

“Way forward with Capacity Building and Training activities and 2nd period Capacity Building and Training Exchange Programme”

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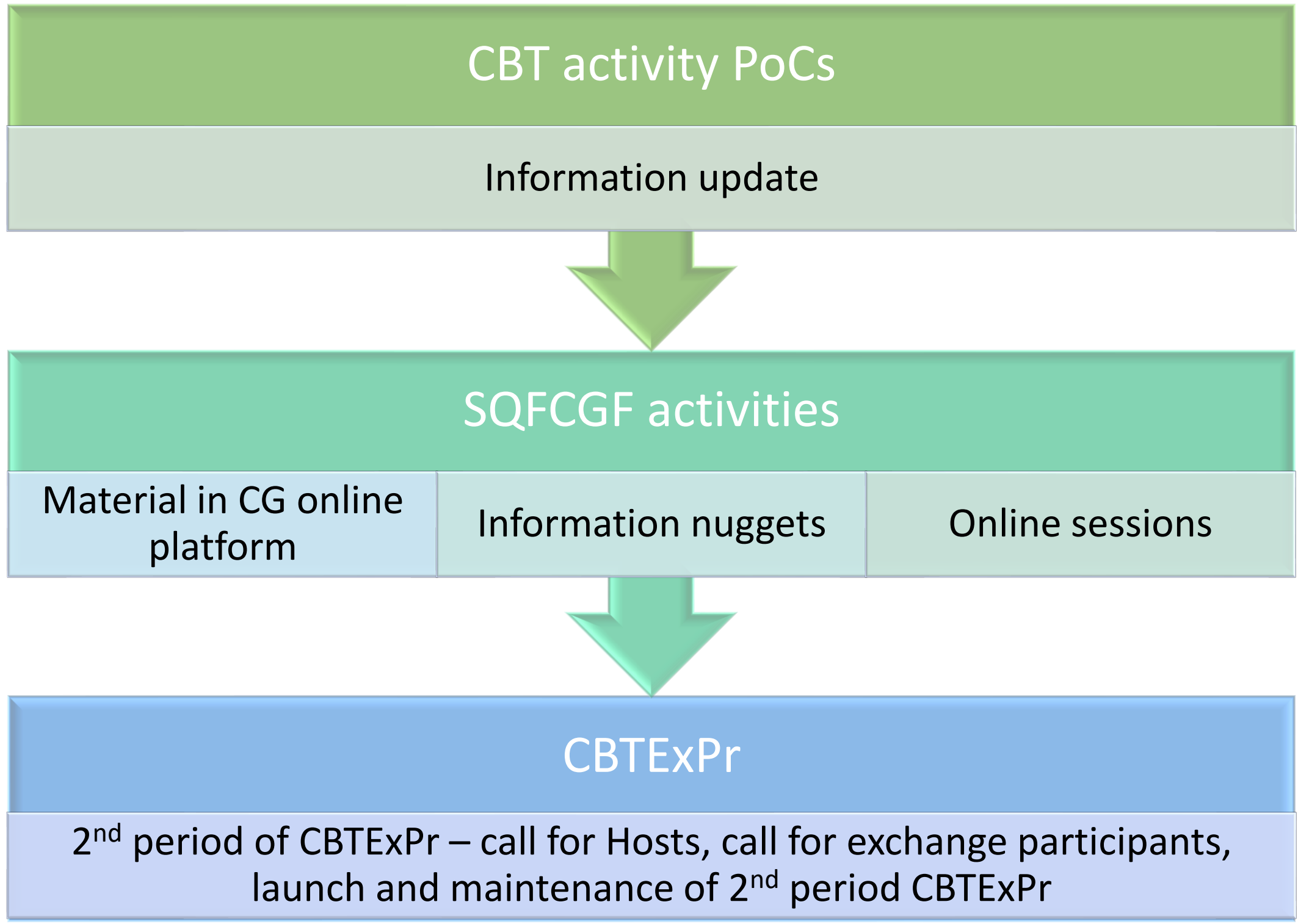
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Capacity Building and Training activities



- Sectoral Qualification Framework for Coast Guard Functions (SQFCGF).
- Capacity building and training exchange programme (CBTExPr).



SQF and SQFCGF activities in 2025



Capacity Building and Training Exchange Programme (CBTExPr)



Aim

Exchange Programme is to encourage the Target Audience Coast Guard authorities, entities, and academies, to:

- share their know-how and working methods,
- present and exchange experience with their equipment, resources, capabilities and infrastructure.



