# 3rd CISE Stakeholder Group meeting held in Lisbon on 13 February 2020

**Meeting report** 

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# **List of Abbreviations**

CISE	Common Information Sharing Environment
СОМ	European Commission
CSG	CISE Stakeholder Group
DG MARE	European Commission's Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
ECGFF	European Coast Guard Functions Forum
EDA	European Defence Agency
EEA	European Economic Area
EEAS	European External Action Service
EFCA	European Fisheries Control Agency
EMFF	European Maritime and Fisheries Fund
EMSA	European Maritime Safety Agency
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
EU	European Union
EUMSS	European Union maritime security strategy
EUCISE2020	European test bed for the maritime Common Information Sharing Environment in the 2020 perspective
Frontex	European Border and Coast Guard Agency
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
JRC	European Commission's Joint Research Centre
MS	Member States of the European Union
MSeG	Sub-Group on the Integration of Maritime Security and Surveillance
RTS	Responsibility to Share
RPAS	Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems
SatCen	European Union Satellite Centre
VTC	Video Teleconference
WG	Working Group



# 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

The 3<sup>rd</sup> CISE Stakeholder Group (CSG) meeting took place at EMSA on 13 February 2020. The meeting was convened by the CSG Chairman Mr Leendert Bal, EMSA.

The following CSG Member States and institutions were represented at the meeting: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, The Netherlands, European Defence Agency (EDA), European External Action Service (EEAS), European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA), European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), European Union Satellite Centre (SatCen), European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC) and European Commission DG MARE (the full list of participants is in the Annex 5.1).

The meeting presentations can be downloaded at the following URL: <a href="http://www.emsa.europa.eu/cise/meetings-and-workshops.html">http://www.emsa.europa.eu/cise/meetings-and-workshops.html</a>

# 2. Meeting session

## 2.1 Welcome and logistics

Leendert Bal, Head of Department Safety, Security and Surveillance, welcomed all Member States and agencies to the third meeting of the CISE Stakeholder Group (CSG).

The agenda was adopted (see section 5.2).

### 2.2 Opening session

Christos Economou, COM-DG MARE, noted that also for this third CSG meeting there was an increased number of attendees and that it reflects the increased interest in CISE in general.

The process to transfer the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) from the EUCISE2020 project to the Commission is not yet finalised. Two EUCISE2020 partners have still not signed the transfer agreement. The Commission will address these partners individually. Mr Economou pointed out that regardless of this issue, much has already been achieved since the start of the transitional phase: the operational support for technical issues is in place and the first version of the cooperation agreement is drafted. On the background of the delayed transfer of IPR, the Commission has provisionally extended the duration of the transitional phase from April 2021 to October 2021.

Mr Economou provided a state of play for the Security Study, where the Commission is in the final stage of procuring the contractor. After completion of the procedure, the result will be communicated to the CSG members. The study will last 15 months and will cover all aspects of data sharing through CISE for classified, sensitive and unclassified information.

Communication was addressed by Mr Economou as a very important part of the transitional phase to demonstrate what is done in CISE. CSG members should be encouraged to share with others the website set up by EMSA.

Mr Economou announced that EMSA has been selected to organise a dedicated workshop on CISE during the European Maritime Day in Cork, Ireland, on 14-15 May 2020, and that this event will be a good opportunity to promote CISE.

Mr Bal, in his comment to these opening statements, first emphasized the need to progress on the IPR transfer and noted that already 10 months of the transitional phase have been spent. Secondly, regarding the security study, Mr Bal mentioned that EMSA recently had undergone and passed a data protection audit from the European Commission, demonstrating that EMSA has a security preparedness also relating to classified information.



### 2.3 European Coast Guard Functions Forum (ECGF) workshop

Ronan Chastanet, CSG member of France and speaking also in capacity as a representative of the current French Chairmanship of the European Coast Guard Functions Forum (ECGFF), provided a summary of the joint ECGFF/EMSA workshop "Information Sharing and Data Security in the Maritime Safety and Security Domains", which had been delivered at EMSA premises on 11-12 February 2020, back-to-back with the CSG meeting. Upon initiative of the French chair, Data Sharing had been included as one of three themes in the agenda for the workshop, the other two being Cyber Security and RPAS implementation. As part of the Data Sharing theme, CISE had been discussed from different points of views and presented by different surveillance actors representing several sectors (i.e. navy, customs, maritime security and safety etc.). The French customs delivered a presentation on data sharing and Greece shared useful information on how EU financing could be used to develop adaptors, support connectivity and to create a CISE environment step by step. Other presentations had dealt with issues such as the concept of Responsibility to Share, the CISE connectivity to MARSUR and how Copernicus information could be integrated in CISE.

