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Security aspects related to maritime co-operation**

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● European and International Co-operation in Maritime Security

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● The role of Europe in security

- Community competence
 - » **Transport policy** = Community competence (art. 71 and 80.2 of TEC)
 - » **Customs policy** = Community competence (art. 26,95,133 and 135 of TEC)
- Role of the European Commission
 - » Exclusive right of initiative to propose legislative measures
 - » Monitoring of implementation

● Maritime security

- Protection of ports and ships
 - » Risk analysis
 - » Security plans
 - » Physical protection
 - » Security functions
- Security of cargo
 - » Containers!
- Maritime surveillance
 - » “Declarative”
 - » External



● Protection of ports, ships and cargo

- Regulation EC 725/2004 ship & port security
 - » IMO: SOLAS/ISPS transposed into EC law
 - » Extended to national traffic within the EU
 - » European inspection regime
- Directive EC 65/2005 on port security
 - » Based on the ILO/IMO Code of Conduct
 - » Security measures cover whole port area
 - » Monitoring system
- Commission Reg. 884/2005 on inspections
- Reg. 648/2005 Community Customs Code
 - » Integrated management of external cargo
 - » Authorised Economic Operator



● In practice

- In general, legislation well implemented by Member States
- Differences in national administrative practice
 - » Different administrations for ships and ports
 - » Federal and decentralised structures!
- Great effort by ports and shipping to implement security measures
 - » “Collateral benefits”

● Inspections

- All national administrations
- A sample of port facilities
- companies
- ships
- Recognised Security Organisations (RSOs)

- In general good level of implementation but efforts still necessary

● Guidelines – Best practice – Minimum standards

- Security legislation lays down common implementation requirements (Annexes)
- Further development of specific security measures, possible outcomes include
 - » Guidelines
 - » Performance specifications
 - » Best practices
 - » Minimum standards
- Discussions begun with Member States, industry stakeholders and the IMO



● Priority issues for development

- Access control
 - » (European Port Access Identification Card « EPAIC » study)
- Port perimeter protection and surveillance
- Screening equipment, detection standards, screening percentages, prohibited items
- Restricted area signing
- Handling of pre-arrival information
- Involvement of law enforcement authorities
- Recognised Security Organisations



● Maritime surveillance

- Declarative
 - » AIS – Automatic Identification system
 - » LRIT – Long Range Identification & Tracking
 - » European legislation (VTM Directive)
 - » SafeSeaNet system
- External surveillance
 - » From space
 - GMES
 - First implementation: CleanSeaNet
 - » Shore-based systems
 - Radar stations

● Synergies

- All systems can be used for the three purposes
 - » Safety
 - » Security
 - » Environment
- European efforts do not distinguish on principles
- Prevention and enforcement

● 98 Legislative and other acts

- 8 Market access, competition, internal market
- 8 Competitiveness of the EU fleet
- 32 Maritime safety and environment
- 3 Maritime security
- 8 Ports and short sea shipping
- 16 Intermodality and inland waterways
- 9 Seafarers, training, working conditions
- 8 External relations, EU-bilateral, IMO
- 5 Shipbuilding
- 3 Research and financing



● 103 International legal instruments of Community competence/interest

- 32 IMO Conventions
- 48 ILO Conventions
- 10 Other UN-related conventions
- 13 Pre-UN/IMO international instruments

- Role of Commission in international bodies!



● Improving international standards

- Improving security standards not just important for EU but also at international level – shipping a global business
- Commission and Member States undertaking capacity building efforts with 3rd countries
- Working with IMO to enhance existing safety, environmental protection and security regime
 - » E.g. on Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT)
- European Commission participates as observer in IMO
- Coordination of EU Member States' positions on security issues for IMO meetings
 - » Papers must be submitted by all EU Member States and the Commission
 - » On papers submitted by others
- Results of guidelines/minimum standards to be shared with IMO



● Bi-lateral collaboration between EU – other countries

- With major trading partners
- Formal
 - » With official consultations and Member States involvement
- Informal
 - » Exchange of best practice
 - » Prepare positions in international fora (IMO)
- Participation in other regional fora



● Quality shipping

- Safe, secure and environmentally sustainable shipping: The goal of European efforts
- Visible results
- Solid basis but still some way to go
- Combined efforts from all sides

