



**UKMTO – MIEVOM
EMASoH as contributor to freedom of navigation**

**Rear-Admiral Mauro PANEBIANCO
Force Commander AGENOR
Dubai – 6th of July 2023**





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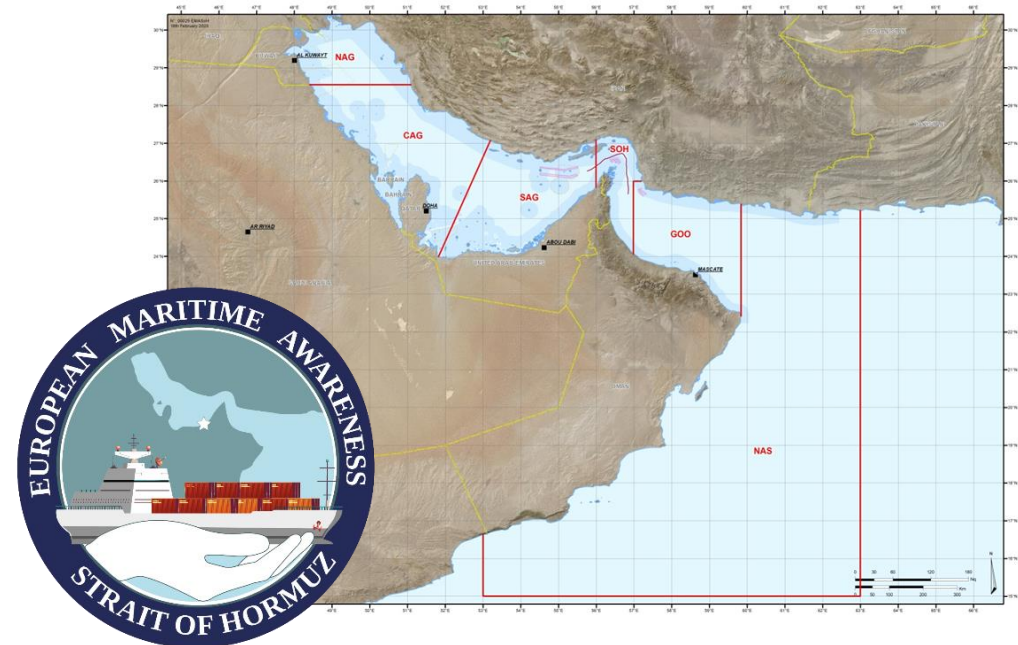
EMASOH/AGENOR

Since 9 June 23

- 11th Force Commander Rear Admiral (ITA) Mauro PANEBIANCO
- Force Headquarter on board ITS LUIGI RIZZO

AGENDA

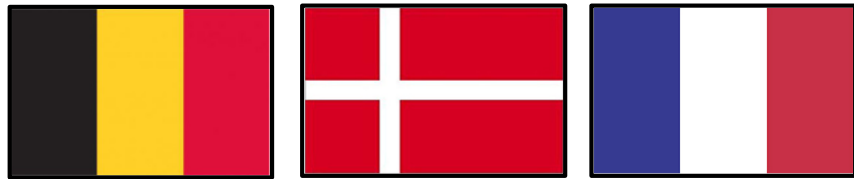
- EMASoH genesis, structure & key elements
- EMASoH NCAGS





EMASoH: Genesis

European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz



- A political statement by the governments of Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands and Portugal (**20 January 2020**).



- Supported by a military operation – AGENOR – Full Operational Capability since 25 February 2020.

