



# SHADE MED 2-19

Rome, 25 – 26 September 2019

Shared Awareness and De-confliction in the Mediterranean (**SHADE MED**) continues as the forum where key stakeholders from nations and organisations engaged in or impacted by migration and other activities in the Southern Central Mediterranean come together to share knowledge and coordinate their efforts in this complex region.

SHADE MED's primary objective is to provide a common ground aimed at de-conflicting and coordinating military and civilian resources, operations and industry practices in order to achieve maximum efficiency and effectiveness. It allows an assessment of emerging trends and enables the sharing of best practices.

The last SHADE MED forum was held in January 2019, attracting **189 participants from 30 countries** belonging to **121 organisations**. It was a successful forum that reinforced partnerships and collaboration across a wide area.

**The Eighth SHADE MED will be held in Rome on 25-26 September 2019.**

**Day one** of the event focuses on the Comprehensive Approach with Keynote panels considering a shared sense of responsibility and how we can manage the unique challenges of the Central Mediterranean region. On completion a number of **Working Groups (WG)**, for those that wish to take part, will discuss current themes under the following titles:

**WG1 A look at the current status of illicit trans-Mediterranean activity.**

Review and discuss the latest illicit activities across the Central Mediterranean. Explore, plan and coordinate successful/potential countermeasures and areas for cooperation.

**WG2 Capacity-building of the Libyan Coast Guard & Navy (LCG&N).**

Illustrate the state of art of LCG&N operational capacity. Assess and regenerate the capacity-building process ultimately refining a comprehensive training concept. Examine the way national and multilateral initiatives enhance and support the capacity-building process. Explore new training approaches to facilitate MS contribution and international Organisations participation.

**WG3 Cooperation in the Central Mediterranean; Opportunities and Challenges (Comprehensive Approach).**

An analysis of current stakeholder cooperation in the Central Mediterranean to inform potential opportunities in order to enhance our collective response.

**WG4 Shipping Industry Coordination - Building a more Integrated Approach.**

Develop situational awareness between actors and identify possibilities for practical cooperation and information coordination between Military Operations and the Shipping Industry.

**Day two** will consist of a number of updates from Operations in the Central Mediterranean, followed by a further WG discussion session. On completion, Working Groups will present their findings and the event will conclude with a closing address.

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