

*Concluding event PHARE 2005 Twinning Project  
„Institutional Capacity Building in the Field of Maritime Safety”*

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*kick off event PHARE 2006 Twinning Project  
„Institutional Capacity building for VTMS and FSI”*



## **IMPACT OF TWINNING COOPERATION IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF VTMIS SERVICE IN CROATIA**



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**MINISTRY OF SEA, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**  
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## BACKGROUND

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The establishment of the Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Information Systems (VTMIS) is conceived and based on the:

- Commission White Paper on the European transport policy
- Directive 2002/59/EC establishing a Community vessel traffic monitoring and information system
- Chapter V of the SOLAS Convention
- IALA Guidelines and recommendations
- Pre-accession Maritime Transport Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (2005)
- VTMIS Development Strategy (2005)

➤ Amendments to Maritime Code (OG 146/2008)

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# VESSEL TRAFFIC MONITORING AND INFORMATION SERVICE

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**VTMIS** is an organizational structure within the Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure which:

- monitors and organizes maritime traffic,
- collects and distributes information to maritime traffic (vessels)
- exchanges information with participants in maritime transport.

**GOALS OF THE VTMIS SERVICE** are:

- raising safety of life at sea (reduction of casualties),
  - improving efficiency of search and rescue operations at sea,
  - contributing to prevention and detection of pollution from ships,
  - enabling exchange of information on national, regional and EU level (e.g. SafeSeaNet)
  - facilitating more efficient maritime transport services
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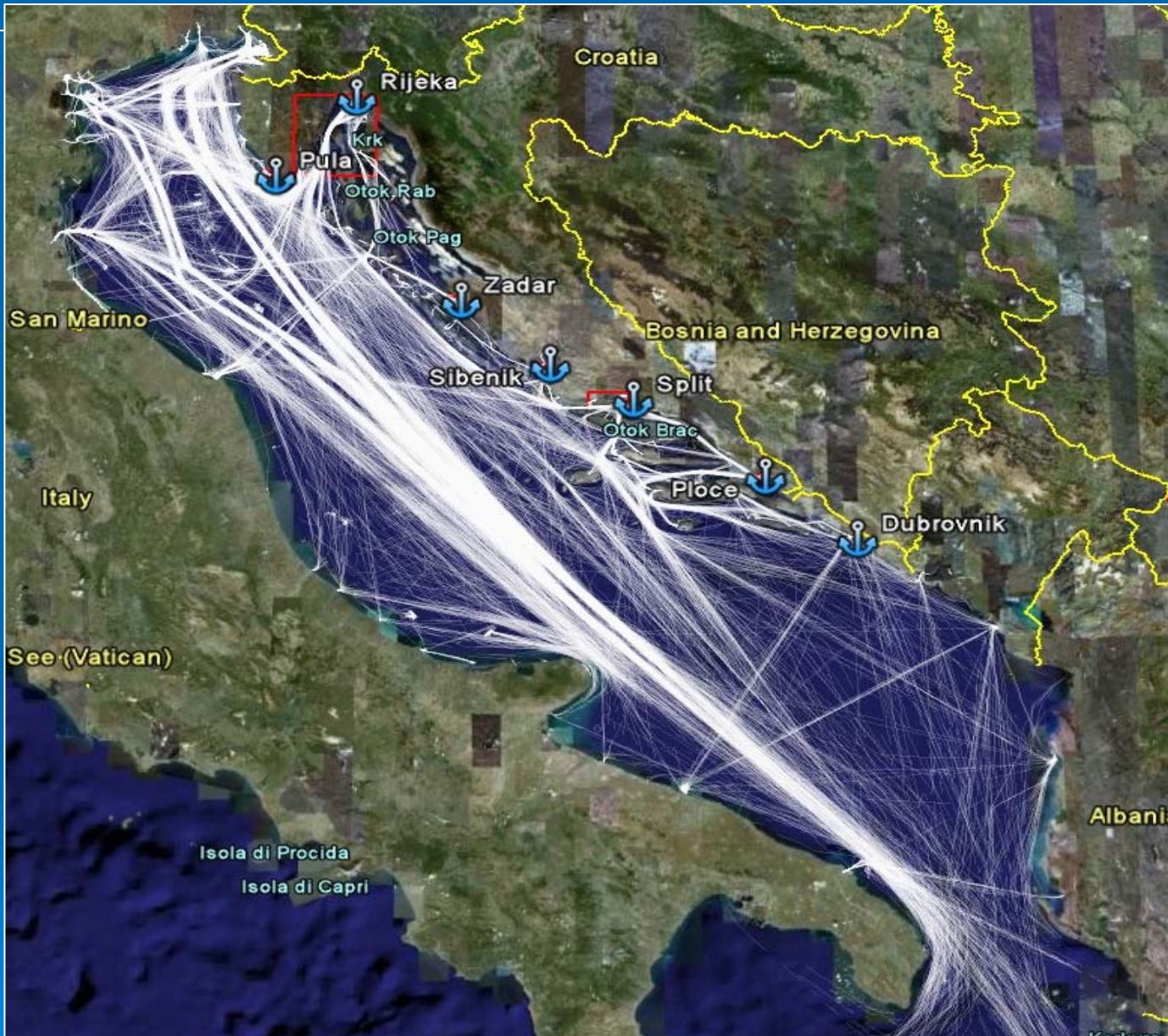
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# FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES - AS A RESULT OF THE TWINNING

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- Establishment of VTMISS services:
    - 1st November 2010- testing stage
    - 1st April 2011- start of regular services
    - Law on Maritime Safety Services- in development
  
  - Finalization of works on radar and radio-communication systems
  - Integration of Maritime Coastal Radio service into VTMISS service
  
  - Establishment of single- access maritime administration database
    - Standardized interface for notification of arrivals and departures of vessels in all Croatian ports
    - Reducing paper- work- no double reporting requirements for agents
    - Improvement of coordination between port authorities, port operators, agents, harbourmaster's offices and other
  
  - Facilitation of Integration with SafeSeaNet- EU wide system – on accession to EU
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Thank you !