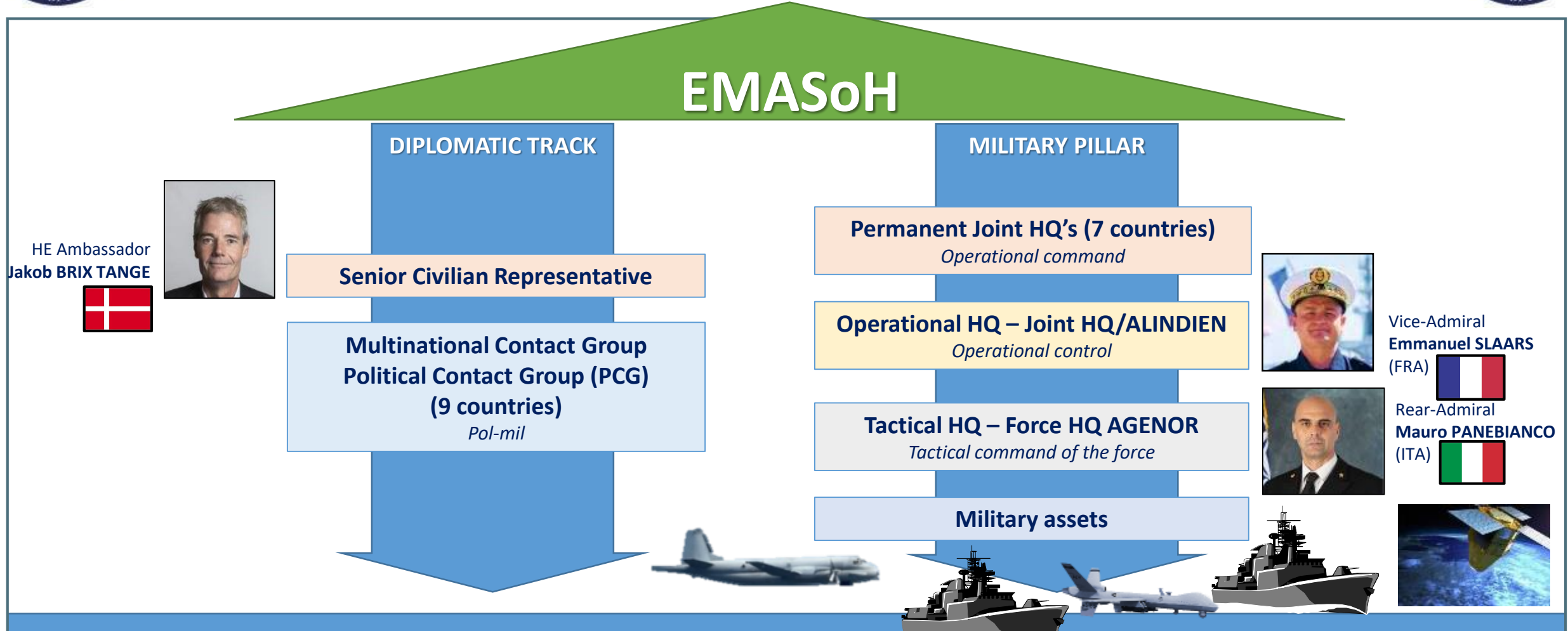


- Later joined by Norway.

“The mission will concretely provide enhanced maritime situation awareness and surveillance (...) in the Gulf and Arabian Sea”



EMASoH: Structure



EMASoH aims to foster de-escalation and to complement vital diplomatic efforts aiming at ensuring increased stability and an inclusive regional dialogue in a critical context .



EMASoH Key Elements

Structure

- 9 European contributing nations
- Diplomatic and military pillars

Posture

- Non State-facing
- Inclusive approach
- **De-escalatory posture**

Tasks

- Improving the maritime situational awareness
- Contributing to the freedom of navigation

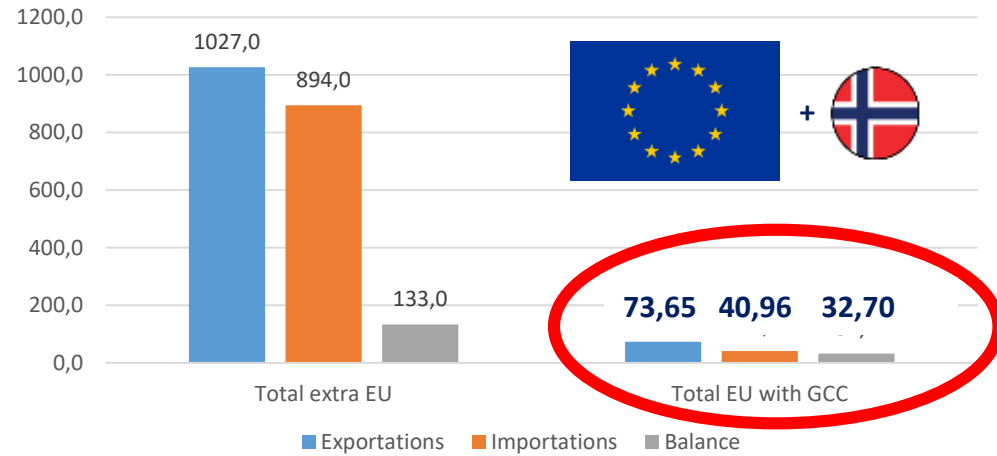
End state

- Free flow of commerce
- Reassuring the merchant shipping
- Europe as reliable security actor in the Gulf area



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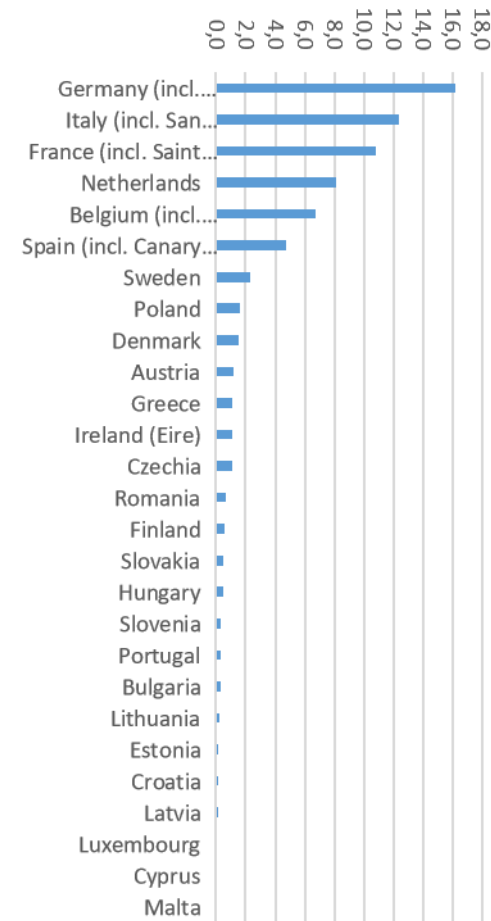
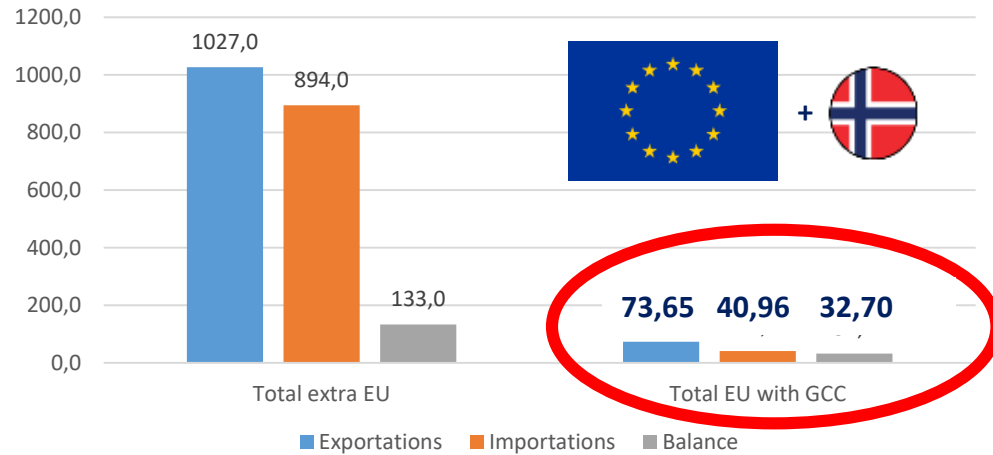
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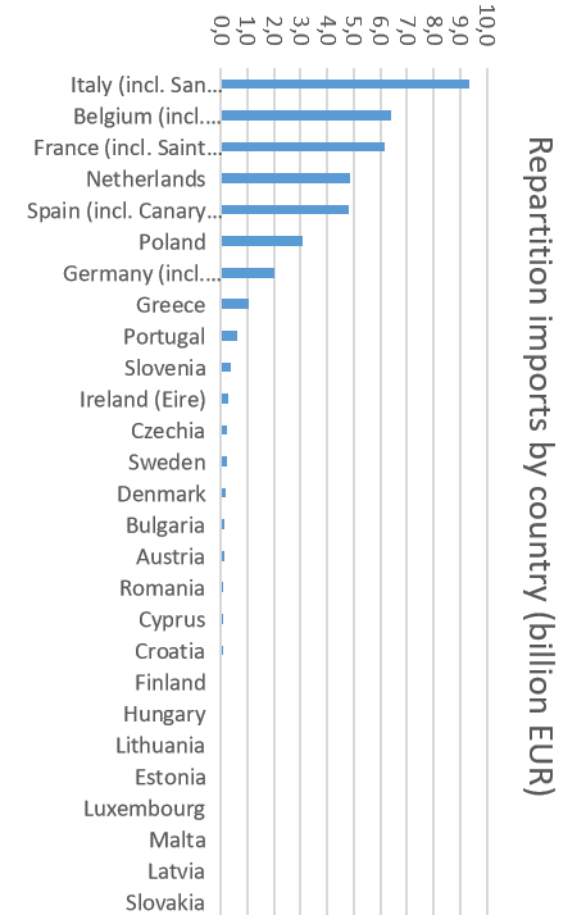


