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Basic information			
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European Maritime Safety Agency: cooperation			
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Subject 3.20.03.01 Maritime safety 3.20.15.06 Maritime or inland transport agreements and cooperation 8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU			

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<div>TRAN</div> Transport and Tourism		15/06/2016
		<div></div> CRAMER Michael	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		<div></div> VAN DE CAMP Wim	
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		<div></div> ARNAUTU Marie-Christine	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<div>BUDG</div> Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<div>ENVI</div> Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<div>ITRE</div> Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<div>LIBE</div> Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		29/02/2016
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Key events

15/12/2015	Legislative proposal published	COM(2015)0667	Summary
21/01/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
24/05/2016	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
21/06/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0215/2016	Summary
05/07/2016	Debate in Parliament		
06/07/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
06/07/2016	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0306/2016	Summary
13/09/2016	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
14/09/2016	Final act signed		
14/09/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/09/2016	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2015/0313(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 2000/0327(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 100-p2
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/8/05350

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2015)0667	15/12/2015	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES0622/2016	16/03/2016	ESC	

Committee draft report		PE580.572	13/04/2016	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE582.205	02/05/2016	EP	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE580.521	24/05/2016	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0215/2016	21/06/2016	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0306/2016	06/07/2016	EP	Summary
Draft final act		00031/2016/LEX	14/09/2016	CSL	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2016)657	12/10/2016	EC	

Final act

[Regulation 2016/1625](#)

[OJ L 251 16.09.2016, p. 0077](#) Summary

European Maritime Safety Agency: cooperation

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency in order to reinforce European co-operation on coastguard functions to improve cooperation and coordination between the relevant EU agencies in order to enhance synergies between their respective services.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: national authorities carrying out coastguard functions are responsible for a wide range of missions, including but not limited to maritime safety, security, search and rescue, border control, fisheries control, customs control, general law enforcement and environmental protection.

The underlying problem is that coastguard functions, such as border control, maritime safety and security, search and rescue operations, fisheries control, pollution control etc., are currently carried out by more than 300 authorities in Member States, which are not always well coordinated even at national level.

The objective of this initiative is to improve European cooperation on coastguard functions by developing cross-sectoral cooperation among the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) to improve synergies between those agencies, in order to provide more efficient and cost-effective multipurpose services to national authorities carrying out coastguard functions.

The additional tasks for EMSA are fully in line with European Border and Coast Guard Agency and EFCA mandates and will assist them to also fulfil their duties and tasks.

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency, the European Fisheries Control Agency and the European Maritime Safety Agency should therefore strengthen their cooperation both with each other and with the national authorities carrying out coastguard functions to increase maritime situational awareness as well as to support coherent and cost-efficient action.

The additional tasks for EMSA are fully in line with European Border and Coast Guard Agency and EFCA mandates and will assist them to also fulfil their duties and tasks.

CONTENT: this legislative proposal forms part of a set of measures proposed by the Commission to reinforce the protection of Europe's external borders, including European cooperation on coastguard function, which also includes proposals for a Regulation establishing a [European Border and Coast Guard Agency](#) and to amend [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 768/2005](#) establishing a European Fisheries Control Agency.

The proposal stipulates that the EMSA shall, in cooperation with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency and the European Fisheries Control Agency, support national authorities carrying out coastguard functions at national and Union level, and where appropriate at international level by:

- sharing information generated by fusing and analysing data available in ship reporting systems and other information systems hosted by or accessible to the agencies, in accordance with their respective legal bases and without prejudice to the ownership of data by Member States;
- providing surveillance and communication services based on state-of-the-art technology, including space-based and ground infrastructure and sensors mounted on any kind of platform;
- capacity building by elaborating guidelines, recommendations and best practices as well as by supporting the training and exchange of staff, with a view to enhancing the exchange of information and cooperation on coastguard functions;

- capacity sharing, including the planning and implementation of multipurpose operations and the sharing of assets and other capabilities across sectors and borders.

