



DCoC Donor Meeting
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Remarks by the Acting Deputy HoD,
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- In April 2024 the **EU became a Friend of DCOC-JA. EU supports DCOC-JA regional maritime security architecture.**
- In addition to EU MS activities (e.g. DE, DK), there are numerous EU activities in support of maritime security in the WIO, including **CRIMARIO and ATALANTA** that are represented at this meeting.
- Annually the EU support regional maritime security in the WIO with **over 80 million euros.**
- **15-20 vessels of EU Naval Operations or individual EU MS naval are present in the WIO every year.**
- The EU considers DCOC-JA **8-Point Action Plan as a useful framework** for supporting regional maritime security architecture development.
- On **point 1** of the DCOC 8-point plan, concerning **information sharing**, the EU provides support through the Safe Seas for Africa - WIO programme (former MASE) and through the Red Sea programme. In addition, the EU provides support through the CRIMARIO project and its IORIS platform. CRIMARIO director, Martin Cauchi-Inglott, will provide an update.
- On **point 3, Building Regional CG capabilities**, notably in Yemen and Somalia,
 - o EU supports Yemen CG capacity-building through its Red Sea Programme, implemented by UNODC
 - o EU supports Somalia CG through EUCAP Somalia. EUCAP Somalia prepared a draft CG Strategy for Somalia in 2022. Somalia CG has a critical need of signalling equipment, boats (SE donated a boat).
 - o EU will support capacity-building in Djibouti through a 10-million euro EPF measure including equipment.
- On **point 4, regional training programme**, three EU missions in the WIO: EUCAP Somalia, EUTM Somalia (focus on military, maritime component) and EUTM Mozambique. EU Naval Forces, especially ATALANTA (10-14 High Visibility training in Kenya). CRIMARIO trainings. SAFE SEAS Africa, Red Sea Programme, Port Security and Safety of Navigation Programme.
- **Point 5, meetings:** EU will attend DCOC High Level regional meeting in Dar.
- **Point 6, ISPS Code:** EU supports through Port Security and Safety of Navigation Programme, Red Sea programme (implementing agencies: INTERPOL, UNODC, IMO)



- In addition, **EU is considering a new project to respond to the new maritime security challenges** in the WIO, which will support the implementation of the DCOC 8-point plan. IMO would be the lead implementing partner, with CRIMARIO and possibly one more UN agency would be in supporting roles. 4 million is considered to be allocated.
- The possible new project would focus on operationalising the DCOC Info-Sharing Network, including the ReMISC centre in Aden and would support national maritime info-sharing centres in a couple of selected countries. It would benefit from the use of the IORIS platform for info-sharing, operational coordination and exercises.

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