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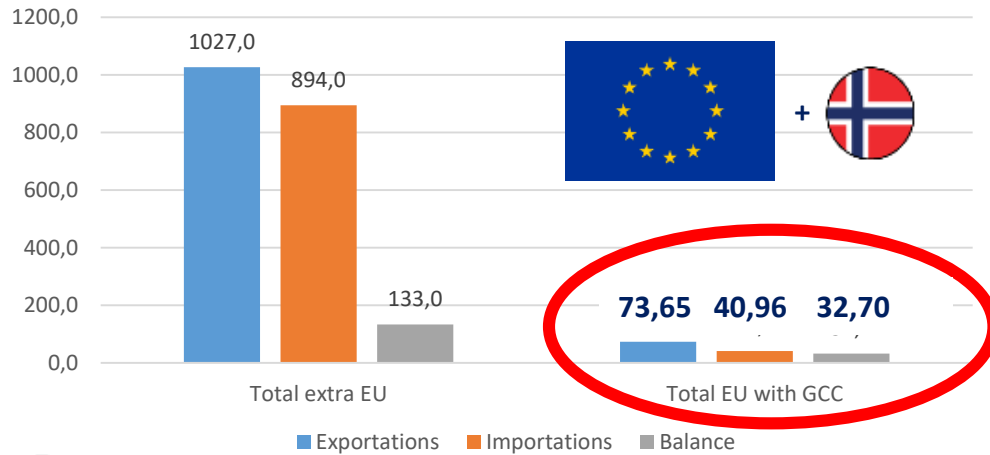


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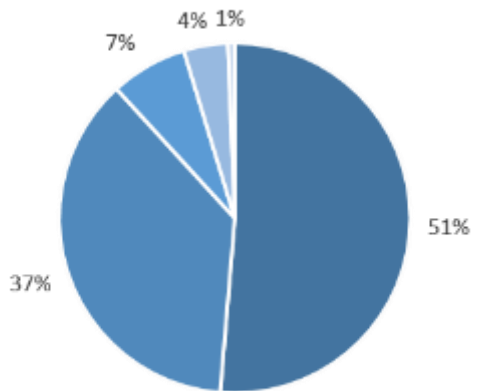


