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Friends of Presidency Group on
EU Maritime Security Strategy**Subject: A Cross-Sectoral Agenda for Maritime Security Research**

The 2014 European Union Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS) and the accompanying Action Plan provide a comprehensive framework that, through addressing existing maritime risks and threats and encouraging cross-sectorial and cross-border cooperation on the maritime field, contributes to a stable and secure global maritime domain.

The implementation of the Strategy requires also that Member States possess the necessary maritime capabilities and technologies to not just meet these challenges, but also to ensure the EU remains an effective global maritime actor.

In this respect, under the Research and Innovation work-strand of the EUMSS Action Plan and under the coordination of the Joint Research Centre, a network of R&D experts that included representatives from Member States, EU Institutions and Bodies, the maritime industry and the research community was brought together to work towards the development of a cross-sectoral research agenda for maritime security. The attached joint civil-military research agenda represents the outcome of the work carried out by the Network of Experts and is made available to Member States but also to maritime security stakeholders to provide guidance and encourage synergies on future planning of maritime security-related research activities. It also aims to inform available funding schemes or instruments on existing priorities in this area, be it national, cooperative (such as in the frame of EDA) or at EU level (namely under research Framework Programmes or other initiatives or, even, a possible future European Defence Research Programme).

To this end, the joint civil-military research agenda for maritime security hereby presented should be used to guarantee efficient use of resources, avoid fragmentation and promote timely delivery of related technologies, in order to ensure EU's leading role on maritime security innovation.

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