

# ANDROMEDA NEWSLETTER

An Enhanced Common Information Sharing Environment  
for Border Command, Control and Coordination Systems

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## Andromeda in brief

Border surveillance is a complex mission, given the length of European borders and the variety of terrain configuration.

In 2010, the European Commission put forward a six-step Roadmap towards the Maritime Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE).

ANDROMEDA aims to unlock the full capabilities of the CISE Model by enhancing the Maritime CISE Model and by extending its scope to the Land Surveillance Information Exchange.

## 3rd Andromeda Plenary Meeting

During May 13<sup>th</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Meeting of the Andromeda H2020 project took place online due to the covid-19 related travel restrictions. A very productive meeting was completed with Executive, Technical and Innovation Sessions. Additionally, more than 60 participants attended the User Community Session, a fact indicative of the project impact.

## Interview given by EAMA for the online portal [www.economic.bg](http://www.economic.bg)



A detailed interview about the Andromeda project was given for the online portal by Petar Kirov, Chief Secretary of EAMA. The interview covered, among others, the Andromeda objectives and relation to CISE, EAMA trials and expected results. The interview is available at this [link](#) in Bulgarian. An English translation is available upon request.

Petar Kirov, Chief Secretary of the Executive Agency  
"Maritime Administration" (EAMA), Bulgarian Ministry of Transport,  
Information Technology & Communications

*"Andromeda will strengthen cross sector and cross border collaboration between authorities operating in the Land and Maritime Environments.*

*The enhanced CISE Model will streamline the integration with current and future operational systems and is perfectly aligned with the overall European policy that facilitates the interagency interoperability and cooperation, and allows each Member State to decide how, when and whether additional data sources are of relevance to its operations.*

*Andromeda will kick start the future demand for CISE Information services."*

*- Andromeda End Users*



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## Conference on VTMISS organised by the SAGOV project

The Andromeda project was presented by Mr. Alkis Astyakopoulos from KEMEA at the 'Virtual Conference on Cooperation on VTMISS and Maritime Surveillance in the South Adriatic Area', that was organised by the SAGOV (South Adriatic Connectivity Governance) Interreg IPA CBC project (Albania, Italy and Montenegro). The event took place on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and was hosted by the Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs of Montenegro.

## Presentation of Andromeda to the Minister of Citizen Protection of Greece and the Frontex Executive Director

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 the Minister of Citizens' Protection of Greece, Mr. Michalis Chrisochoidis, and the Executive Director of FRONTEX, Mr. Fabrice Leggeri, visited the Evros area in northern Greece.

During their briefing at the Border Control Station of Nea Vyssa, Mr. Chrisochoidis and Mr. Leggeri were also informed of the ongoing ANDROMEDA project.

Both officials were also shown one of ANDROMEDA's Command, Control and Coordination system as well as the current installations of fixed and deployable equipment.

Moreover, they were informed on the added value that the said system can bring with respect to Border surveillance and Inter-agency cooperation.

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