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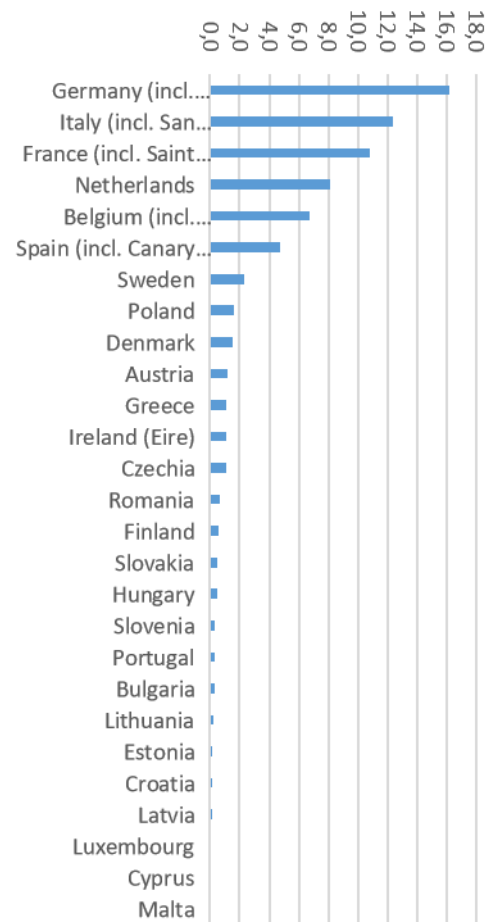
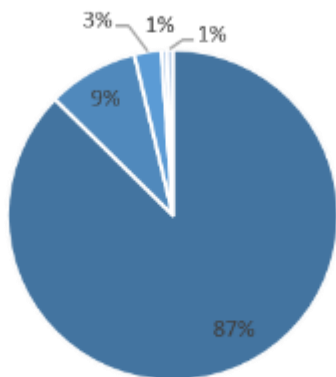
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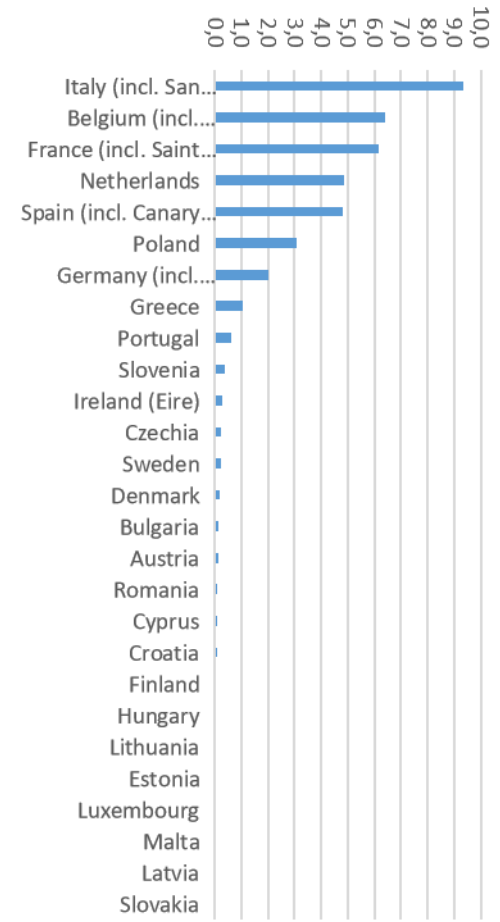
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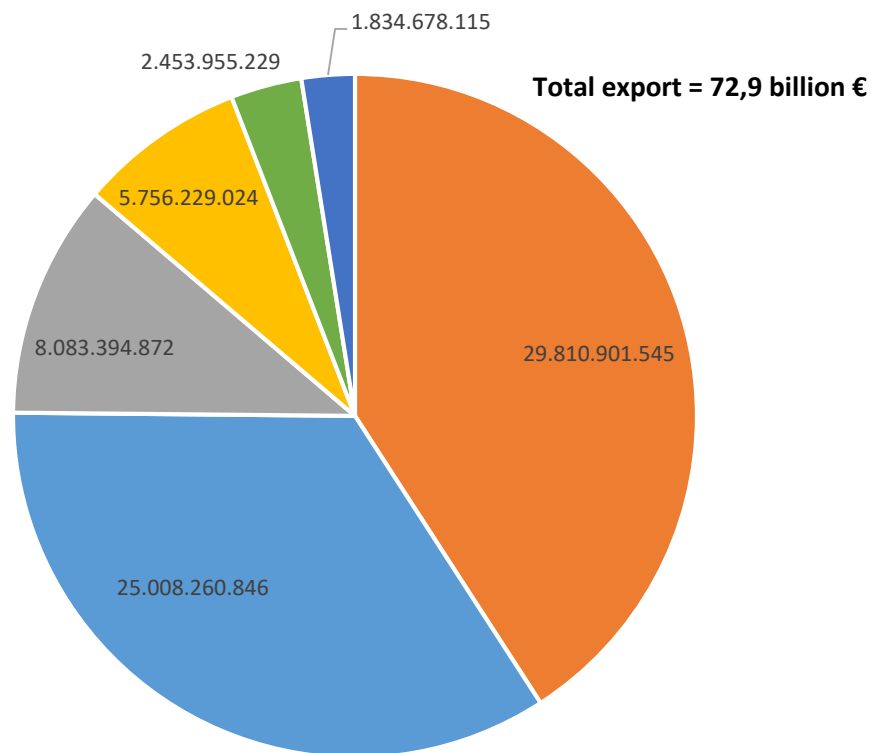
The freedom of navigation in the Red Sea and the Strait of Hormuz is crucial for EU – GCC imports and exports



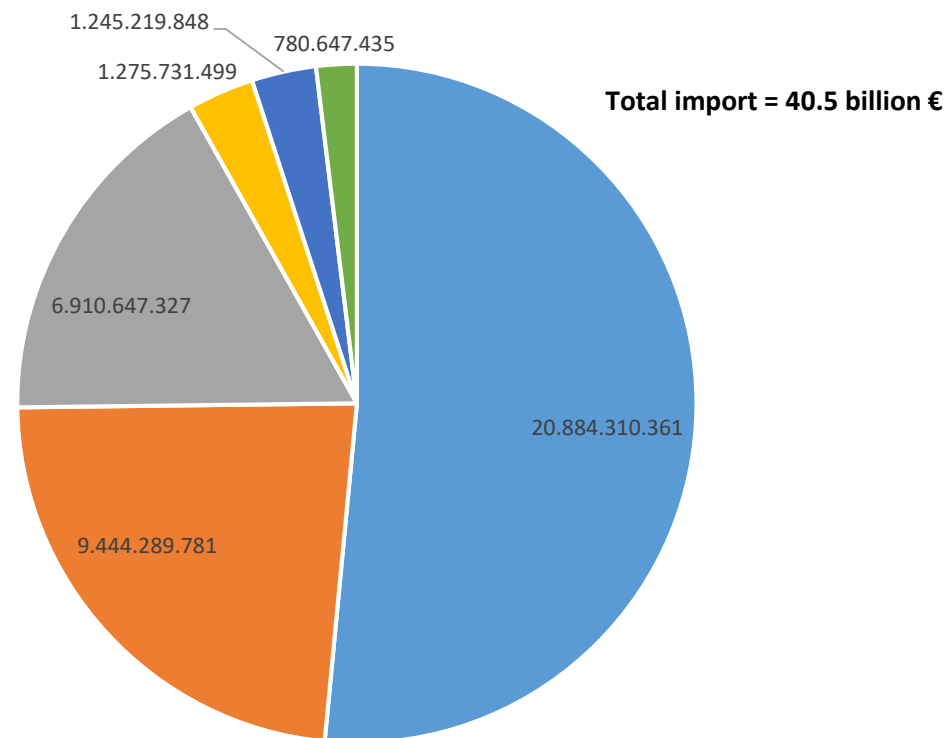
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EU exports by GCC country of destination



