

FACTS AND FIGURES

OPERATION AREA
Central Mediterranean Sea



OPERATION COMMANDER
Rear Admiral Stefano TURCHETTO
(IT)

HEADQUARTERS
Rome, Italy



TROOP CONTRIBUTING NATIONS
24

MANDATE STARTED
31 March 2020



MANDATE APPROVED UNTIL
31 March 2023

ACTION

EUNAVFOR MED IRINI draws on maritime, aerial and satellite assets.



With these means, the Operation gathers extensive and comprehensive information on the trafficking of arms and related materiel and shares this information with relevant partners and agencies. **EUNAVFOR MED IRINI** may inspect vessels on the high seas off the coast of Libya bound to or from the country and suspected to be carrying arms or related materiel in violation of the arms embargo.

In addition, the Operation also conducts the appropriate activities to implement the secondary tasks of its mandate: prevent the illicit export of petroleum, provide capacity building and training of the Libyan Coast Guard and Navy, contribute to the disruption of the business model of human smuggling and trafficking networks.

EUNAVFOR MED IRINI will host a Crime Information Cell (CIC) comprising staff from relevant law enforcement authorities of Member States and EU agencies.

This cell will facilitate the receipt, collection and transmission of information on the arms embargo on Libya, the illegal exports of petroleum from Libya and on human smuggling and trafficking as well as crimes relevant to the security of the operation.

POLITICAL CONTROL AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION



The Political and Security Committee, under the responsibility of the Council and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, exercises political control over **EUNAVFOR MED IRINI**, providing strategic direction and taking relevant decisions in accordance with Article 38 of the Treaty on European Union.