In total, 120 participants had attended the workshop, representing EU/EEA representatives from several sectors, three intergovernmental organisations and a high number of agencies. Mr Chastanet concluded that as a result of the inclusion of CISE in the agenda, the CGF community had now started discussing CISE in a much wider extent than had previously been the case.

### 2.4 Transitional phase activities

EMSA provided an update on the status of the activities defined for the project and the time plan for their completion. A revised overview of the CISE network was presented.

Related to the time plan for the project, it was noted that some activities that rely on the transfer of IPR had been delayed, but that the activities that are not depending on the transfer of IPR are on track.

The tentative dates for the 2020 CSG meetings, with the 4<sup>th</sup> CSG meeting planned for the 9 June 2020 and the 5<sup>th</sup> CSG meeting for the 15 October 2020, were noted.

(For detailed information please see the presentation).

DE	Germany reminded members of the standardization process in ETSI (European Telecommunications Standards Institute). Germany encouraged those CSG members that are public authorities to contact their national ETSI point of contact, as a State's membership in ETSI can be delegated within that State to a specific authority. Germany further called on EMSA to participate in the work as it relates to the CISE technical specifications and expressed their appreciation to JRC for their contribution to the work.
EMSA	Mr Bal invited Germany to share, if possible, any documents to the CSG members that could help them better understand the work in ETSI and to help in the internal decision making for their possible participation.
JRC	The JRC referred to their presentation made under agenda item 2.10 Standardisation at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> CSG meeting and explained that most documents being processed in ETSI are still in draft version and that it may not be possible to share them at this stage. One of the next phases could allow for consulting the CSG.
FR	France expressed that the CSG should take into account the work conducted in other CISE related projects, either by inviting their representatives to a CSG meeting to inform about their activities, or to synchronise best practices workshops or training.
EMSA	Mr Bal informed that EMSA had already intended to address this issue, and proposed to the CSG to invite representatives of other relevant CISE related projects to the 4 <sup>th</sup> CSG meeting.

BG	Bulgaria expressed support to the proposal made by EMSA and their support in general to liaise with others to make sure that EU funded projects move in the same direction, in order to ensure that the industry is on board and to avoid creating separate CISE networks.
DE	Germany seconded Bulgaria, adding that it would be helpful if EMSA could publish on their website a list of other projects with CISE relation.
IT	Italy noted that projects under OCEAN2020 are different, as they are implemented in the defence sector, and that attention must be paid to CISE goals versus projects' goals. In any case, if a project has a technical part, the direction should be pointed out to avoid that industry drives it in another direction.
DG MARE	Mr Economou noted that this issue was addressed during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> CSG meeting and that there is a consensus that different initiatives should be brought together. It is a question of how public money is spent and how we make added value of it. The exchange of knowledge can be more in depth with a best practice workshop where one party is more advanced than others, or to invite representatives to a CSG meeting to provide an overview. Mr Economou further remined that some of the CSG members are involved in other projects and that they should have a coherent position in all fora.
РТ	Portugal informed that they are involved in MARINEO, an innovative project for observation, monitoring and maritime surveillance, ending in November 2020, and offered to share information if requested.
EMSA	Mr Bal explained that if CSG members inform EMSA, then EMSA can help sharing information, without guaranteeing completeness. Mr Bal invited all CSG members to send to EMSA before 28 February 2020 the title and a contact person of other projects that they would like the CSG to be familiarized with.

On the grounds of the presentation and discussion, decisions D3/1 was taken, see section 3 of this document.

#### 2.5 Best Practices Workshop

Peter Kirov, Bulgaria, provided a summary and reflection of the results from the first Best Practices Workshop that was held at EMSA premises in Lisbon on 11 December 2019.

EMSA presented some additional conclusions, including organisational recommendations for future sessions. CSG members took note of the indicative dates for the coming workshops in 2020: 25 March, 1 July and 4 November. While the workshop on 25 March will be a training for node administrators, the topics are yet to be decided for the latter sessions. CSG member were encouraged to provide suggestions of trainings or workshops they might have.

(For detailed information please see the presentation).

#### 2.6 Test Campaign

Luigi Ciani, Italy, presented the plan for the conduction of the Test Campaign. The presentation was based on the Discussion Paper that had been sent to the CSG members ahead of the meeting.