EU import from GCC country of origin



- Saudi Arabia
- Qatar
- Bahrain

- United Arab Emirates
- Kuwait
- Oman

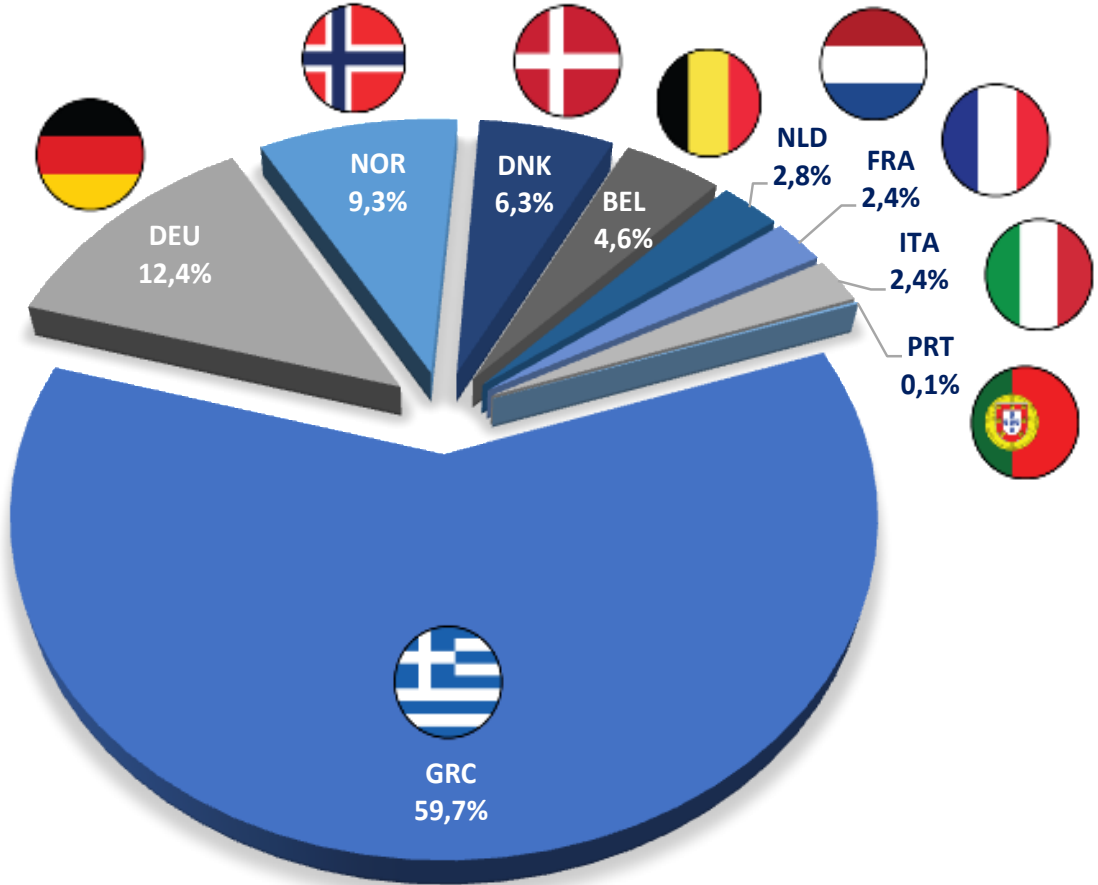


Fleet of EMASoH Countries in the World

***World Merchant fleet by country of beneficial ownership and by dead-weight (DWT) tonnage – all types of ship (2022): 2,18 billions of tons**

- GRC 17.634 %
- DEU 3.651 %
- NOR 2.749 %
- DNK 1.864 %
- BEL 1.351 %
- NLD 0.822 %
- FRA 0.703 %
- ITA 0.701 %
- PRT 0.411 %