Target audience

All Member States, European Free Trade Association countries and Schengen associated countries
Coast Guard Function authorities, entities, and academies.



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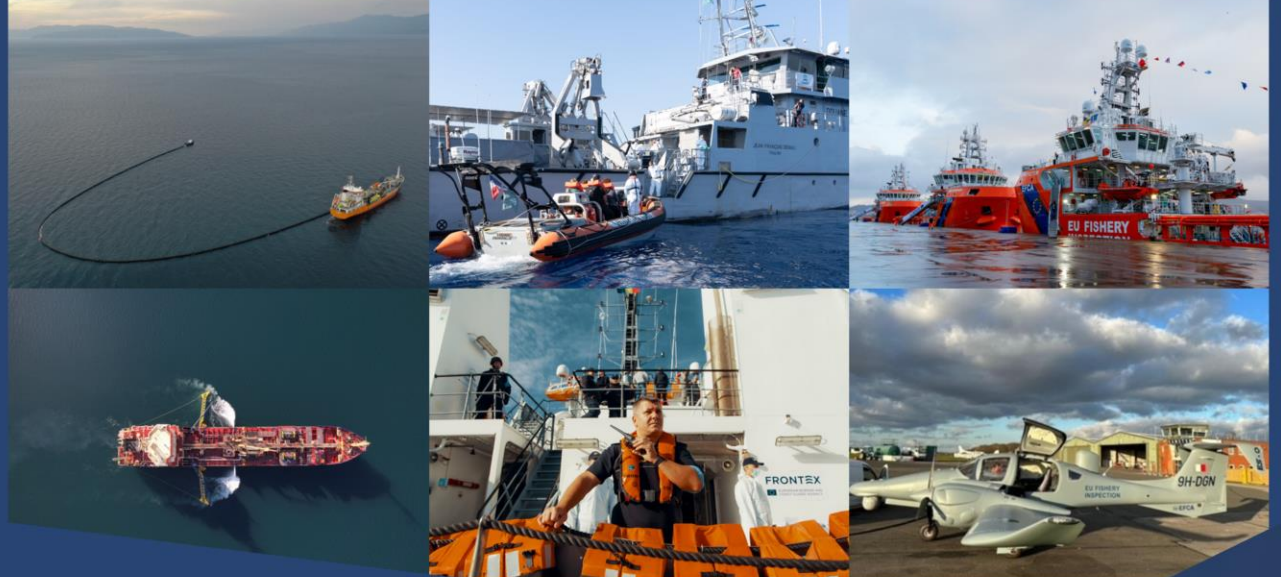
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- Strengthen common understanding and inter-agency cooperation.



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- Different Coast Guard Function courses.

In cooperation with:  



**COAST GUARD
EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**
<https://coastguard.europa.eu>
(additional information planned to be displayed in the future under the link above)



The aim of the Exchange Programme is to encourage the authorities, entities, and academies involved in Coast Guard Functions, to share their know-how and working methods, present and exchange experience with their equipment, resources, capabilities, and infrastructure.

Be part of the new and inclusive Exchange Programme as a host and/or a participant.

Contact us to help develop and enhance the European cooperation on Coast Guard Functions.