(For detailed information please see the presentation).

BG	Bulgaria, not being able to confirm their participation during this test campaign, suggested a two-phase approach where those nodes prevented from participating at this stage can
	participate later.



PT	Portugal asked whether it was possible to be provided a service catalogue.
IT	Italy, in response to Portugal, confirmed that this will be part of the analysis to be done during the next weeks.
DG MARE	DG MARE, with reference to the suggestion made by Bulgaria, expressed an interest in learning more about who will participate in the test campaign, and how a possible two-phase campaign could be conducted.
	DG MARE also noted that it is important to follow the test campaign nationally, as it will give a clear idea where technical consolidation is needed. The test campaign till help identify what is needed to succeed with the use of CISE towards the operational phase.
EMSA	EMSA clarified that the campaign will be conducted together with those ready to start. Results will be analysed and reported back to the CSG to discuss next steps. Test campaigns will and need to be done at a regular basis. In addition, EMSA has been receiving requests to further tests based on use cases. A number of use cases were created during EUCISE2020, such use cases need to be reviewed and validated. The test campaign task force will finally define the plan for the first campaign, if possible it may overlap the MARSEC exercise organized by the Spanish navy. Any states interested in participating are welcome.
PT	Portugal informed that they are interested in participating in MARSEC 20 but that they need a formal invitation from Spain.
FR	France informed that, within the framework of the ECGFF, COASTEX will take place in Toulon on 2-5 June 2020 under coordination of the French maritime authorities. The exercise will include different types of scenarios and activate several sets of coastal organisations from different countries. Assets (pollution response equipment, drones, satellite images etc) from EMSA, Frontex and EFCA could be included. CISE connections could also be included.

On the grounds of the presentation and discussion, decisions D3/2 was taken, see section 3 of this document.

### 2.7 Cooperation Agreement

EMSA provided an update on the ongoing work in the Cooperation Agreement Working Group. A first draft of the CA had been shared with the WG and a first VTC (meeting in Microsoft Teams) had been conducted on 7 February 2020. WG members had agreed to provide their comments by 28 February 2020. EMSA informed that it had been suggested in the WG that the Responsibility to Share should at least initially not be addressed in the CA. RTS could be eventually incorporated in the CA at a second phase when the obligations of the RTS have been defined.

(For detailed information please see the presentation).

BG	Bulgaria referred to a slide in the presentation about the Legacy systems and reminded that CISE is not only about surveillance but also about information exchange. There are different data bases, for example a database for registered seafarers, that needs to be taken into account.
IT	Italy expressed that it was interesting to see the inclusion of the classification of information between users.
DE	Germany questioned the reference to CONFIDENTIAL information and advised that we should keep to RESTRICTED.
EMSA	Mr Bal, in response to Germany, noted that the topic had been presented as an issue to be discussed in the working group, but agreed that the CONFIDENTIAL layer is not likely to be relevant at this stage.

	On a principal note, Mr Bal further noted that the list of members to the working group showed that not all CSG members are involved, and that it would be very unfortunate if members are not informed and then come back with late comments. CSG members are all encouraged to have at least one lawyer involved in the process.
DG MARE	Mr Economou seconded to EMSA and expressed the importance that all members are involved. It could be useful make the draft available also to those members who are not involved in the working group, to keep them informed.
EMSA	Mr Bal confirmed that the process will be kept transparent and that the CSG will be informed, without replicating the working group discussion there.

On the grounds of the presentation and discussion, decisions D3/3 was taken, see section **Error! Reference source not found.** of this document.

### 2.8 Responsibility to Share

EMSA presented the proposed plan for the Responsibility to Share (RTS) activity, including a suggested timeline, and requested members to nominate members to working group.

(For detailed information please see the presentation).

#### **Questions & Answers**

EL	Greece mentioned that they are interested in participating to the working group but that they will come back to confirm.
DG MARE	DG MARE asked how RTS will be addressed in the Cooperation Agreement WG.
EMSA	EMSA explained, with reference to the discussion about the Cooperation Agreement [section 2.7 above], that the relation to RTS will be decided at a later stage in the Cooperation Agreement WG. First, it needs to be agreed in the RTS WG which principles we can agree on. In case RTS is to be included in the CA, the amendment procedure of the CA will be used.
BG	Bulgaria expressed support for this approach and to wait for the result of the RTS discussion.
DE	Germany reminded members of the tight time frames and urged all members to be involved and not to delay the RTS work.

On the grounds of the presentation and discussion, decisions D3/4 was taken, see section 3 of this document.