} **29,52 %**

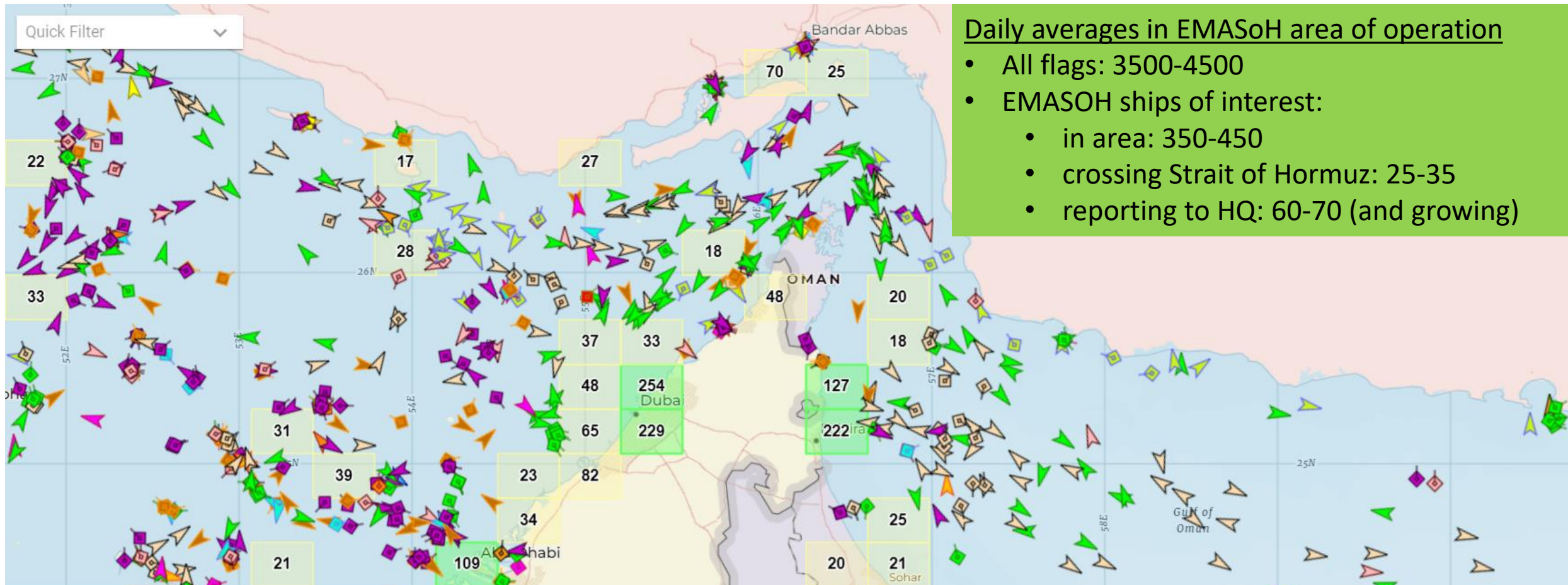


More information on country leaflets to be provided

** UNCTAD STAT Merchant fleet by country of beneficial ownership, annual (2022)*



NCAGS - Monitoring



Daily averages in EMASoH area of operation

- All flags: 3500-4500
- EMASOH ships of interest:
 - in area: 350-450
 - crossing Strait of Hormuz: 25-35
 - reporting to HQ: 60-70 (and growing)

<input type="checkbox"/> Cargo	<input type="checkbox"/> Tanker	<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/> Towing	<input type="checkbox"/> Big Tow	<input type="checkbox"/> Tug	<input type="checkbox"/> Dredge
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure Craft	<input type="checkbox"/> Search & Rescue	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> All Other		



EMASoH Ship of Interest



EMASOH Ship of Interest ?

- **EMASOH Flagged and Beneficial Owners Merchant Vessels** are ships flying the flag of one of the EMASOH contributing nation or ships owned by companies residential in an EMASOH-country while they are sailing inside EMASOH area of operation;
- **Maritime Security Center (MSC) Merchant Vessels** are ships designated by one of the national Maritime Security Centers cooperating with EMASOH NCAGS cell while they are sailing inside EMASOH area of operation [→ importance of getting such a list of designated ships – EMASoH nations' responsibility !]

→ So, there are **3 CRITERIA** in order to determine whether a ship is an EMASOH Ship of Interest:

