



**OPERATION IRINI**



**CALENDAR 2025**



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**EUNAVFOR MED IRINI is a Maritime Security Operation established in the framework of EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), with the core task of implementing the UN arms embargo on Libya. The Operation also represents an instrument of the EU Integrated Approach to External Conflicts and Crisis, supporting the peace process in Libya.**

**Operation IRINI, based on UN Security Council resolution 2292 (2016) and subsequent, is mandated to carry out inspections of vessels on the high seas off the coast of Libya suspected to be carrying arms or related material to and from Libya (Counter Illegal Arms Trafficking - CIAT).**

**As secondary tasks, IRINI also monitors and gathers information on illicit exports from Libya of petroleum, crude oil and refined petroleum products (Gathering of Information on Oil Smuggling - GIOS); contributes to the disruption of the Human Smuggling Business Model and trafficking networks (HSBM); implements, upon request of the Libyan authorities, Capacity Building and Training (CB&T) in support of Libyan Institutions for law enforcement and search and rescue at sea.**



*"In this challenging scenario of enduring instability and permanent conflict OPERATION IRINI still has proven to be the only international operating actor, able to implement the UN arms embargo on Libya, with an impartial and balanced approach"*

*R. Alva D. Insuli*





# January 2025

23 Contributing Nations, working together to achieve the core task of implementing the UN arms embargo on Libya. As additional tasks, preventing illicit export of petroleum, disrupting the Business Model of Human Smuggling and being able to provide Capacity Building and Training in support of Libyan Institutions for law enforcement and search and rescue at sea.

Operational Headquarters (OHQ), Force Headquarters (FHQ) and Task Force 464 (TF 464), consisting of naval, air assets and logistic sites, count around 600 people working together on land and sea in the European interest.







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*Hand Over -Take Over OPCDR*



# *February 2025*

On July the 19th 2024, RADM Valentino RINALDI has been appointed as new Operation Commander of the EUNAVFOR MED IRINI, based in the Operational Headquarters in Rome .

IRINI is one of the most relevant military operation under the EU Common Security and Defence Policy and the only one in the Central Mediterranean.







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HOTO FCDR



# March 2025

Force Commanders Hand Over-Take Over (FCDRs HOTO):  
IRINI Force Commanders are assigned on a six-month rotation by Italy and Greece.  
During this rotation, FCDRs from both nations alternate leadership, also providing the Flagship.







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# April 2025

The EU Strategic Compass underlines the importance of ensuring readiness and interoperability among EU Members States' Naval Forces. Maritime Situational Awareness (MSA) is achieved by a dynamic disposition of IRINI assets in the Area of Operation assuring continuous presence and surveillance, carrying out inspections on vessels suspected to breach the arms embargo, preventing illicit export of petroleum and contributing to disrupt the business model of human smuggling and trafficking.







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# May 2025

IRINI monitors the Area of Operation through its Air Assets, given by the EU Member States, conducting Hailings and gathering information regarding suspected vessels. Information is then cross-checked with other sources available and forwarded to the Force Headquarters located on board the Flag ship and to the Operational Headquarters (OHQ) in Rome for further analysis.







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# June 2025

IRINI is an intelligence driven Operation and our analysts operate 24/7 in order to collect all relevant information concerning the Area of Operation. Data gathered by ENFM IRINI assets are complemented by other sources including the EU Satellite Centre (SATCEN), the EU Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and the EU Intelligence and Situation Centre (INTCEN).







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# July 2025

Logistic facilities in Sigonella, Pantelleria, Augusta and Souda, are fundamental operational enablers to ensure effective technical and logistical support to naval and air assets of the Operation. The main tasks of the logistic support are: refueling, accommodation, personnel reception, transport of materials, medical support and health care.







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# August 2025

EU Maritime Security Strategy is vital to European Union and Member States. EU economy depends on secure seas: over 80% of global trade is seaborne and two thirds of oil trade goes by sea. Safe-guarding Sea-Lines of Communication (SLOC) is therefore a crucial task for the EU in the Maritime Domain.







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**FIGHT ILLICIT TRAFFICKING**



# ***September 2025***

Threats and illicit activities – such as weapons trafficking, illicit export of petroleum, human smuggling – represent critical challenges. IRINI operates in accordance with relevant Security Council Resolutions. Moreover, EU aims to be a Global Maritime Security Provider in the Central Mediterranean, implementing Maritime Situational Awareness.







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# **October 2025**

EUNAVFOR MED IRINI is contributing to the disruption of Human Smuggling Business Model (HSBM) and trafficking networks, providing gathered information to the EU and the UN through Special Reports and data analyses. EUNAVFOR MED IRINI does not represent a “Pull Factor” for migration flows.







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# November 2025

Nowadays Cyber awareness became a priority as part of the EU's broader efforts to bolster its cyber security capabilities. Cyber Phalanx is real-operation-based exercise developed by the European Defense Agency and IRINI. A pilot project, designed to enhance cyber awareness and to strengthen strategic decision-making.







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# December 2025

The Shared Awareness and De-Confliction in the Mediterranean Conference (SHADE MED) is a high-level forum representing an example of the European Union's willingness to approach Mediterranean security debate. SHADE MED is a unique opportunity to share information and experiences between representatives from different Nations and Organizations, involved in the Mediterranean context.







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