



MARSAFENET

THE "NETWORK OF EXPERTS ON THE LEGAL ASPECTS
OF MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY"

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ABOUT MARSAFENET

ABOUT. Maritime safety and security have become matter of concern for many States and for the international community as a whole. However, the existing international legal framework does not yet recognize maritime safety and security as specific and autonomous legal regimes, and the practice also mirrors the weakness and the fragmentation existing in the field. This Cost Action will take an in-depth look at current urgent maritime matters focusing on four main issues: i.e., shipping and marine environmental protection, new developments of economic activities at sea, maritime international security and border surveillance and, finally, protection of fragile and semi enclosed seas.

Marsafenet aims to bring together experts in international law of the sea in order to increase the knowledge on these topics and to develop a common conceptual and methodological framework with the goal of contributing to fill the legal gaps and of transforming scientific results into feasible solutions for ensuring safety and security at sea. The Action is intended to foster the identification and exploitation of synergies between EU policies on maritime safety and security and to be complementary to the existing European cross-sectorial initiatives in this area, allowing the existing knowledge to be shared and enhanced within a structured comparative framework, with a view to disseminating findings at national and international level and identifying inputs for supporting the decision-making process in the field.

In terms of societal implications, Marsafenet is aimed at facilitating the detection of solutions for old and new issues and criticalities, that may be implemented within the public realm (decision-makers, international institutions, international and national tribunals, EU institutions, etc.) and within the private sector (shipping sector, civil society, NGOs, etc.).

ACTION BACKGROUND. Over the last decades maritime safety and security have become priorities of many States and of several international fora with the aim of establishing a correct balance between, on one hand, the goal of preserving all the freedoms of the seas and, on the other hand, the need for more secure and safe seas.

However, the notion of maritime safety and the notion of maritime security can be easily confused, both conceptually and linguistically and, in effect, in some languages there is only one word (as an example “seguridad” and “sicurezza”) to express both the concepts. This circumstance is due mainly to the absence of a general accepted meaning of those notions: indeed, in the absence of any official definition, their content depends on the objectives for which the terminology is used. Generally speaking, maritime safety is applicable to procedures to make the ship and the individuals safer at any stage of its activities. Maritime security, on the other hand, refers to any threats to ships, coming from wars and from wilful assault by other men (piracy, terrorist attacks, illegal immigration, drugs trafficking, civil wars and international conflicts). From this perspective, the recent practice has shown the weakness of international law instruments in dealing with these new challenges and in adjudicating colliding interests at sea such as the use of a diverse range of technologies related to marine renewable resources and nuclear activities minimising, at the same time, the conflict with other traditional marine activities including fisheries and commercial shipping. The launch of Marsafenet Cost Action, therefore, aspires to bringing together and consolidating knowledge fragmented in polycentric issues on maritime security and safety issues as well as for looking into the developing process of their inter-linkages taking into account the increasing trend of privatization of maritime distress and safety system services.

OBJECTIVES. Main objective of Marsafenet Action is to develop a methodological advancement in legal research which might enhance a better understanding of the existing complex legal framework on maritime safety and security. More in details, Marsafenet aspires to establish an interdisciplinary network of researchers in the field of maritime security and safety, to enhance the sharing of information and results among different research groups, to implement integration of research, policy making, industries, business sector and civil society developing new and interdisciplinary skills, education and innovation capacities; to promote the involvement of early-stage researchers in research activities within the aforementioned thematic area.

Secondary objectives of the Action consist in establishing a research community in the field of maritime safety and security, in designing an international research agenda around the topic to be offered to EU and national research institutions and generate other research activities among partners; in involving early-stage researchers in the research activities; in enhancing the transfer and the circulation of knowledge and the building of capacity in the field area to concerned operators and stakeholders.

DOCUMENTS

Memorandum of Understanding

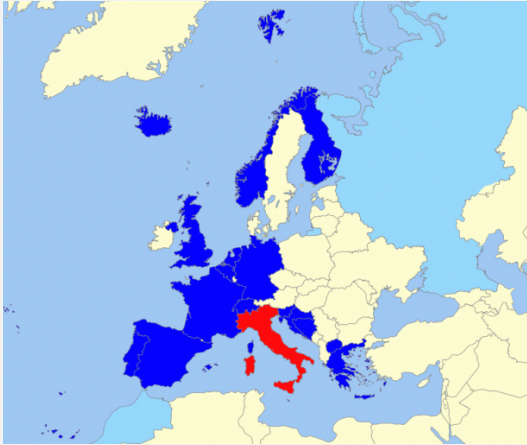
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ACTIVITIES