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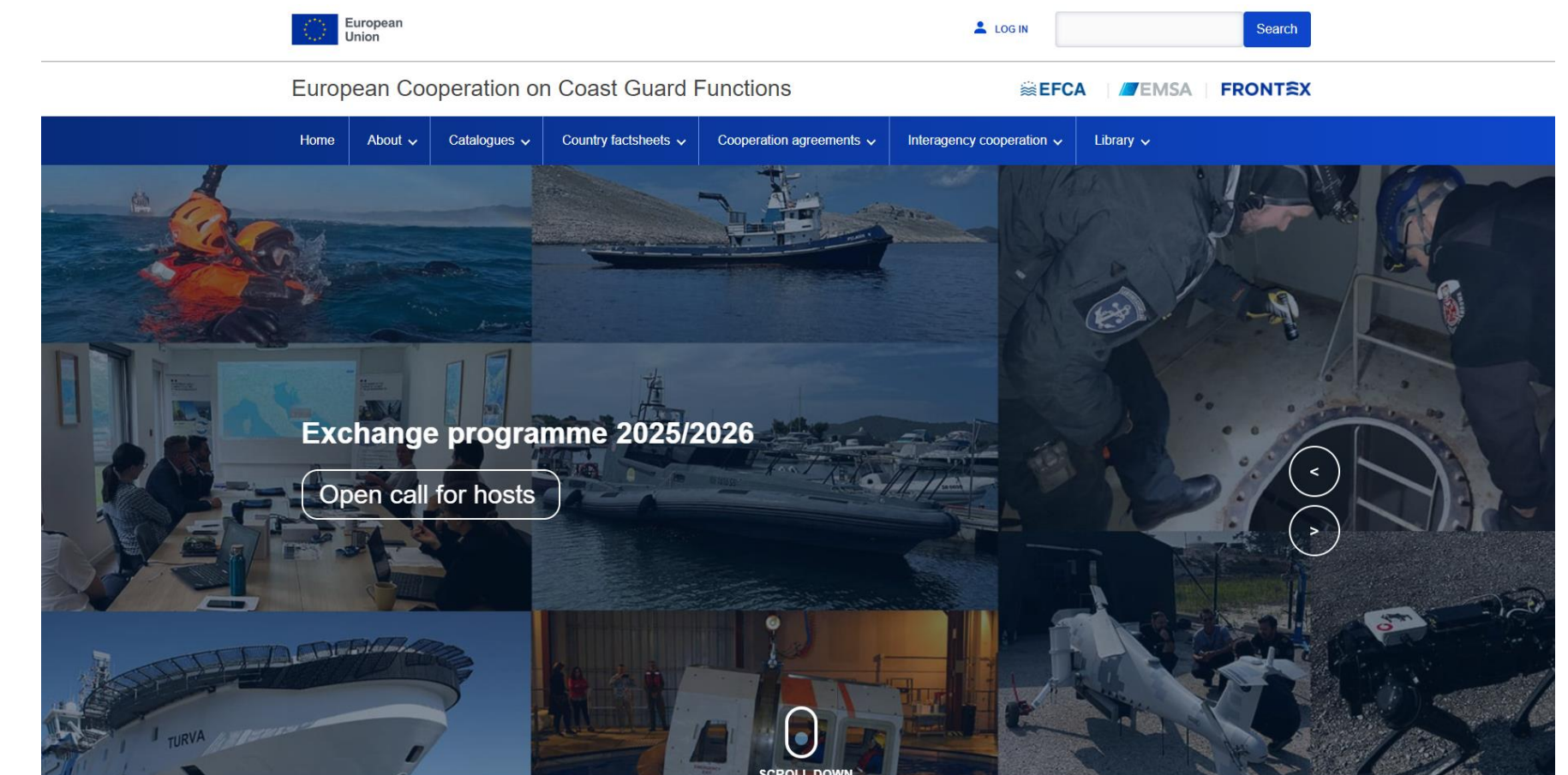
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2nd period CBTEPr – overall facts

- The second exchange programme period is foreseen from September 2025 to September 2026.
- The CBTEPr is divided into two areas:
 - On-the-job training and work shadowing in other Member States Coast Guard authorities or entities and academies (core of the programme).
 - Different coast guard function related courses held by other EU Member States Coast Guard authorities or entities and academies.
- The exchange(s) offered may be:
 - Fully practical (on the job, work shadowing, participation on the missions/operations, exercises etc.).
 - Mixed practical and theoretical.
- Offers for hosts are voluntary. The programme does not cover the hosts' costs.
- The eligible costs of the CBTEPr exchange participant include travel, accommodation and daily allowance.
- Exchange participant candidates' applications to participate in exchanges outside one's own geographical area are prioritised at all times.



Exchange Programme

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This call is open to applications from coast guard authorities from EU Member States, Norway, and Iceland. For more information, contact cg_exchange@efca.europa.eu.



2nd period CBTExPr - calendar

ACTIVITY	DEADLINE
Call for exchange hosts (EFCA-EMSA-Frontex)	October 2024
Exchanges (hosts) nomination	October – November – December 2024
Selection of exchanges (hosts)	January – February 2025
Approving of the exchanges (hosts)	January – February 2025
Approved calendar of exchanges (hosts)	February 2025
Information to selected exchange hosts	February 2025
Call for exchange participant candidates (EFCA-EMSA-Frontex)	March 2025
Exchange participant candidates' nomination	March – April – May 2025
Matching exchange participant candidates	June – July – August 2025
Information to selected exchange participants and hosts	August 2025
Exchange period starts	01 September 2025
Maintaining the CBTExPr 2 nd period exchanges	September 2025 – September 2026
Exchange period ends	30 September 2026
Exchanges previous period conclusions	Two months after the end of exchange period

