The EU Maritime Security Strategy

Responding together to global challenges

External Action

for stability and inclusive development across maritime regions

Maritime assets, activities and the interests of the EU and Member States span across the world.

The related global and interconnected threats link internal to external security and are a shared threat, requiring international collaboration.

Standing together is necessary and more efficient to develop common responses that are comprehensive and sustainable.

+90,000 km
EU External Coastal Borders

64% of Earth’s surface are High Seas

42% of value of seaborne trade controlled by EU companies

€22 trillion/y estimated GDP of world’s oceans

EUNAVFOR Operation Atalanta has:

- Countered piracy and armed attacks off Somalia since 2008
- Protected vessels of the World Food Programme and African Union Mission
- Carried out Search and Rescue missions at sea
- Monitored fishing activities
- Transferred criminals to the responsible authorities for prosecution