The Commission may adopt, in the form of a recommendation, a practical handbook on European cooperation on coastguard functions, containing guidelines, recommendations and best practices for the exchange of information and cooperation at national, Union and international level.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: this initiative requires an increase in the EU contribution to EMSA of around EUR 22 million per year (that is around EUR 87 million for the 2017 to 2020 period) and the recruitment of 17 TA staff. This is operational expenditure for around EUR 81 million mainly to cover provision of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) services for border control surveillance (EUR 67 million) and satellite aerial surveillance (SAT-AIS) and Satcom data and services to increase the surveillance capability of the 3 agencies and national authorities to strengthen as a primary objective the control of the external maritime borders of the European Union.

European Maritime Safety Agency: cooperation

The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Michael CRAMER (Greens/EFA, DE) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency.

The committee recommended that the European Parliaments position adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure should adopt its position at first reading taking over the Commission proposal.

To recall, the proposal seeks to improve European cooperation on coastguard functions by developing cross-sectoral cooperation among the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) to improve synergies between those agencies, in order to provide more efficient and cost-effective multipurpose services to national authorities carrying out coastguard functions.

European Maritime Safety Agency: cooperation

The European Parliament adopted by 567 votes to 100, with 41 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency.

The European Parliaments position, adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure, amended the Commission proposal.

Parliament stipulated that the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, the European Fisheries Control Agency and the European Maritime Safety Agency should therefore strengthen their cooperation, within their mandate, both with each other and with the national authorities carrying out coastguard functions to increase maritime situational awareness as well as to support coherent and cost-efficient action.

The Agency shall support national authorities by:

- enhancing the exchange of information and cooperation on coast guard functions including by analysing operational challenges and emerging risks in the maritime domain;
- capacity sharing by planning and implementation of multipurpose operations and the sharing of assets and other capabilities, to the extent those are coordinated by the agencies and with the agreement of the competent authorities of the Member States concerned.

A working arrangement shall determine the modalities of the cooperation and shall be approved by the Administrative Boards of the Agency, the European Fisheries Control Agency and the Management Board of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency.

The Commission shall adopt, in close cooperation with the Member States, a handbook on European cooperation on coast guard functions in the form of a recommendation.

The tasks set out to enhance cooperation shall not be detrimental to the Agency's tasks and not infringe upon Member States' rights and obligations, in particular as flag States, port States and coastal States.

A new recital has been added in order to allow for an efficient and effective support to national authorities carrying out coastguard functions, the Agency shall make use of available state-of-the-art technology, such as remotely piloted aircraft systems (drones).

European Maritime Safety Agency: cooperation

PURPOSE: to strengthen cooperation between the European Maritime Safety Agency, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, and the European Fisheries Control Agency, and with the national authorities carrying out coast guard functions.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2016/1625 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency.

CONTENT: the Regulation amends [Regulation \(EC\) No 1406/2002](#) in order to specify that the European Maritime Safety Agency, the [European Border and Coast Guard Agency](#), and the [European Fisheries Control Agency](#), should strengthen their cooperation, within their mandate, both with each other and with the national authorities carrying out coast guard functions, in order to increase maritime situational awareness and to support coherent and cost-efficient action.

In cooperation with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency and the European Fisheries Control Agency, the European Maritime Safety Agency will support national authorities carrying out coast guard functions at national and Union level and, where appropriate, at international level by:

- sharing information available in ship reporting systems and other information systems hosted by or accessible to those agencies;

- providing surveillance and communication services based on state-of-the-art technology, including space-based and ground infrastructure and sensors mounted on any kind of platform;
- building capacity by drawing up guidelines and recommendations and by establishing best practices as well as by providing training and exchange of staff;
- enhancing the exchange of information and cooperation on coast guard functions including by analysing operational challenges and emerging risks in the maritime domain;
- sharing capacity by planning and implementing multipurpose operations and by sharing assets and other capabilities, to the extent that these activities are coordinated by those agencies and are agreed to by the competent authorities of the Member States concerned.

The precise forms of cooperation on coast guard functions between the Agency, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency and the European Fisheries Control Agency shall be determined in a working arrangement, in accordance with their respective mandates.

The Commission shall make available a practical handbook on European cooperation on coast guard functions, in the form of a recommendation, in close cooperation with the Member States, the Agency, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency and the European Fisheries Control Agency.

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