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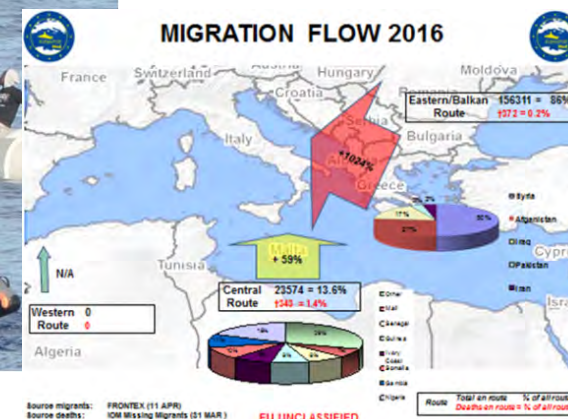
## Operation SOPHIA

An EU Comprehensive Approach in the  
Mediterranean Sea

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# Defining a Comprehensive Approach

- Joint Communication (December 2013)
- Taking forward the EU CA – Action Plan 2015
- Council Conclusions on migrant smuggling (March 2016)



# Comprehensive Approach - Measures

- Develop a shared analysis
- Define a common strategic vision
- Focus on prevention
- Mobilise the different strengths and capacities of the EU
- Commit to the long term
- Link policies and internal and external action
- Make better use of EU delegations
- Work in partnership

# Council Conclusions on Migrant Smuggling

- **10 March 2016**
- ‘...migrant smuggling is a serious form of organised crime which can only countered through a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary and cross-border approach by Member States, including law enforcement and judicial authorities, labour, social, health and fisheries inspectorates, border forces, immigration services, local and regional governments, tax and customs authorities, NGOs, businesses, trade unions, employers’ organisations and embassies as well as relevant EU agencies such as Europol, Eurojust and Frontex.’
- ‘...welcoming the transition to the first step of the second Phase of the EU military operation...EUNAVFOR SOPHIA.’

# The Ten Point Action Plan

1. Reinforce the Joint Operations in the Mediterranean, namely Triton and Poseidon;
- 2. A systematic effort to capture and destroy vessels used by the smugglers.**
3. EUROPOL, FRONTEX, EASO and EUROJUST will work closely to gather information on smugglers' modus operandi, to trace their funds and assist in their investigation;
4. EASO to deploy teams in Italy and Greece for joint processing of asylum applications;
5. Member States to ensure fingerprinting of all migrants;
6. Consider options for an emergency relocation mechanism;
7. An EU wide voluntary pilot project on resettlement;
8. Establish a new return programme for rapid return of irregular migrants;
9. Engagement with countries surrounding Libya;
10. Deploy Immigration Liaison Officers (ILO) in key third countries, to gather intelligence on migratory flows and strengthen the role of the EU Delegations.



# Mission

Undertake **systematic** efforts to identify, capture and dispose of vessels and enabling assets used or suspected of being used by **migrant smugglers or traffickers**, in order to contribute to wider EU efforts to **disrupt** the business model of human smuggling and trafficking networks in the **Southern Central Mediterranean**.





# SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

SEARCH AND RESCUE IS NOT PART OF THE MISSION

**HOWEVER**

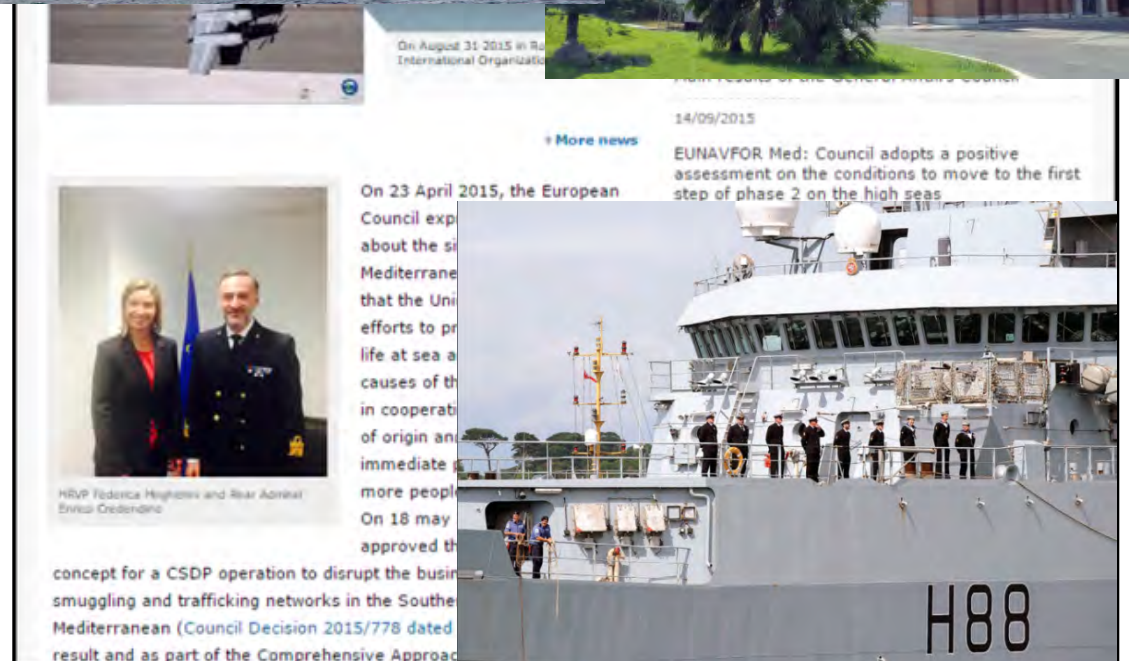
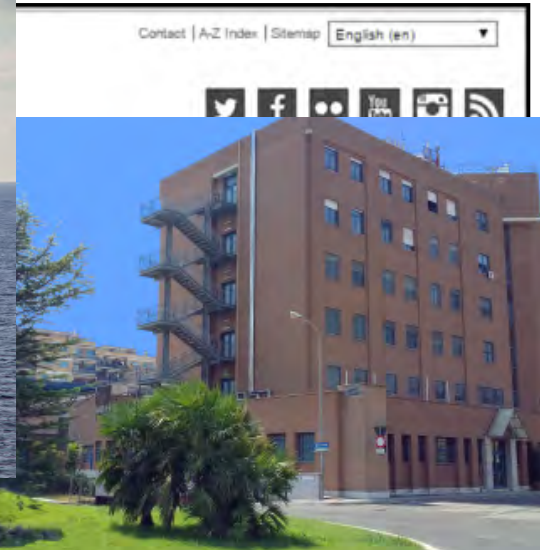
WE HAVE A LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY UNDER  
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY  
TO DO SO

TO DATE, EUNAVFOR MED HAS SAVED MORE THAN  
**13700 LIVES**



# What is EUNAVFORMED?

- The Force at sea
- The OHQ
- The Operation Commander
- The virtual presence, reputation, brand