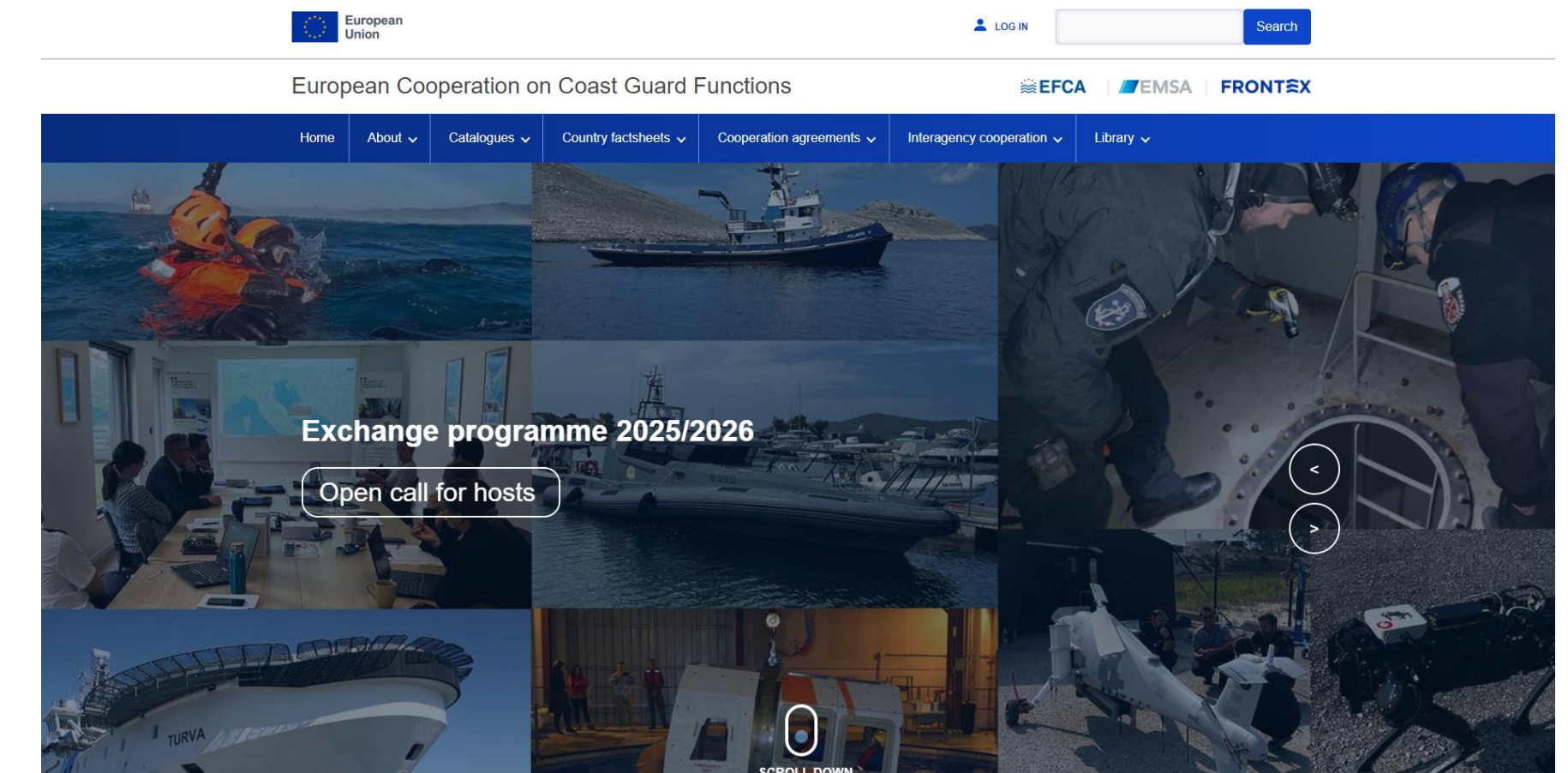
Different CBTExpr related documents

- Call letter for hosts
- Capacity Building and Training Exchange Programme Terms of Reference with annexes (v.2)
- Exchanges catalogue
- Exchanges calendar
- Confirmation letter for Host authorities
- Call letter for exchange participants
- Outcome letters to:
 - Host PoCs concerning approved exchange participants to their exchanges.
 - Sending organisation PoCs concerning the outcome of candidate(s) nomination(s).
- Letters concerning changes
- Exchange AGM invitations
- Emails-Emails-Emails



2nd period CBTExPr – call for Hosts

- **Call for hosts: launched on 9 October 2024, open until 15 January 2025.**
- The relevant forms should be filled electronically on the European Cooperation on Coast Guard Functions online platform (<https://coastguard.europa.eu/>).
 - User account to be requested by organisation selected/nominated Host PoC via email cg.exchange@efca.europa.eu.
 - Instructions regarding how to fill and manage the forms on the European Cooperation on Coast Guard Functions online platform will be sent to you after the account for your Host PoC has been created.
- **The filled exchange providing forms for the period 01 September 2025 until 30 September 2026 shall be submitted at the latest by 15 January 2025.**
- Any question, please contact me via emails marit.matik@efca.europa.eu and cg.exchange@efca.europa.eu.