- > **Global Challenges and the Law of the Sea** 20-21 September 2018, Lisboa, Auditório Mar da Palha, Esplanada Dom Carlos I, 1990-005 Lisboa – [Poster](#) – [Program](#)
- > International Conference on “**Legal Paradigms Covering the Use of Force at Sea**”, 20 April 2018, University of Turin, Law Department, Campus Einaudi Room A 4
- > Workshop on “**Ocean Commons. Common Heritage, Marine Genetic Resources and Biodiversity Conservation in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction**”, Italy, Rome, 13 June 2017 – [Poster](#)
- > Final Conference on “**Maritime Safety and Security: Future Perspectives**” Italy, Rome, 10-11 March 2016 – [Poster](#) – [Program](#) – [Gallery](#)
- > **Maritime boundaries in contemporary international law** Baeza, Spain, 3-4 december 2015 – [Program](#)
- > International Conference on “**Migration at Sea: International Law Perspectives and Regional Approaches**”, Ohrid, Macedonia, 6 October 2015 – [Program](#) – [Gallery](#)
- > Workshop on “**From Mare Nostrum to Triton and the Way Forward to Deal with Migration in the Mediterranean Sea**”, 15 May 2015, Naples, Italy – [Gallery](#)
- > International Conference on “**Maritime Security and Offshore Activities: Legal Aspects**”, Bremen, Germany – [Program](#)
- > Local Workshop on “**Beyond Sovereignty: Issues for a Cooperation in China Seas**”, 14 April 2015, Macerata, Italy – [Poster](#)
- > Roundtable “**Coastal State Powers in the Exclusive Economic Zone**” 13 April 2015, Rome, Italy – [Poster](#)
- > International Conference on “**New challenges facing the Arctic ocean and other fragile seas**”, 20th February 2015, Rovaniemi, Finland – [Poster](#) – [Gallery](#)
- > Stakeholder Workshop on “**Private Detention at Sea**”, London, UK, 7 November 2014 – [Poster](#)
- > Plenary Conference on “**Maritime safety and environmental protection in Europe**”, Porto (PT), 23 May 2014 – [Poster](#) – [Gallery](#)
- > International Conference on “**Safety and Security Issues with Respect to Resources Exploitation in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction**”, Brussels (BE), 2 April 2014 – [Program](#)
- > Stakeholders Workshop on “**State environmental compliance and enforcement in the Mediterranean Sea**”, Rome (IT), 17 March 2014 – [Program](#)
- > Workshop on “**Regional Strategies to Maritime Security: a Comparative Perspective**”, Cordoba, Spain, 27 November 2013 – [Program](#) – [Gallery](#)
- > Plenary Conference on “**Jurisdiction and Control at Sea**”, Rome, Italy, 6 June 2013 – [Program](#) – [Gallery](#)
- > Workshop on “**Safety and security aspects of economic activities at sea**”, Glasgow, UK, 12 March 2013 – [Program](#)
- > Workshop “**Arctic Shipping: Navigation through challenging waters**” Tromsø, Norway, 25 January 2013 – [Program](#)
- > Workshop: “**Insecurity at sea: piracy and other risks to navigation**” Naples (IT), 12 October 2012 – [Program](#) – [Gallery](#)

WORKSHOP & CONFERENCES

PASS “Peace and Security at Sea” the 2018 Spring School on the “**The Use of Force at Sea**”

Summer School “Open Sea” 6-13 June 2016, Naples – [Information](#)

Third MARSAFENET Training School. A Coruña (Spain) 1-3 July 2015 – [Gallery](#)

Second MARSAFENET Training School, Sarajevo 5-7 May 2015 – [Gallery](#)

First Marsafenet Training School on Maritime Security and Safety from Theory to Practice, Procida, Italy, 1-4 July 2014 – [Gallery](#)

SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS

Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are an instrument to promote scientific collaboration between the institutions participating in the MARSAFENET Action.

These Missions (exchange visits) are aimed at strengthening the network by allowing scientists to go to an institution in another COST country participating to the MARSAFENET Action or to a formally approved institution in a Non-COST country, to foster collaboration, share knowledge and undertake research activities.

The aim of a STSM shall be to contribute to the scientific objectives of the MARSAFENET Action. STSMs are particularly intended for young scientists.

• [Rules for STSMs](#)

• [STSMs Coordinator](#)

• [Call for STSMs](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- > Final Marsafenet Volume “[The Future of the Law of the Sea. Bridging Gaps Between National, Individual and Common Interests](#)” – Editor: Gemma Andreone, ISBN: 978-3-319-51273-0 (Print) 978-3-319-51274-7 (Online).
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> [Promo video](#) (CnrWebTV)

> [Frammentazione Giuridica e Protezione Ambientale del Mare Mediterraneo](#) (ISGI-Channel)

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- [Cost Action IS1105](#)
- [Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia](#)
- [IMO](#)
- [International tribunal for the law of the sea](#)
- [United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea](#)
- [International maritime bureau](#)
- [Maritime Security center horn of Africa](#)
- [NATO Maritime Command HQ MARCOM](#)
- [NATO Shipping center](#)
- [The Arctic Council](#)
- [Plan Bleu – Regional Activity Center](#)
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