# What are we doing?





# ITS CAVOUR



# ESPS NUMANCIA





# Maritime Patrol Aircraft

**c/s 'SEAGULL'**  
**Merlin III**



**c/s 'XENON'**  
**French DA-50**

# OHQ

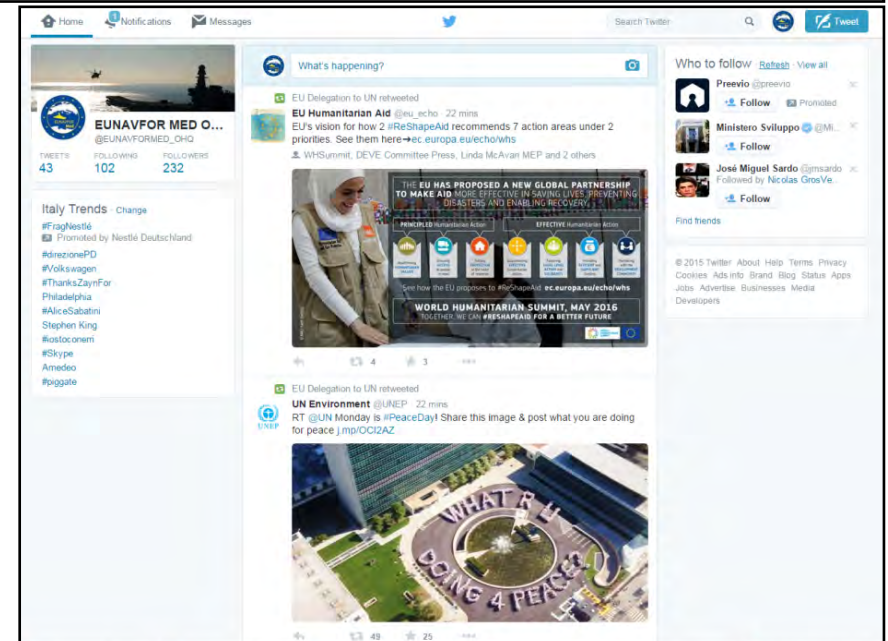
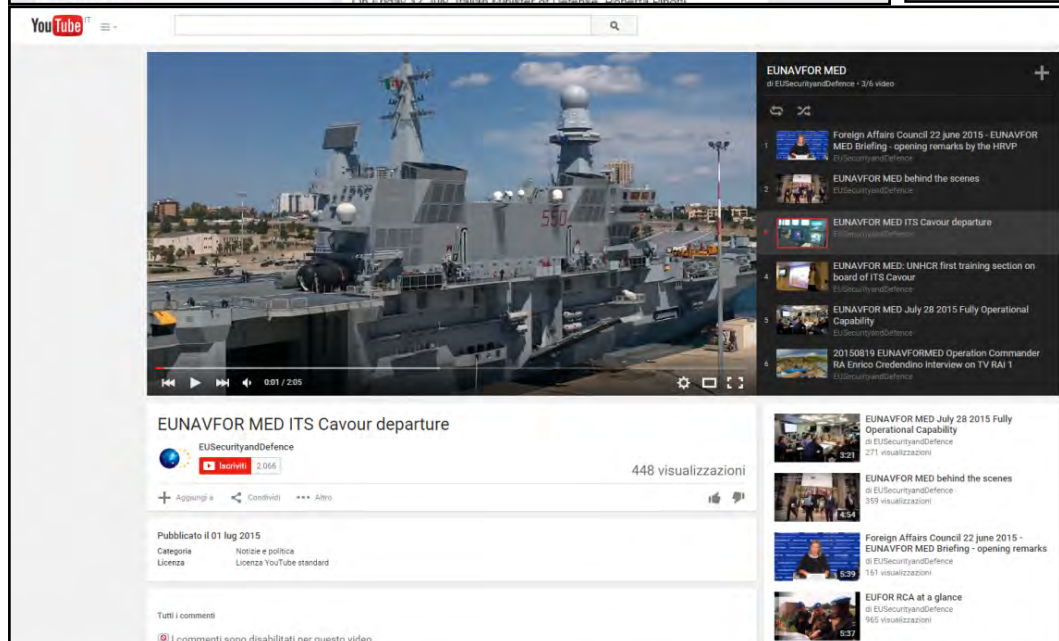
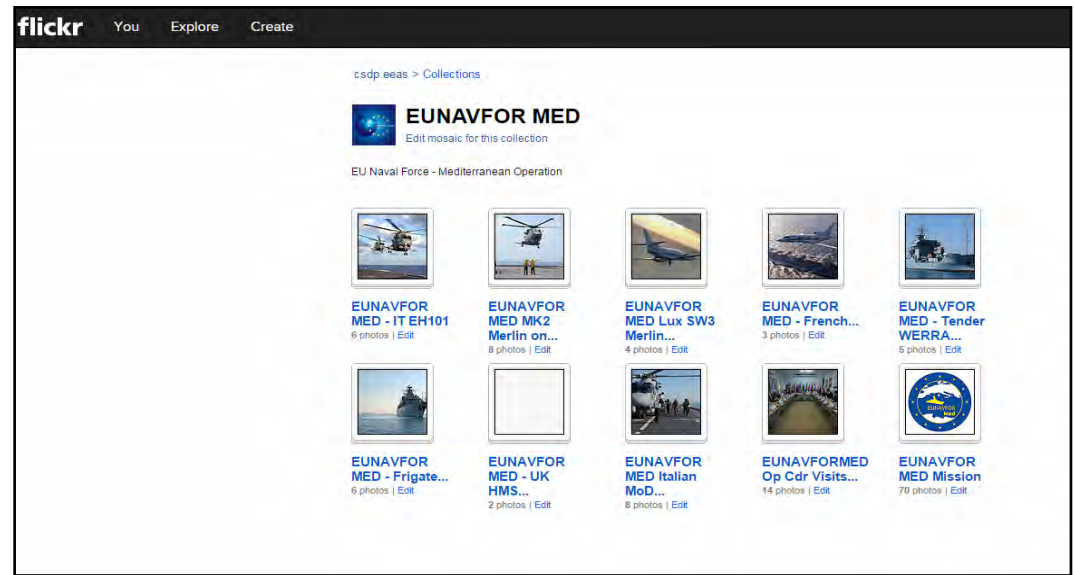
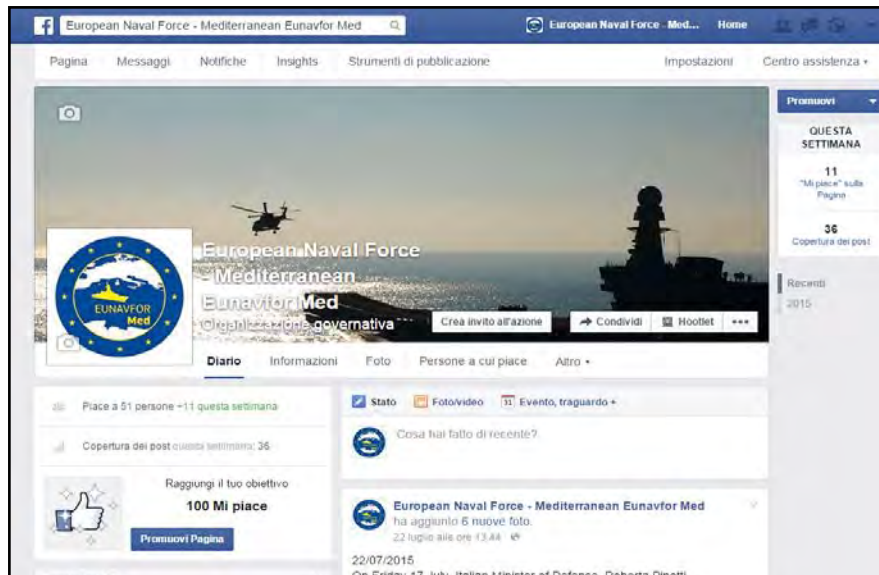


