



# **R&D in Support of EU Policies** on Maritime Border Surveillance

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### **Maritime border surveillance – The big picture**



## **Research topics presently at JRC**

- Reporting systems
  - Satellite-AIS DG MARE-funded pilot
- Sensors
  - Satellite SAR (Synthetic Aperture Radar)
  - Passive AIS
- Platforms
  - Unmanned Airborne Systems (UAS)
- Communications
  - Hardening of GNSS based trackers
- Data fusion & sharing
  - VMS + AIS + ...
  - CISE
  - C-SIGMA
- Maritime surveillance concepts
  - EUROSUR
  - GMES Border Security

# **UROPEAN COMMISSION** Trials for Finnish Navy and Border Guards

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Linked to EDA (European Defense Agency)

June + Nov 2008

General maritime awareness

- Most value: away from coast
- Problems: with the many small islands





## Ships and wakes

#### ENVISAT Alternating Polarisation Baltic Sea, 2006





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# **UROPEAN COMMISSION** High resolution in satellite SAR

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#### *From...*

Radarsat-1 Fine 10 m resolution (North Sea)



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То...

**TerraSAR-X Stripmap 3 m resolution** (Caribbean, June 2008)



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# TerraSAR-X Spotlight 1.5 m resolution Caribbean, June 2008









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## **Small boat detection from satellite**

- Illegal immigrants often use small boats (5 8 meter)
- The earlier they are found the better
- Even already on the departure shores
- Can SAR (radar) satellite do this?

#### Trial (2009) with:

- Frontex
- Italian Coast Guard and Guardia di Finanza
- Spanish Navy
- New VHR SAR satellites
  - 1-3 m resolution
  - Radarsat-2, TerraSAR-X, CosmoSkymed

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Preliminary validation with terrestrial AIS indicates:

- Detection of S-AIS is 50 % 65 % (Orbcomm Pathfinder)
- With experimental systems

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Orbcomm FM37 → Orbcomm FM39 → Pathfinder 2 →

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- Receive AIS (HF radio) signal that is reflected off other boats
- Disentangling the many reflections is made easier because:
  - AIS transmitter reports its own location
  - Several AIS transmitters, but only one at a time

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Direct Signal **Reflected Signals** 

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# **WIMAAS – Unmanned airborne systems**

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- 14 Partners
- Lead: Thales Airborne Systems (TSA)

 Wide Maritime Area Airborne Surveillance

- FP7 capability project
- Towards unmanned systems
- Scenarios
- System of systems
- Sensors
- Operations, command & control

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## **Protection of GNSS-based trackers**

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- Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS): GPS, Galileo, ...
  - Used in VMS, AIS, transport of hazardous goods, ...
- Incentives to induce false reporting
- Vulnerabilities & remedies:
  - Fake GNSS signal (1) → Validation by inertial measurement, internal clock, dual antenna
  - Physical opening (2) → Seals, destruction of h/w or s/w on opening
  - Fake messages (5) → Timestamp, digital signatures, crypto chip
  - More ...
- Good news:

Measures are often economically feasible

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## **Ideas for international collaboration**

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- US initiative for global space partnership
- Workshop 27-29 Sept, Washington DC
  - Co-hosted by European Commission

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US Coast Guard; and Office of Global Maritime Situational Awareness

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### The end

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