

# European Coast Guard Functions Academy Network Project II **ECGFA NET III**

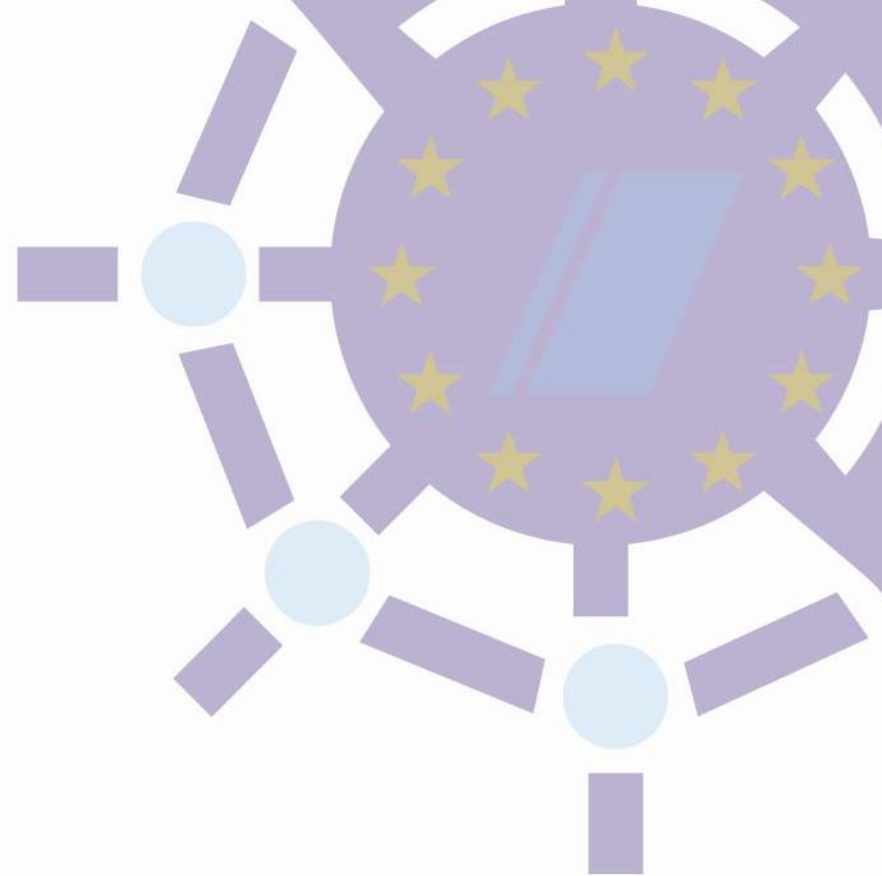
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# ECGFA NET III: Revised Concept Paper



- Preliminary project proposal prepared by the project
- Main idea: Long term sustainability of the ECGF Training Network and other project results in cooperation between the Network and 3 CGF related EU Agencies
- The new legislative framework concerning coast guard cooperation in Europe
- Revised on the basis of comments from EMSA, EFCA and Frontex
- Submitted in June to DG MARE's consideration and for its inclusion into EMFF Work Plan 2018
- Tentatively planned Action time: 1.3.2018 – 31.6.2019 (no gap between the ECGFA NET II and III projects)
- Duration: 15 months
- Tentative budget: about 615 000 EUR, requested EU Contribution 492 100 EUR (80 %)



# ECGFA NET III: Tentative objectives



**General objective:** *to enhance educational cooperation in the field of (CGF) amongst national educational institutions and CGF related EU agencies* –Frontex, EFCA and EMSA and, consequently, to facilitate the interoperability and cooperation amongst different bodies carrying out coast guard functions in order to enhance the coherence and effectiveness of CGF activities.

**1<sup>st</sup> specific objective:** *to ensure the sustainability of the Training Network's functions by developing cooperation between the Network and the Agencies* in order to bring the CGF actors closer together and subsequently merge the Network and its activities into the agency cooperation as much as possible. In addition, together with the Agencies, find a sustainable and functioning platform for the contents and functions of the ECGF Training Portal. (Revised)

**2<sup>nd</sup> specific objective:** *to facilitate the training course / on the job training exchange in the frame of the ECGF Expert Exchange Programme,* and in consultation with the Agencies and existing expert exchange initiatives *to plan and develop a ECGF Expert Exchange programme, which is to be launched in non-EU countries after the project.* The aim of the non-EU Exchange programme is to increase the sharing of knowledge, skills and best practices in the CGF sector amongst European CGF authorities and CGF authorities of EU's third / neighbouring countries. (Revised)

**3<sup>rd</sup> specific objective:** *to achieve the development of the Coast Guard Functions Sectoral Qualifications Framework (CGFSQF) by finalizing the structure of the CGFSQF* and by completing the last four stages (stages 4-7 out of a total of 7) of the CGFSQF development process.

