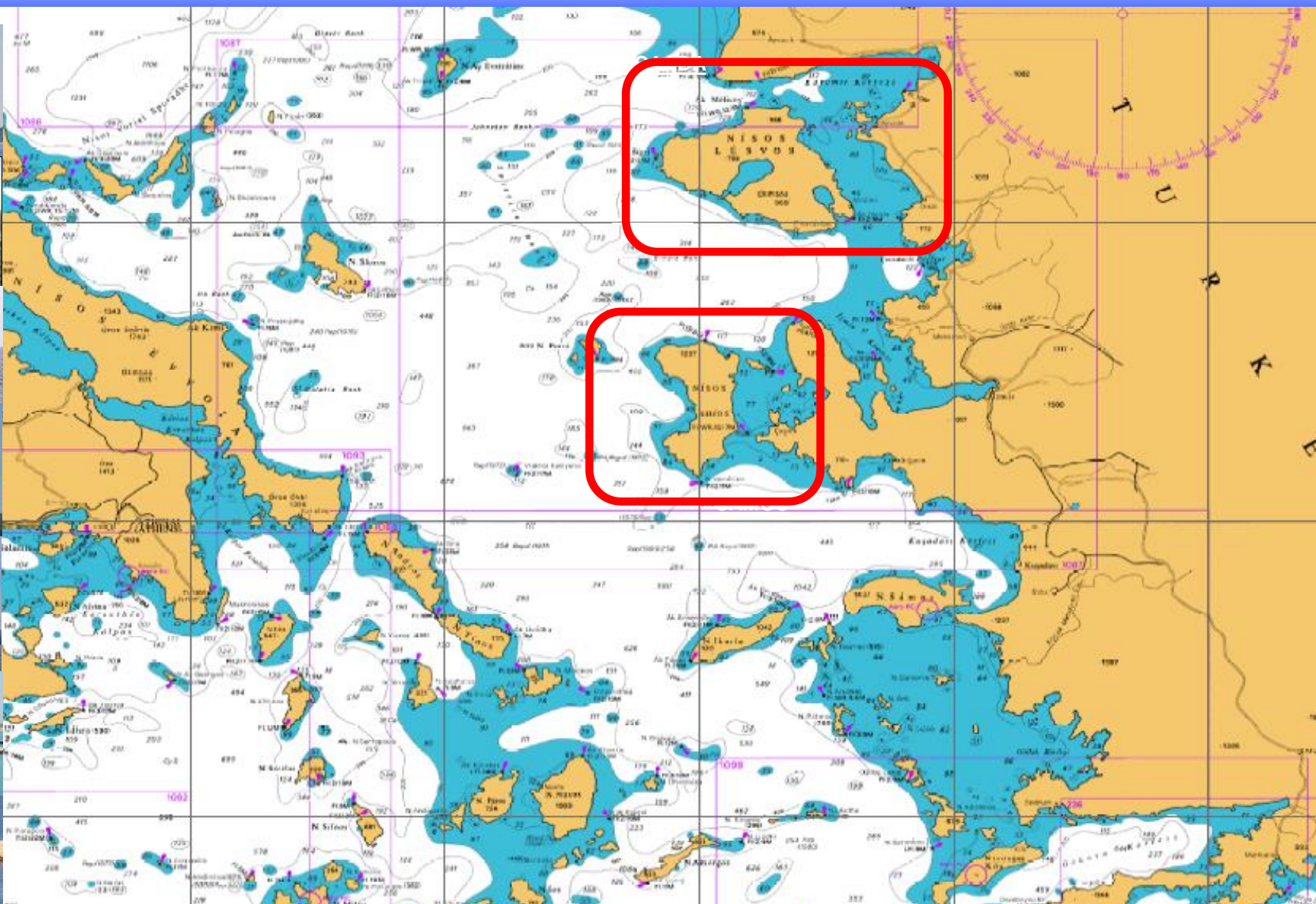


The Defence Ministers of the NATO nations agreed on 11 February 2016 to provide support to assist with the refugee and migrant crisis.

Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 (SNMG 2) to conduct reconnaissance, monitoring and surveillance of illegal crossings, in support of Turkish and Greek authorities and the EU's FRONTEX agency in the Aegean Sea.



Composition and command



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NATO-EU cooperation



- **FRONTEX and MARCOM exchange of letters on 06 MAR**
- **Current situation of activities covered by the exchange of letters:**
 - **SNMG 2 staff is exchanging information with FRONTEX ICC in Piraeus**
 - **Local coordination between SNMG2 units and FRONTEX/GRC CG/TUR CG units is good**
 - **Information Sharing Tools are available for exchange of unclassified information**
 - **FRONTEX LNO embarked onboard FGS BONN**





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