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EDISOFT was awarded by “EXPERTISE France” to develop an e-learning solution contributing to a better security of the Gulf of Guinea maritime routes.

EDISOFT has been selected by the GOGIN project implemented by the French public agency “EXPERTISE France” to develop an e-learning platform that will enable the maritime security community of the Gulf of Guinea to jointly organize and manage training activities and crisis response exercises.

The e-learning platform TESS “*Training and Education Support System*” will be applicable to the maritime centres and regional universities involved in maritime surveillance of the 19 coastal countries of the Gulf of Guinea. TESS will contribute to the commitment of the European Union (EU) and the development of local Maritime Security capabilities.

The **EU-project GoGIN** (Gulf of Guinea Inter-Regional Network) is running under the **Critical Maritime Routes Programme funded by the European Commission**, to improve safety and security of shipping and trading lines of communication while promoting regional and inter-agency cooperation in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Guinea.

The GoGIN project represents the commitment of the EU to actively contribute to the development of local Maritime Security capabilities of the 19 signing countries of the Yaoundé Code of Conduct, with the goal to combat piracy, armed robbery against ships and other illicit maritime activities such as drug trafficking and illegal fishing, along a coastline of approximately 6.000 km, stretching from Senegal to Angola, including the islands of Cape Verde and São Tomé and Príncipe. GoGIN also supports the transnational structures of the Yaoundé Architecture in accordance with their established rules and responsibilities.

The development of TESS as a collaborative e-learning platform will enable the Gulf of Guinea maritime structures to jointly organize and manage trainings and practical exercises for the different agencies on several topics, such as illegal fishing, pollution or maritime crisis management, thus contributing to the achievement of two major objectives of GoGIN: to support the establishment of an interregional technical and human network





allowing cross-regional and inter-sectoral maritime information sharing, and to improve the regional capacity for dialogue, coordination and steering of activities in the field of State's actions at sea.

More on GoGIN project: @GoGIN_Project, website or contact Isabelle Gachie Vinson, Communication Officer at isabelle.gachie@gogin.eu

About EXPERTISE FRANCE

Expertise France is the French public international cooperation agency which designs and implements projects aiming to contribute to the balanced development of partner countries, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda and the priorities of France's external action.

Expertise France provides partner countries with knowledge, skills and management expertise in democratic and financial governance, security, sustainable development, and human development. Through its work in partner countries, the agency promotes French and European development policy goals.

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About EDISOFT

EDISOFT is a joint venture between Thales, NAV Portugal and the Portuguese MoD Defence which promotes and delivers innovative security critical systems, for land, sea, air, space and cyberspace.

Having its HQ located in Lisbon and operating a Teleport in Santa Maria Island, Azores, EDISOFT is focused on providing its customers permanent access to the most advanced solutions for the Aeronautics, Space, Security and Defence domains.

From the delivery of Naval and Maritime Security world class systems to the development & integration of leading Air Traffic Management systems and highly critical Space systems, EDISOFT offers its unique knowledge and competences on the development of customized solutions to support and cyber secure some of the most demanding customers worldwide.

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