

Mediterranean Crisis: Strengthening the operational capacities of the Turkish Coast Guard in managing migration flows in the Mediterranean Sea

With the changing situation in the Aegean Sea in early 2015 – and in order to respond to the urgent need to save lives at sea and to fight against organized criminal groups, in particular the so-called “ghost ships” phenomenon– the TCG launched two special operations, namely the Operation “Safe-Med” (with 900 crew continuously engaged in patrolling and rescue operations) and the Operation “Aegean Hope” (with 1.100 crew engaged). In the context of the Operation Aegean Hope, 24.017 migrants were rescued in 679 incidents, while 1.874 migrants were rescued in 19 incidents under the Operation Safe Med. The increased workload of the TCG staff, particularly search and rescue operations, the circumstances in which these operations usually take place and the provision of support to migrants and refugees on top of their daily job, is not only overstretching the capacities of the TCG personnel but also leaving a psychological strain on all TCG staff involved.

To strengthen the operational capacities of TCG, IOM received funds from EU in order to:

Activity 1: Procure of six Search and Rescue vessels for the TCG

Activity 2: Provide of a tailored training program on the use of the supplied vessels for selected TCG staff

Additionally, IOM will be providing trainings on international migration law and other migration management topics and provision of training, individual counselling and coaching sessions.

YARD NO. 535504

Sections

Hull overview



Deck view



S111&112 status



Prefabrications



Donor

European Union Delegation through Instrument Contributing to Peace and Stability (IcSP)

Project Duration

22 August 2016 – 22 Feb 2017

Title of Procurement Contract

Construction Contract

Name and Nationality of Contractor

B.V. SCHEEPSWERF DAMEN GORINCHEM, Netherland

Nature and Purpose of Contract

Construction of Search And Rescue boats- 6 boats

Amount of Contract

17,909,421.00 Euro

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