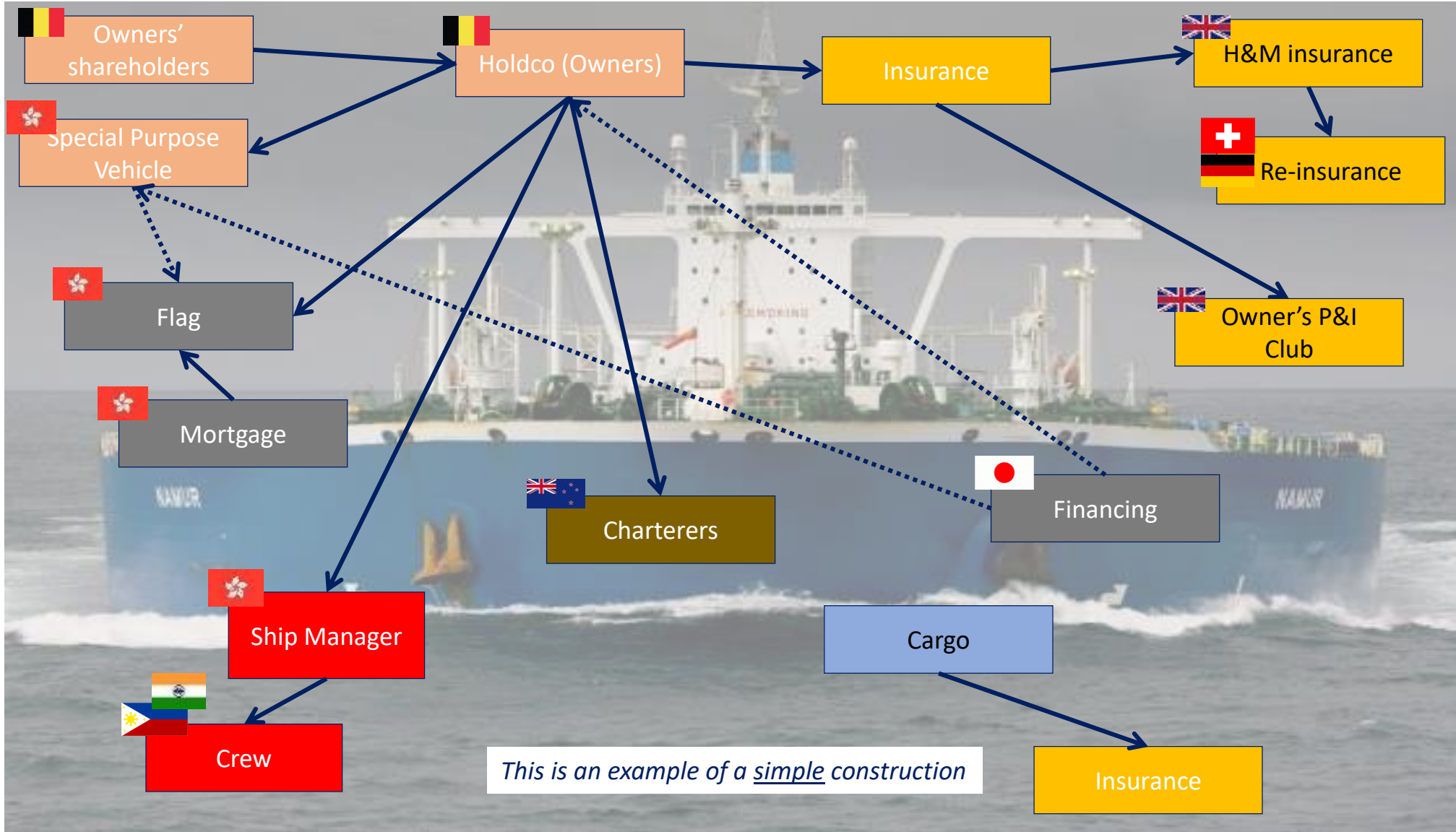
FLAG STATE

**BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP**

**SHIPS DESIGNATED
BY NATIONAL MSC**



EMASoH Ship of Interest: Complexity





Voluntary Reporting Scheme/Area

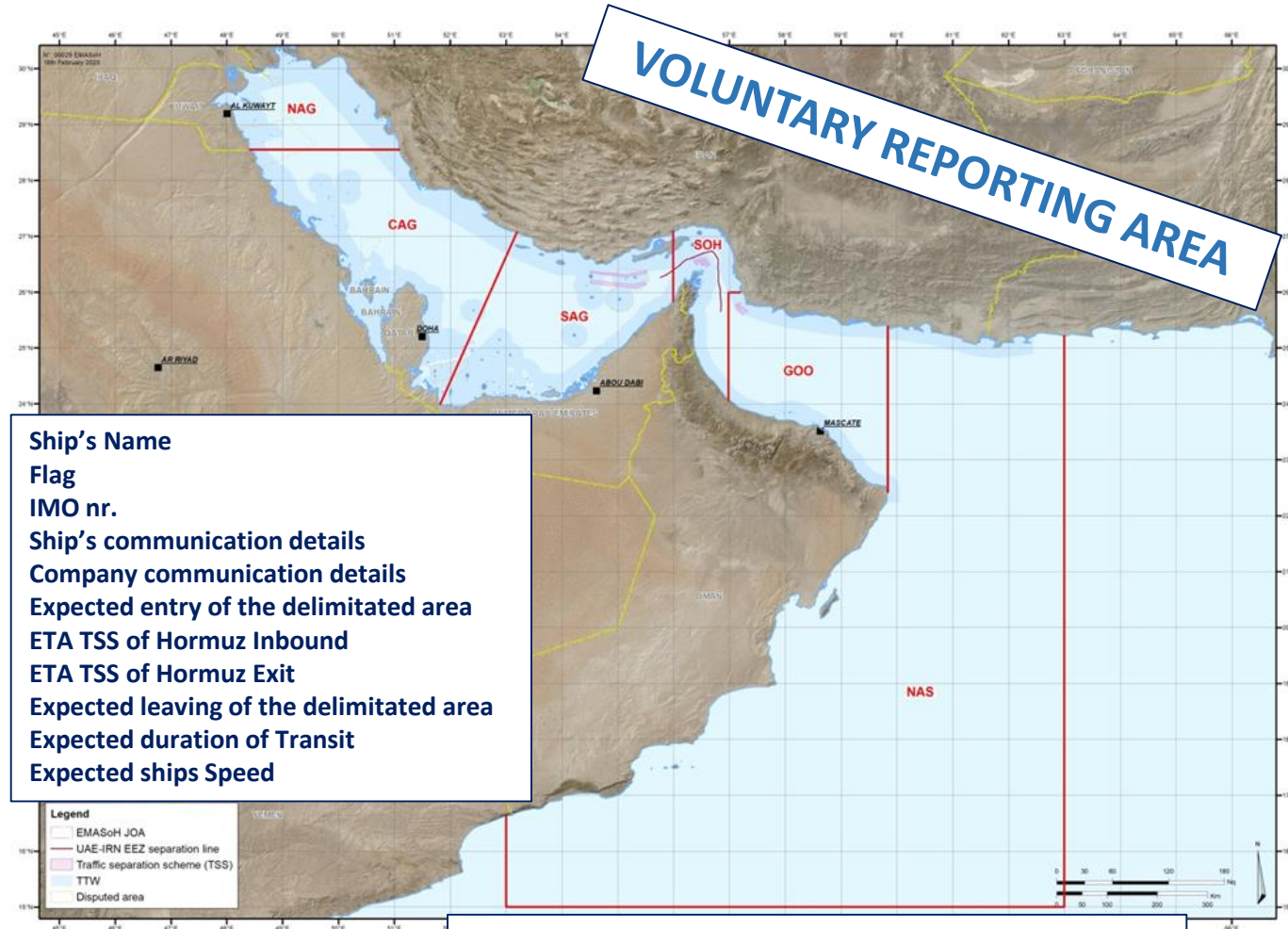


Voluntary reporting improves the cooperation and guidance that EMASoH can provide to EMASoH Ships of Interest.

Voluntary reporting ships with an EMASoH link are also **prioritized** for possible accompaniments with EMASoH's naval assets.

