MARITIME INFORMATION SHARING IN THE EU

A first step toward an integrated maritime security policy

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EU APPROACH TO ISSUES

* Need for consensus (27 MSs → 28)

• History: CECA, EURATOM, EEC, EU, CSDP (after 500 years of war, only a construction brick by brick was possible)

• Bottom-up approach to issues (step by step)

• Uneven pace in progresses

• Two poles in EU
  EU COUNCIL (Member States)
  EU COMMISSION (treaty Enactment)
SECTORAL APPROACH

• Law Enforcement at sea
• Fishery Control
• Border Surveillance
• Environmental Safeguard (Pollution)
• Navigation Safety

11 Systems
MOU between EMSA, FRONTEX, CFCA (December 2009)
MAJOR DECISIONS

- INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY (IMP) → MDA
- ROADMAP → COMMON INFORMATION SHARING ENVIRONMENT
- PILOT PROJECTS → REGIONAL APPROACH (60% - 40%)
  (MARSUNO, BLUEMASSMED)

EU AHEAD OF MEMBER STATES (INTEGRATION)
PROBLEMS

• **LACK OF NETWORKING MINDSET IN THE MEMBER STATES**
  * Coordinating Agencies
  * Round Tables

• **NEED TO HARMONIZE MILITARY SECRET, JUDICIAL CONFIDENTIALITY, COMMERCIAL SENSITIVITIES**
  * Exchange of non-sensitive data
  * Supporting-Supported (Mutual Help)
  * Responsibility to Provide (Danger of INFO Withholding)

• **DIFFERENT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN LEAs and CSDP**

• **AREAS of RESPONSIBILITY (TTWs and OUTSIDE)**
HIGHWAYS of the SEA

• MARITIME SCHENGEN

• REDUCED PAPERWORK FOR INTERNAL EU SEATRADE

• RISK OF INTERMEDIATE PORT CALLS OUTSIDE EU

STRONG AND EFFECTIVE MDA ENVIRONMENT