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NETwork of experts on the legal aspects of MARitime SAFETY and security

International Conference Jurisdiction and Control at Sea

Celebrate June 8th!



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**Italian barristers attending the Conference will be granted 9 formative credits by the Bar Association of Rome. To obtain credits, the participation to both sessions is required.*



What is Marsafenet

The NETwork of experts on the legal aspects of MARitime SAFETY and security

Maritime safety and security have become matter of concern for many States and for the international community as a whole. However, the existing international legal framework does not recognise maritime safety and security as specific and autonomous legal regimes and the practice also mirrors the weakness and the fragmentation existing in the field. This Cost Action will take an in-depth look at current urgent maritime matters focusing on four main issues: shipping and marine environmental protection, new developments of economic activities at sea, maritime international security and border surveillance and, finally, protection of fragile and semi-enclosed seas. The Action is intended to foster the identification and exploitation of synergies between EU policies on maritime safety and security. In terms of societal implications, the Action is aimed at facilitating the detection of solutions for old and new issues and criticalities, that may be implemented within the public realm and within the private sector.

MARSAFENET is currently composed of about 50 legal experts from 16 countries working together to develop a common conceptual and methodological framework with the aim of contributing to filling the existing gaps and transforming scientific results into feasible solutions for ensuring safety and security at sea.

Marsafenet 1st Plenary Conference

The existing international legal framework, including the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 (UNCLOS), does not answer to all contemporary needs for ensuring safety and security within cross-sectorial and ecosystem-based approach to maritime governance.

The Conference aims at investigating current developments in State practice relating to jurisdiction and control at sea. This general look at international practice seems to be a primary and necessary condition for a deeper understanding of the maritime safety and security legal regime.

The first MARSAFENET Plenary Conference represents an opportunity to come together, exchange ideas and discuss emerging legal issues concerning States' powers at sea with particular emphasis on the implementation of the principle of freedom of navigation, the prevention of crimes at sea, marine environment protection, marine resources security within and beyond national jurisdiction and peaceful international relations. It is also an opportunity to illustrate and discuss emerging legal issues, new instruments and future challenges with stakeholders, academics, international organisations, practitioners and consultants.

The programme of the Conference will be posted on the website www.marsafenet.org

I Session

9:00 to 13:00

International practice and maritime security

The first session will deal with several maritime security concerns discussed by invited speakers coming from the academia, international organisations and jurisdictions:

Interaction and tensions between coastal States interests and collective interests in maritime safety and security

'Environmental security' at sea, between States enforcement and freedom of navigation

Marine living resources security beyond national jurisdiction

The future of the external dimension of Common Fishery Policy

IUU fishing and the role of FAO

Individual rights at stake in State enforcement and control at sea

How satellites help jurisdiction and control at sea

Discussion and Final Remarks

II Session

14.30 to 19:00

Maritime Security and Safety: Emerging issues, new instruments and legal gaps

Roundtable

The second session will be devoted to illustrate and discuss the objectives and the expected results of the MARSAFENET research activities and to discuss emerging issues, new instruments and legal gaps relating to maritime safety and security, under different perspectives, with the Leaders of the four Working groups of the Action and with the relevant stakeholders, i.e. international organizations, NGOs, government representatives.

English is the only language of the Conference.