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The Guardia Civil is organising a Seminar on coordinated action of EU coast guard oriented policing institutions

Summary

Inaugurated by the delegate of the Government in the Valencian Autonomous Region, Pilar Bernabé, and by the General in charge of the Guardia Civil Regional Headquarters, Arturo Prieto, the seminar will take place today and tomorrow.

Representatives from different European institutions and agencies such as FRONTEX, EMSA and EFCA and from other national and international organisations will attend.

Content

Today and tomorrow, as part of the Spanish Presidency of the EU, the Guardia Civil has scheduled a Seminar on coordinated action of EU coast guard oriented policing institutions in Valencia. It has been inaugurated by the Government representative in the Valencian Autonomous Region, Pilar Bernabé, and by General Arturo Prieto, Head of the Guardia Civil Regional Headquarters.

The seminar aims to improve participants' general understanding and knowledge of coastguard functions, while providing an overview of the latest policies, instruments and tools available in this area, with particular emphasis on the coordination aspect of the different actors, both at European level and in the Member States, responsible for the so-called "coastguard functions". The event will also provide a unique opportunity to meet other experts and exchange information with professionals with extensive experience in this field. On the second day there will be a visit to the Provincial Maritime Service of Valencia in order to learn about the capabilities of the Guardia Civil through a practical demonstration.

The Guardia Civil's Maritime Service as a comprehensive response to threats at sea

As part of the conference programme, the Maritime Service of the Guardia Civil, a law enforcement service providing a comprehensive response to current threats at sea, will talk about the coordination carried out by the Guardia Civil in Spain in everything related to its role as coastguard, and the functions of the European Coastguard Functions Forum (ECGFF) as a major player in the coordination between institutions with coastguard functions in the European Union.

A representative of FRONTEX (European Border and Coastguard Agency) will take part in this activity by presenting the value of the European Border and Coast Guard in the development of coastguard functions at European level. Other European agencies such as EFCA (European Fisheries Control Agency) and EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency) will also take part to explain their support and collaboration capabilities in law enforcement at sea.

The following coastguard forces will take part: the Spanish Navy, the Romanian Border Police, the Guardia di Finanza and Guardia Costiera of Italy, the French National Customs Coast Guard, the Guarda Nacional Republicana of Portugal, the Belgian Coast Guard and the Guardia Civil.

More than forty experts in the field

Attendees include representatives from organisations such as the Secretarie General de la Mer (France), Agence Nationale des Frequences (France), Netherlands Maritime Police, Ministry of Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Deputy Directorate of Customs Surveillance, Merchant Navy, Royal Naval League, Maritime Cluster, Customs Attaché at the French Embassy in Madrid, National Association of Nautical Companies, Phillippe Cousteau Foundation, French National Gendarmerie, Spanish institution of National Ports, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Portuguese Maritime Authority and the Port Authority of Valencia.

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