### 2.9 Technical and operational support

#### Part A

JRC provided an update on the support activities provided in joint cooperation between EMSA and JRC

(For detailed information please see the presentation).

	EMSA expressed the Agency's appreciation to the JRC for the valuable cooperation with regarding support activities.
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DG MARE	DG MARE seconded EMSA's appreciation.
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#### Part B

JRC provided information regarding the upcoming security study and the proposed actions for members to nominate experts to support the study. Such experts will be considered part of the configuration board working group.

(For detailed information please see the presentation).

#### **Questions & Answers**

IT	Italy noted that it will be valuable to learn more about the security aspect and that NATO documentation could provide guidance. Italy offered to share their experience within the Sophia operation.
FI	Finland pointed out that standards created under the EU umbrella should be aligned, so that national authorities can create one single legacy system.

On the grounds of the presentation and discussion, decisions D3/5 was taken, see section 3 of this document.

#### 2.10 Collaborative platform and communication activities

EMSA presented an update on the use of the collaborative platform and website, and on the planned communication activities. The involvement of CISE transitional phase in the European Maritime Day in Cork on 14-15 May 2020 and the INSPIRE Conference in Dubrovnik 12-15 May 2020 was mentioned, and members were encouraged to inform EMSA about events where involvement of CISE would be beneficial for the evolution of the network.

(For detailed information please see the presentation).

# 2.11 Status of the implementation of national nodes/adaptors and plans for the transitional phase

The following CSG members delivered the following presentations:

- The Netherlands Marco Van Roon and Henk Rohaan;
- European Defence Agency (EDA) Georgi Georgiev;
- European External Action Service (EEAS) Athanasios Moustakas;
- European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) Sven Tahon;
- European Union Satellite Centre (SatCen) Patricia Romeyro;
- European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) Alexander Fuchs
- European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) Gianluca Luraschi

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#### **Questions & Answers**

IT	Following the presentation from EDA, Italy reminded that MARSUR is not EU financed.				
EMSA	EMSA clarified that a CISE node does not store data, but it distributes data.				
JRC	Mr Meersman expressed his concerns to maintain parallel systems.				
EDA	EDA recalled that CISE should not replace any system but should enable interoperability between sectorial systems (MARSUR, SafeSeaNet, EUROSUR etc).				
DE	Germany expressed the need to keep the MARSUR network, as there will always be information that is shared within the sector and not cross sectorial as in CISE.				
DG MARE	Following EEAS's presentation, DG MARE expressed their appreciation for learning about EEAS's interest to participate in CISE, as the Commission and EEAS share the responsibility for the implementation of the EUMSS.				
DE	Following EFCA's presentation, Germany reiterated the importance of information sharing and not only data sharing.				
BG	Bulgaria mentioned their implementation of the CISE solution at a national level through InBulMarS, emphasizing the importance to show the added value of CISE for the customs sector.				
DG MARE	Following the presentation made by Frontex, DG MARE expressed appreciation for the update on the EUROSUR implementing act and the plan to use CISE standards (data and service model) for the implementation of EUROSUR.				
EMSA	EMSA asked Frontex, that had mentioned that information in EUROSUR is shared with third countries, how it can be assured that information shared in CISE will not unintentionally reach third countries.				
FRONTEX	Frontex replied to EMSA that the information sharing will be regulated bilaterally.				
DG MARE	DG MARE asked Frontex and EMSA if they have a plan to use CISE nodes for further evolve the exchange of information between the two Agencies.				
FRONTEX	Frontex replied that this idea will be analysed				

# 2.12 Any other business

Under this last agenda item, Germany directed a request to DG MARE to arrange a meeting with the Member State Expert Sub-Group on Maritime Security and Surveillance, as planning of the operational phase needs to start as early as possible.

DG MARE reminded that we are waiting for the results of the transitional phase which should give the right argument to move into the operational phase. In addition, the approval of the EU budget is pending. The request was noted.



