

Mon, 19/06/2017 - 15:10
News stories

Belgian frigate Louise-Marie joins the Operation Sophia



Rome, Monday 19th of June 2017

On Sunday, the 18th of June, the Belgian frigate Louise-Marie has joined EUNAVFOR MED and she will continue to support the operations until the 22nd of July. This deployment is the third time the Belgian Navy provides an asset to support Operation Sophia.

The commanding officer and the 157 crewmembers are eager to participate for the second time in this operation. For this mission, the crew of the Louise-Marie is reinforced by personnel of other services (divers, doctor & interpreter) and she is equipped with the Alouette III helicopter.

The Louise-Marie was deployed in November and December 2016 for the first time for EUNAVFOR

MED Ops Sophia. This was a successful operation with 4 friendly approaches, 62 hailing, 19 intelligence reports, and 172 people rescued on two migrant boats.

Louise-Marie is ready to tackle all challenges this deployment will bring and is looking forward to provide the necessary building stones to disrupt the smuggling business model, contribute to the prevention of arms trafficking and if needed preserve the lives of migrants at sea.

Belgian frigate Louise-Marie joins the Operation Sophia



www.eeas.europa.eu

Source URL:

http://eueuropaeas.fpfis.slb.ec.europa.eu:8084/csdp-missions-operations/eunavfor-med-operation-sophia/28403/belgian-frigate-louise-marie-joins-operation-sophia_en