# Operation Commander KLE





# ...and on the Internet



# ENGAGEMENT

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

### **United Nations**

UN SG Chef de Cabinet

UN DPKO

### **UN DPA**

UN OMA

UN OCHA

WFP

### **UN ODC**

### **UN HCR**

### **OHCHR**

### **UNICEF**

### **UN SMIL**

### **OHCHR**

Arab League (**Arab Group at UN**)

African Union (Africa Group at UN)

### **IOM**

### **ICRC**

## **NGOs**

Medecin Sans Frontières

Save the Children

MOAS

International Medical Corps

Sea Watch

Sea Eye

SOS Mediterranée

## EU ORGANISATIONS

FRONTEX

EUROPOL

EUROJUST

EASO

ECHO

EUNAVFOR ATALANTA

EUTM Somalia

EUTM Mali

**EULPC Tunisia**

**EUBAM Libia**

## OTHER ORGANISATIONS

NATO

**OSCE**

ITA Nat Prosecutor Office

INTERPOL

## THIRD COUNTRIES

### **Algeria**

- Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Commander of the Algerian Naval Forces

### **Tunisia**

- Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
- Director of International Relations (MOI)
- Commander of the Coast Guard
- Director of Operations, Tunisian Navy

### **Egypt**

- Minister of Interior
- Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces

### **Turkey**

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Defence
- **Ministry of Interior**
- **Coast Guard**

### **USA**

- **Department of State**
- **Department of Defence**
- **US Coast Guard**
- **AFRICOM / EUCOM**