# 3. Meeting outcomes

# 3.1 Decisions

The following decisions have been taken during the meeting:

Decision number	Description	Note
D3/1 - Transitional phase activities	The CSG proposed that members should give mandate to EMSA to invite representatives from a number of CISE relevant projects to the 4th CSG meeting. Members should inform EMSA by <b>21 February 2020</b> the title and a contact person for relevant projects.	Suggestions should be sent to: cise@emsa.europa.eu
D3/2 – Test campaign	The CSG agreed to the proposed conduction of the test campaign and that CISE node owners that are interested to participate should provide the information stated in the discussion paper not later than <b>28 February 2020</b> .	Information should be sent to cise-support@emsa.europa.eu
D3/3 – Cooperation agreement	The CSG agreed to encourage all members to appoint at least one expert to the Cooperation Agreement WG, while also stressing the importance that the CSG members are kept informed during the work process.	-
D3/4 - Responsibility to Share	The CSG agreed with the proposal to set up a WG to complete the tasks as defined in the presentation and to appoint a person for the RTS WG by <b>2 March 2020</b> .	Nominations should be sent to: cise@emsa.europa.eu
D3/5 - Technical and Operational Support	The CSG agreed on their participation in the CISE security study and agreed on the involvement of their security experts in the study (at least one per participating CSG member) and to send their contacts by 6 March 2020.	Nominations should be sent to: cise@emsa.europa.eu

Decision Number: CSG meeting / Decision number (i.e. D1/1 is the 1st decision agreed during the 1st CSG).

### 3.1 Tasks

The following tasks have been agreed during the meeting:

Task number	Description	Decision number	Responsible	deadline	Note
T3/1 – Best Practices Workshop	Members were encouraged to provide suggestions of trainings or workshops they might have.		Each CSG member	-	Suggestions should be sent to cise@emsa.europa.eu

T3/2 – Communication activities	Members were encouraged to inform EMSA about events where involvement of CISE would be beneficial for the evolution of the network	-	Each CSG member	-	Suggestions should be sent to cise@emsa.europa.eu
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Task Number: CSG meeting / task number (i.e. T1/1 is the 1st task agreed during the 1st CSG).

# 4. Conclusion

The CSG approved the updated Work Breakdown Structure and the plan to implement the CISE transitional phase activities, thus a number of decisions and tasks were agreed during the meeting (see section 3 of this document).

The 4th CSG meeting is planned for 9 June 2020.





# 5. Annexes

# 5.1 List of Participants

country	firstname	lastname	organization
Belgium	Thierry	Segers	Belgian Navy
Bulgaria	Peter	Kirov	Bulgarian Maritime Administration
Croatia	Ivan	Kušeta	Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure
Croatia	Alen	Lesic	Ministry of Interior - Border police directorate
Cyprus	Michail	Markou	SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY
Cyprus	Stelios	Kyriacou	Cyprus Shipping Deputy Ministry
Finland	Mikko	Hirvi	The Finnish Border Guard
Finland	Tuomas	Martikainen	Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency
France	Ronan	Chastanet	SGMER
Germany	Elise	Kleinsorgen	German Federal Ministry of Transport
Germany	Bernhard	Wehner	FGMSSC
Greece	Nikolaos	Sourounis	HELLENIC COAST GUARD
Greece	Ioannis	Kandirakis	Hellenic Navy
Greece	Grigorios	Katsis	Hellenic Navy General Staff
Ireland	Brian	Mathews	OIC CIS (N6) Naval Service
Italy	Luigi	Ciani	ITALIAN NAVY
Italy	Rolando	Latini	ITALIAN NAVY
Norway	Ingvild	Skorve	Ministry of Transport
Portugal	Paula	Madeira	DGPM
Portugal	Orlando	Costa	DGPM
Portugal	João	Ferreira	Marinha Portuguesa
Portugal	Vasco	Prates	Portuguese Navy
Portugal	Nelson	Martins	Portuguese Navy
Romania	Oprescu	Mircea	Romanian Border Police
Spain	Vicente	Solla Alvarez	Dirección General de la Marina Mercante
Spain	Alejandro	Cervantes	Armada Española / COVAM
Spain	Pedro	Lopez Castello	GUARDIA CIVIL
The Netherlands	Marco	Van Roon	Ministry of Defence
The Netherlands	Henk	Rohaan	MoDNL/ NLCG
	Georgi	Georgiev	European Defense Agency
	Alexandru	Chiric	European Commission, DG MARE
	Christos	Economou	European Commission, DG MARE
	Anton	Nilsson	European Commission, DG MARE
	Alexander	Fuchs	Frontex
	Athanasios	Moustakas	EEAS/EUMS
	Sven	Tahon	European Fisheries Control Agency
	Angelos	Chatzikostas	European Fisheries Control Agency
	Bartel	Meersman	DG Joint Research Centre
	David	Berger	European Commission - JRC
	Jesus	Hermida	European Commission - JRC
	Patricia	Romeyro Mascarenhas	European Union Satellite Centre - SatCen
	Denis	Bruckert	European Union Satellite Centre - SatCen



