



Mediterranean Coast Guard Function Forum

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Tuesday, 29 October 2024		
IAW national arrangements	Arrival of delegations in Tirana International Airport. Welcome of the delegation.	Transportations arranged and coordinated by ALB CG staff officers and escorts.
IAW arrivals schedule	Transfer of the delegations from “Mother Teresa” Tirana International Airport to hotels. Check-in to hotels.	Transport throughout events is provided.
14.00 – 17.00	Possibility for bilateral meeting between Albanian Institutions and EU Agencies or between countries.	The request for bilateral meeting must be coordinated on advance.
18.00 - 21.00	Ice Breaking Event.	All Participants and Albanian National High Authorities. (Hotel Tirana International). Attire: Casual (jacket open neck no tie) and equivalent attire for ladies.
21.00 - 21.30	Transfer to the affiliate hotels.	Transfer from Ice Breaking site to affiliate hotels provided.
Wednesday, 30 October 2024		
08.30	Transfer of the delegation from affiliate Hotels to the Conference site provided.	
09.00 – 09.30	Registration of the participants. Administrative procedures.	Alb Coast Guard Staff.
09.30-10.10	Welcoming and opening remarks. Commandant of the Albanian Coast Guard. Albanian Minister of Defense EU Commission.	Speakers: 1. RADM Adnand AGASTRA Commandant of Albanian Coast Guard. 2. Mr. Pirro VENGU Minister of Defence. 3. EU Commission Mr. Christos Economou
10.10-10.30	Coffee break. Family Photo.	All Participants
10.30-11.30	Panel 1. Sharing the best practices on control, monitoring and protection of critical underwater infrastructures and communication lines.	1. Commander Paal BRATBAK, MARCOM CUI, Head Branch; 2. Mr. Angelo Eligio Lo CASCIO, Trans-Adriatic Pipeline Operational Manager;

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Mr. Francesco DATTIS, EMSA 4. RADM Adnand AGASTRA Commandant of Albanian Coast Guard (Moderator);
11.30 - 1140	Break.	All Participants
11.40 – 12.50	<p>Panel 2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Coast Guards and other agencies` roles on sustainability and protection of biodiversity, marine habitat management and enforcing specific regulation against illegal activities at sea like polluting, illegal fishing and protected species and possibilities for cross-functional and cross-national cooperation. b. Possible use of innovative technologies like various sensors, drones and AI on coastal ecosystem monitoring, environmental changes and parameters and effective management strategies. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Enton SPAHO, Director of Fishery Inspectorate; 2. Mr. Dorian TOLA, Deputy Minister of Defence (Moderator) 3. Mrs. Ilva GJUZI, Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism; 4. Mr. Pedro Galache, EFCA; 5. Mr. Guido Ferrero, DG Joint Research Centre
12.50 – 13.50	Lunch break	Buffet style lunch provided at site,
13.50 – 15.00	<p>Panel 3.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Best practices at national and regional level on inter institutional real time exchange of information. Improvement needed to be done on complex cases of reaction involving more than one agency. b) Exploring possibilities of exchanging real time information on regional level for proper reaction for various cases especially SAR operations and any security threat. Needs for capacity building, extending cooperation and agreements on bilateral, multilateral or regional bases. c) Existing interoperability solution to build up a common platform of information exchange on regional level and future improvements. Future needs for capacities and legal bases. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Tomorr HARIZI General Director of Sea Administration; 2. Commander Blerim Hoxha, Advisor to Minister of Defense for Military Affairs, 3. EU Commission Ms. Yasmin SCHINASI-ROMEU, DG MARE, (moderator), 4. Mr. Lazaros AICHMALOTIDIS; EMSA, 5. Lieutenant Salvatore RUSSO Italian Coast Guard;
15.00 – 15.10	Coffee break.	
15.10 – 16.10	<p>Panel 4.</p> <p>Existing policy provisions to establish a solid and regular relationship between various intergovernmental agencies and European Agencies with Coast Guard Function on the region</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Sajmir BOSHNJAKU, Director of Migration and Border Police; 2. FRONTEX 3. Ms. Adriana SALAZAR, Expert of Blue Economy at Union for Mediterranean;

		4. Captain Giulio PIRODI, Head of International Affairs Italian Coast Guard (moderator).
16.10 – 16.30	Conclusions of the day.	All Participants
16.30 – 16.50	Transfer to the affiliate hotels.	Transfer from forum site to affiliate hotels provided.
16.50 - 18.00	Executive time.	
18.00 – 19.00	Transfer from affiliate hotels to the Gala Dinner location in Durres.	Transfer from to affiliate hotels to Gala Dinner location provided for all participants starting at 18.00.
19.00 – 21.30	Gala Dinner	Melia Resort Durres - All Participants. Attire: Uniform Class A for Uniformed Personnel and Business for civilians (jacket and tie) equivalent for ladies.
21.30 – 22.30	Transfer from the Gala Dinner location in Durres to affiliate hotels.	Transfer from Gala Dinner location to affiliate hotels provided.
Thursday, 31 October 2024		
08.30 – 09.00	Transfer of the delegation from any other hotel to the Conference site provided.	
09.00 – 09.30	Registration of the participants. Administrative procedures.	Alb Coast Guard Staff.
09:30 – 10:00	Addressing (Greeting Speech)	Mrs. Belinda BALLUKU, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure and Energy;
10.00 - 10.20	Coast Guard Global Summit experience and the future.	Captain Jun KAWAL, International Affairs Japan Coast Guard
10.20 – 10.40	European Coast Guard Function Forum and future the common fields of interests with MCGFF.	Commander Paulo Sergio Gomes AGOSTINHO, Head of Maritime Security and Safety Division, Portugal Coast Guard.
10.40 – 10.50	Coffee break.	
10.50 – 11.40	Round Table. Future consolidation MCGFF role and the cooperation between European Agencies and beyond in the Coast Guard Functions.	DG MARE, EMSA, EFCA FRONTEX, Italian CG, Albanian CG.
11.40 – 12.00	Break.	
12.00 – 12.30	Closing remarks – End of Conference	MCGFF Chairman RADM Adnand Agastra, Albanian Coast Guard and Vice Admiral Nicola Carlone Italian Coast Guard. The transfer of MCGFF Presidency to Italian Coast Guard.
12.30 – 13.00	Transfer to the affiliate hotels.	Transfer from forum site to affiliate hotels provided.
12.30 – 12.45	Transfer of the Head of Delegation to the restaurant.	Transfer from forum site to affiliate hotels provided.
12.45 – 15.00	Official Lunch for HoD.	
From 13.00	Transfer of HoD to the affiliate hotels.	Transfer for HoD provided
From 15.00	Departure of Delegations. IAW the departure schedule.	Transportations arranged and coordinated by ALB CG staff officers and escorts.