# Tentative activities: Obj 1



**1<sup>st</sup> specific objective:** *to ensure the sustainability of the Training Network's functions by developing cooperation between the Network and the Agencies in order to bring the CGF actors closer together and subsequently merge the Network and its activities into the agency cooperation as much as possible.*

- Management the project
- Define the cooperation between Network and CGF related EU Agencies
- Coordination of the planning and integration of the deliverables of the project
- Running the basic activities of the Network and the Portal
  - Project meetings, Governing Board meetings
  - Advocation of the membership of Network and use of the Portal
  - Support the Portal
  - Securing the continuity of the Portal function

Facilitation of the project meetings

- Implementation of joint training related activities with EU Agencies

# Tentative activities: Obj 2



**2nd specific objective:** *to facilitate the training course / on the job training exchange in the frame of the ECGF Expert Exchange Programme, and in consultation with the Agencies and existing expert exchange initiatives to plan and develop a ECGF Expert Exchange programme, which is to be launched in non-EU countries after the project.*

- Expert Exchange
  - for ca. 50 exchangees
  - 5 working days
  - training course / on the job training
  - assesment of the development needs for the future running
- Study:
  - Expert Exchange programme to be launched in non-EU countries
  - After the Project
  - Study to be done by External Expert
  - Mapping of already existing programmes and initiatives

# Tentative activities: Obj 3



**3rd specific objective:** *to achieve the development of the Coast Guard Functions Sectoral Qualifications Framework (CGFSQF) by finalizing the structure of the CGFSQF and by completing the last four stages (stages 4-7 out of a total of 7) of the CGFSQF development process.*

- Finalizing the structure of the CGFSQF and completing the development process (Stages 4-7 of the plan)
  - Quality assurance guidelines
  - Preparation of the relevant document for final approval by the Apex Body\* (Apex Body to be identified)
  - Drafting basic elements for NQF
  - Dissemination of the CGFSQF at national and international levels

# Expected benchmarks



## *Expected benchmarks reached in the project:*

- A roadmap / cooperation model between the Network and the Agencies (*new*)
- Completed implementation of a sustainable solution, that secures the continuity of the ECGF Training Network's and the ECGF Training Portal's functions and determined future of the activities of the ECGF Training Network (*new*)
- The ECGF Training Network as well as the related ECGF Training Portal, is functioning actively
- Increased volume in use of ECGF Training Portal; more CGF related training courses available
- Increased visibility of the ECGF Training Network and Portal
- Increased number of ECGF Training Network members
- Feasibility study on launching the ECGF Expert Exchange programme in non-EU countries
- **Finalization of the CGFSQF** (included quality assurance guidelines and recommendations for NSQFs) and preparation of the relevant document for the final adoption by the ECGFF Member states
- The final identification of the Apex Body for the adoption of the CGFSQF (*new*)

# Tentative budget



- **Personnel costs, 210 420 EUR**
  - Project Management team
  - Development of the CGF SQF team
  - SQF Working Group Members (7 members)
- **Travel costs related to project activities and meetings, SQF Working Group meetings, Stakeholder meetings, 107 000 EUR**
- **Subcontracting, 99 000 EUR**
  - External expert for SQF
  - External assessors for SQF 4.3.
  - External expert to prepare the ECGF Expert Exchange Programme launch in non-EU countries
- **Other costs, 58 500 EUR**
  - Communication, Visibility Materials
  - Translation, proofreading, publication (SQF)
  - Audit certificates
  - ECGF Training Portal hosting and maintenance; Domain ownership; Server ownership
  - Working meetings; SQF Working Group Meetings; External Assessment meeting
- **Other costs, Exchange programme  $50 * 2000 = 100\ 000$  EUR**
- **+ indirect costs 7 %, Total 615 000 EUR**



# Project Consortium



- ECGFA NET I and II projects have been a joint effort of a number of European Coast Guard functions organizations and the Agencies
- Finnish Border Guard has been leading the project since its beginning in 2015
- Italian Coast Guard has been leading the work on the Sectoral Qualifications Framework since its beginning
- Spanish Maritime Safety Agency SASEMAR acting as Chair of the Networks' Governing Board
- Contributors coast guard functions authorities, representing eleven EU member states, are taking active part
- four EU Agencies – Frontex, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) and European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) are taking part as Observers

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- The project will be led by an ECGFF member organization and collaboration for will be built on the grounds of previous phases
- Beneficiary: General management of the project. FBG is to continue.
- CGFSQF: Italian Coast Guard is to continue
- SQF Working Group Members are to continue(?)
- "Regular" Contributors and members of the Governing Board of the ECGF Training Network
- Coast guard functions related EU agencies are in key role. *The involvement of EFCA, EMSA and Frontex as observers is necessary for ensuring the sustainability of the project results.*
- The ECGFF Secretariat would continue in their previous role as the Steering Committee
- The Executive Group works under the chairmanship of the Project Manager, and includes also WP leaders, representative from the EC/DG Mare, representatives from Frontex, EFCA and EMSA, and Chair of the ECGF Training Network Governing Board -- Focus would be on issues that are related to the regular running of the project, and issues that are more specific and require more rapid reactions.

# Tentative invitation:



- Should the **CGF Agency** or the **EU agency** be tentatively willing to participate in ECGFA NET III project, we kindly ask you to inform us by email [ecgfanet@raja.fi](mailto:ecgfanet@raja.fi) at your earliest convenience



Thank you for your attention!



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