### **Libya**

- GNA Senior Minister
- **Navy / Coast Guard**

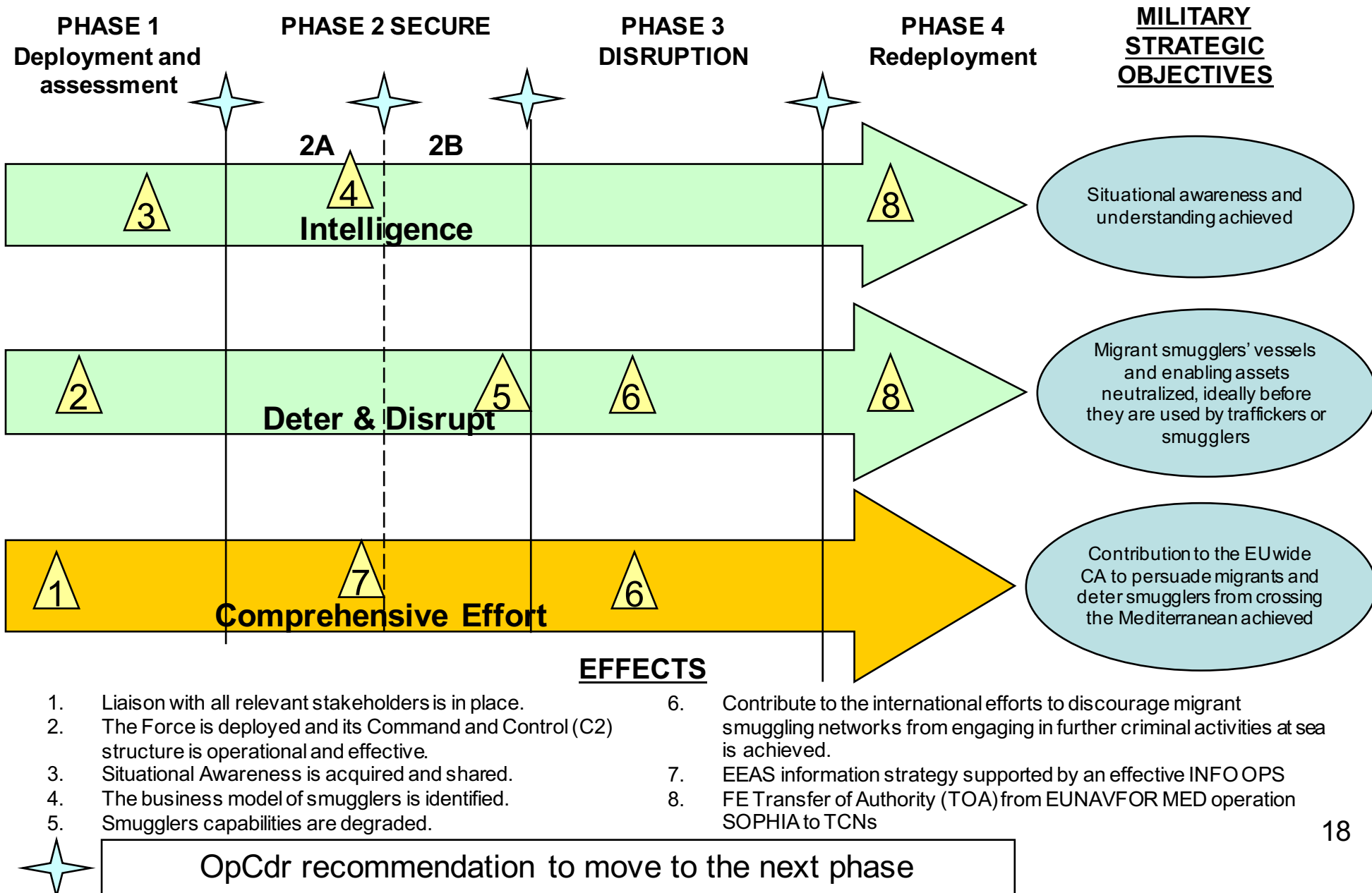


# How are we doing?





# Operation Design



# Where next?









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# Smuggler Profits

Migrant costs (€uros)	
Land transit	≥ 2,000
Sea transit inflatable	500-1,000
Sea transit wooden	1,100-1,300
Sea transit fishing	2,500-3,500
Smuggler profits	
Inflatable fares (100 p)	75,000
Inflatable cost	8,000
<b>Profit</b>	<b>67,000</b>
Wooden fares (400 p)	480,000
Wooden cost	100,000
<b>Profit</b>	<b>380,000</b>

