

MARIT-D NEWSLETTER

MARIT-D PROJECT: ENHANCING CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION AGAINST MARITIME TRAFFICKING

The MARIT-D project is a groundbreaking initiative aimed at combatting maritime trafficking through enhanced cross-border collaboration and data-driven approaches. Here is a brief overview:



THE MARIT-D CONSORTIUM:

Partner's name	Country
National Police of the Netherlands	NL
Belgium Federal Police	BE
Nederlandse Organisatie voor toegepast natuurwetenschappelijk onderzoek	NL
Tilburg University/Jheronimus Academy of Data Science	NL
Dutch Institute for Safe & Secure Spaces	NL
Ministerio del Interior	ES
Ministério da Justiça – Polícia Judiciária	PT
Direction Nationale de la Garde-Côtes des Douanes	FR
The Netherlands Coastguard (Ministry of Defence)	NL



PROJECT GOALS

MARIT-D brings together authorities from the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Portugal, and Spain to:

- Improve cross-border law enforcement effectiveness
- Further develop and extend the existing intelligence tool with data-driven approaches
- Address current and emerging modi operandi in maritime trafficking

PROGRESS

We started the project by aligning the expectations of law enforcement agencies regarding the project outcomes and objectives. Then we conducted research on existing modi operandi regarding maritime trafficking. This research consisted of both a literary review and focus group discussions. The outcomes of this research resulted in a reference architecture and overall design of the MARIT-D tool. At this point in time during the project, we are headed towards the development stage and piloting of the tool.

FUTURE IMPACT

EUROPOL's Innovation Lab will make MARIT-D accessible to all EU Member States through their Tool Repository. The project has established an Advisory Board in the form of an EU Clearing Board Core Group with LEAs from other Member States to ensure widespread adoption and effectiveness in preventing maritime trafficking.

This collaborative effort marks a significant step towards broader EU cooperation in the fight against international organised crime in maritime environments.

KEY FEATURES

The project will:

- Explore user requirements that will result in the MARIT-D tool
- Organise pilots in various EU Member States
- Explore new sensors and data sources
- Disseminate results and make the MARIT-D tool available to EU law enforcement agencies

MARIT-D COMMUNITY

Throughout the project, community engagement plays a vital role. Stakeholders are involved through the creation of a podcast series, which will be distributed by MARIT-D colleagues and on the MARIT-D website. Meanwhile, LinkedIn is being used to connect with other law enforcement representatives, policy makers, and the public.

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