

EN

E-004025/2025

Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
(23.1.2026)

The final beneficiary of the training provided under Operation Irini was the Libyan Coast Guard (LCG), a unified Libyan institution at operational level, under the umbrella of the Joint Military Committee. 15 out of the 30 trainees were from the Eastern branch of the LCG.

This training was conducted under the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) framework and pursuant to Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/488 of 11 March 2025¹, which mandates, in *Article 4*: ‘...*EUNAVFOR MED IRINI shall assist the relevant Libyan institutions responsible for law enforcement and for search and rescue at sea, in particular the Libyan Coast Guard and Navy, in the development of their capacities and in their training in law enforcement at sea, in particular to prevent human smuggling and trafficking*’.

The EU engages with authorities throughout the country in line with its one Libya policy.

The training delivered was focused on damage control and firefighting training, search and rescue and first aid training. These are standard components of international maritime professional development and are fully compliant with international law, which requires such skills to ensure seafarers can respond effectively to emergencies at sea.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/488/oj/eng>.