CISE will enable maritime surveillance information - collected by one maritime authority and considered necessary for the operational activities of others - to be shared and be subject to multiuse. The timely and quick access to relevant data provides national authorities and EU agencies with the relevant information to conduct maritime operations at strategic, operational and tactical level.

In this context, maritime surveillance covers the following seven domains:

- Marine safety & security
- Fisheries control
- Maritime environment
- Border control
- Defence
- Customs
- Law enforcement

A number of scenarios and use cases will be developed for CISE. During the transitional phase, these will be analysed in depth and enhanced to be used in the operational phase.

You can contact the authority representing your member state or your EU agency, as shown on the website: emsa.europa.eu/cise

Member states not yet participating in CISE are very much encouraged to join. For any questions, you are welcome to contact the CISE Team at cise@emsa.europa.eu

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**WHAT IS CISE?**

The Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) is an EU initiative which aims to:

- make existing European and EU/EEA member state surveillance systems interoperable
- enhance classified/unclassified information sharing among public authorities from different sectors through a voluntary and decentralised network
- foster cooperation and create synergies among the stakeholders involved, including civil-military cooperation
- avoid duplication of data acquisition, and increase the complementarity of the information and services delivered.

**TRANSACTIONAL PHASE**

The development of CISE was first proposed in 2009 and has since been refined and developed with the overall legal and policy context laid out in the EU Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS).

In April 2019, EMSA was entrusted by the European Commission (DG MARE) with the implementation of the Transitional Phase, in close coordination with the member states. The idea is to ensure a coherent evolution of the CISE network and to achieve an operational CISE. The activities are defined and coordinated by the CISE Stakeholder Group, whose members are designated by the EU/EEA member states. Other members of the group include the Commission, EDA, EEAS, EFCA, EMSA, Frontex and SatCen.

**MAIN OBJECTIVES**

The main objectives of the transitional phase of CISE include:

- transforming an EU research project into an EU-wide operational network for exchanging maritime surveillance information
- widening participation to all EU/EEA member states and interested EU agencies
- evaluating, and if appropriate streamlining, maintaining and consolidating the existing CISE network and nodes
- working towards the complementarity of information sharing and interoperability with existing EU maritime surveillance systems
- preparing the baseline for the CISE operational phase.

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CISE stakeholder group