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2nd period CBTExPr – for Hosts (CBTExPr ToR)

10.3.1 Main criteria for selecting hosts

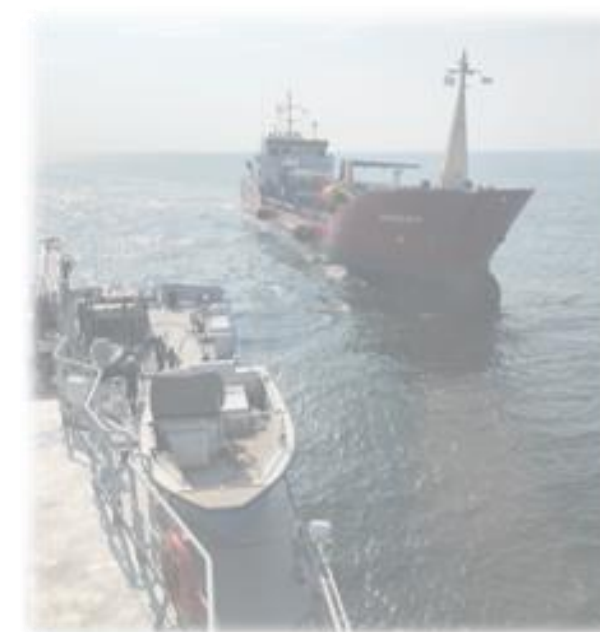
- 10.3.1.1 All the forms (annexes 5 and 6) are filled in completely and correctly and submitted in time by the host PoC.
- 10.3.1.2 Hosts are EU Member States, EFTA countries and Schengen associated countries Coast Guard authority, entity or academy.
- 10.3.1.3 As a general rule, the minimum length for a host exchange offer is two (2) days, and the maximum length is five (5) days.
- 10.3.1.4 Host exchange offer is minimum for two (2) participants. All the participants have to be hosted in the exchange at the same time. If there is only one nomination to the exchange or if there will be withdrawal(s) during the process, the exchange implementation will be discussed with the host.
- 10.3.1.5 Host offer(s) covering several coast guard functions (cross-sectoral offers) are prioritized and encouraged.
- 10.3.1.6 Hosts are clear in their exchange offer with the dates of the exchange (concrete exchange times).
- 10.3.1.7 Hosts are not requesting a financial contribution regarding the exchanges they offer (so called participation fee).
- 10.3.1.8 Does not have negative feedback from previous CBTExPr period exchanges.

2nd period CBTExPr – participant candidates (CBTExPr ToR)

10.3.2 Main criteria for selecting exchange participants

- 10.3.2.1 All the forms (annexes 7, 8 and 9) are filled in completely and correctly and submitted in time by the sending organisation PoC.
- 10.3.2.2 Applying participant / exchange participant candidate:
 - a) is from EU Member States, EFTA countries and Schengen associated countries Coast Guard authority, entity or academy;
 - b) as a priority, his/her sending organisation has submitted an application for host of the exchange programme;
 - c) has worked minimum one year in the sending organisation;
 - d) is fulfilling all the host requirements for the participants to participate in the exchange (incl. language level, trainings and qualifications, etc.) where he/she is applying;
 - e) has an approval of his/her line manager to participate in the exchange, where he/she is applying;
 - f) has a clear view about cascading the knowledge gathered from the exchange within his/her agency or entity;
 - g) can only apply for maximum two (2) different exchanges, clearly pointing out which is his/her first and second priority, as well as explaining his/her priorities and motivation;
 - h) has a clear view and demonstrates good motivation to participate in the exchange he/she is applying for. If the person is applying for different exchanges for each exchange application, the motivation letter in Annex 7 and Annex 9 point 3 should align with the specific exchange being applied for, rather than being general and not specific for each exchange.
 - i) as a priority, has not previously participated in CBTExPr exchange. In any case, it is not possible to participate in the same exchange as the year before.
- 10.3.2.3 Applications to participate in exchanges outside one's own geographical area are prioritised at all times.

Thank you for your attention!





Open discussion,
questions and answers...





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