Before entering the Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA), 48 hours in advance, or as soon as possible, reporting to EMASoH is possible via ctf474-emasoh.vra.fct@def.gouv.fr or phone +390187024; dial 2; dial 7566903

The EMASoH Voluntary Reporting Area (VRA) comprises the entire Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, and a part of the Arabian Sea between the 53E and 63E meridians and the 15N parallel.



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Accompaniments

- Ensure a **coordinated passage** through a specific area (usually the SoH) with one or more merchant ships (max 3) and an EMASoH naval asset
- **Mutually agreed** between merchant ship(s) and EMASoH
- **Confidential** (not stated overtly)
- Provide **reassurance**
- **Monitoring** the accompanied ship(s) and surrounding area
- No changes on the schedule of your Ships



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Accompaniments

- At **reasonable distance** (2-10 NM)
- Takes about **7-8 hours**
- **Short term** planning
- **Crossing** accompaniments also possible
- Opportunity to do **stratcom**
- Regular contacts/**VTC with naval assets** IOT explain
- ...and of course: free of charge



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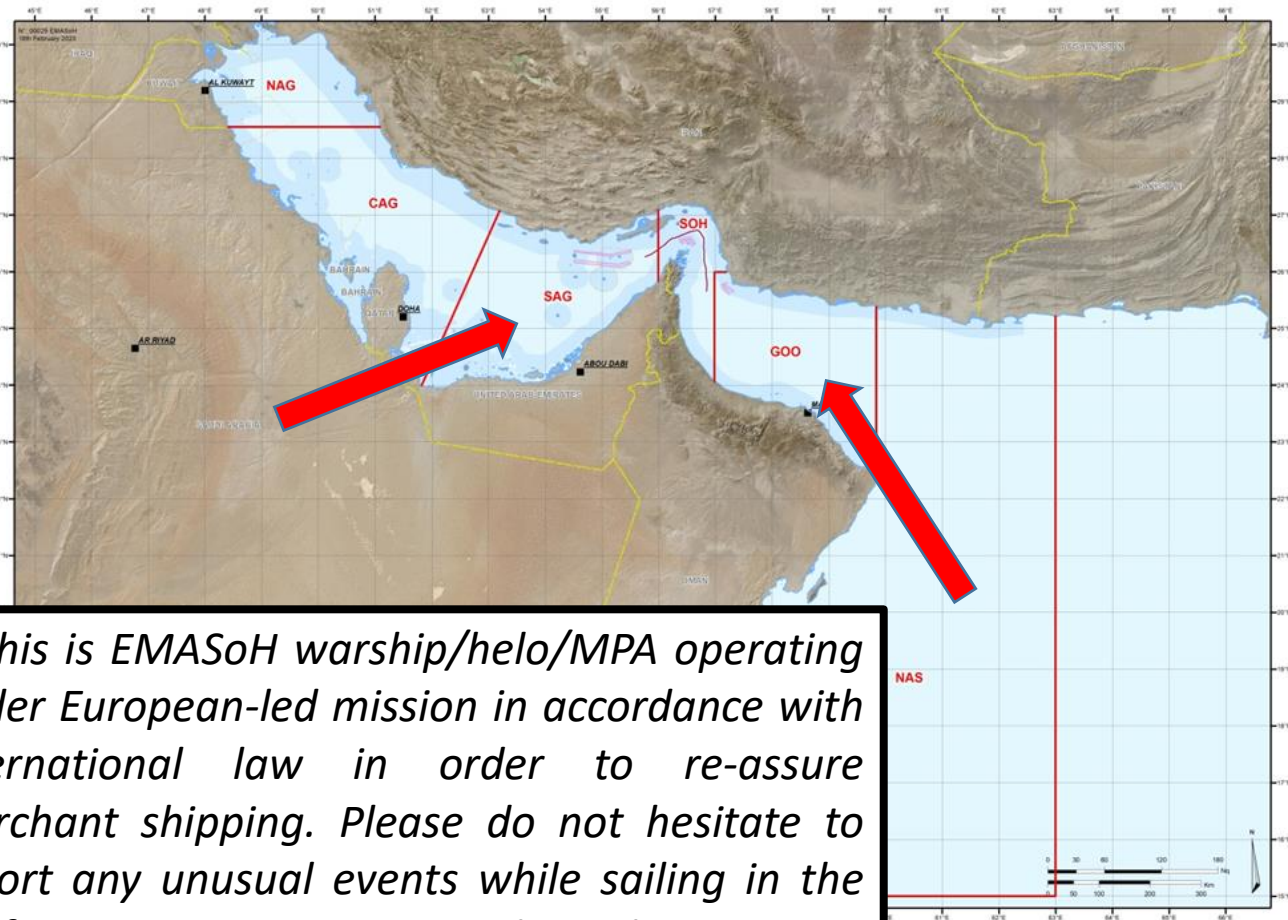
EMMA Calls

Reassuring radio communication (VHF)

→ Show EMASoH is present

→ M/V can call out for help if needed

- **Non-delaying** wrt merchant ship operations
- Conducted in **international waters** only
- NCAGS provides a list of EMMA calls candidates when EMASoH asset(s) at sea



« This is EMASoH warship/helo/MPA operating under European-led mission in accordance with international law in order to re-assure merchant shipping. Please do not hesitate to report any unusual events while sailing in the Gulf area on VHF or through EMASoH Headquarters on telephone number (...) »



Conclusions



EMASoH-AGENOR:

- acts in **complementarity with** EMASoH **diplomatic pillar**
- takes his part in **contributing to freedom of navigation**
- contributes to **safeguard economical interests** of EMASoH nations and by extension all EU MS
- has a deliberate **de-escalatory** posture
- gives **visibility to Europe as a security actor in the Gulf region**
- **document any illegal action** against EMASoH shipping



Questions?





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