#### The following EMSA staff participated at the meeting:

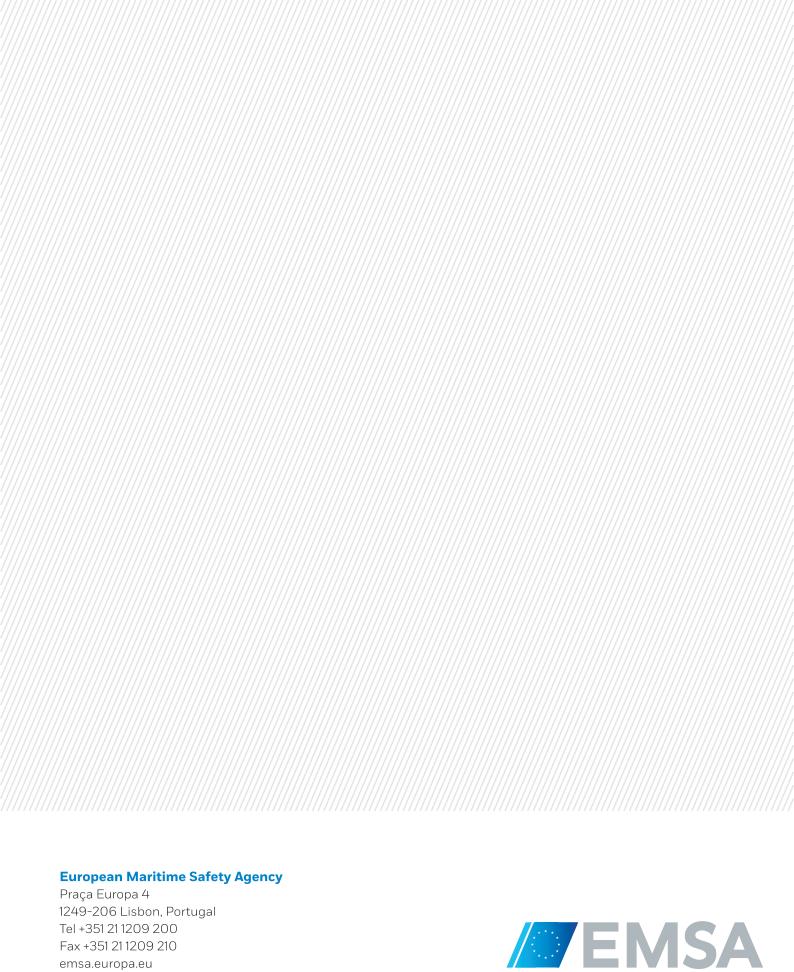
- Leendert Bal (meeting Chairman)
- Gianluca Luraschi (CISE Project Manager)
- Anna Bizzozero (Administrative Officer for CISE)
- Nuria Decker (Financial, Budget and Procurement Officer for CISE)
- Daniele Colasimone (Configuration and Deployment Officer for CISE)
- Elieyis Padron (Tester)
- Jorge Goncalves (Application Architect)

# 5.2 Agenda

# Thursday, 13 February 2020

Time	Agenda Item		
09:00 - 09:30	Registration and coffee		
09:30 - 09:40	Welcome and logistics		
09:40 - 10:00	Opening session - Introductory remarks by DG MARE		
10:00 – 10:20	European Coast Guard Functions Forum - Information from ECGFF/EMSA workshop 11-12 February 2020		
10:20 – 10:40	Transitional phase activities - Overall status report		
10:40 – 11:10	Best practices workshop - Presentation of the results of the Best Practices Workshop on 11 December 2019		
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee break		
11:30 – 12:00	Test Campaign - Presentation of the work of the Task Force for the planning of the campaign		
12:00 – 12:30	Cooperation agreement - Status report on the ongoing work in the Cooperation Agreement Working Group		
12:30 – 13:00	Responsibility to share - Presentation and proposal on the initiation of the Activity		
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch break		
14:15 – 14:45	Technical and Operational support - Status of the work conducted by EMSA and JRC to support		
14:45 – 15:00	Collaborative platform and communication activities - Communication and visibility activities		
15:00 – 15:45	Status of the implementation of national nodes/adaptors and plans for implementing new nodes - presentations by Member States and EU Agencies		
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break		
16:00 – 16:45	Status of the implementation (cont.)		
16:45 – 17:00	Summary and conclusions		

Remarks: Open discussion will be moderated at the end of each session.



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