



An Air Patrol Squadron Super Puma landing on OPV Turva.

FIMAC - saving money on cooperation

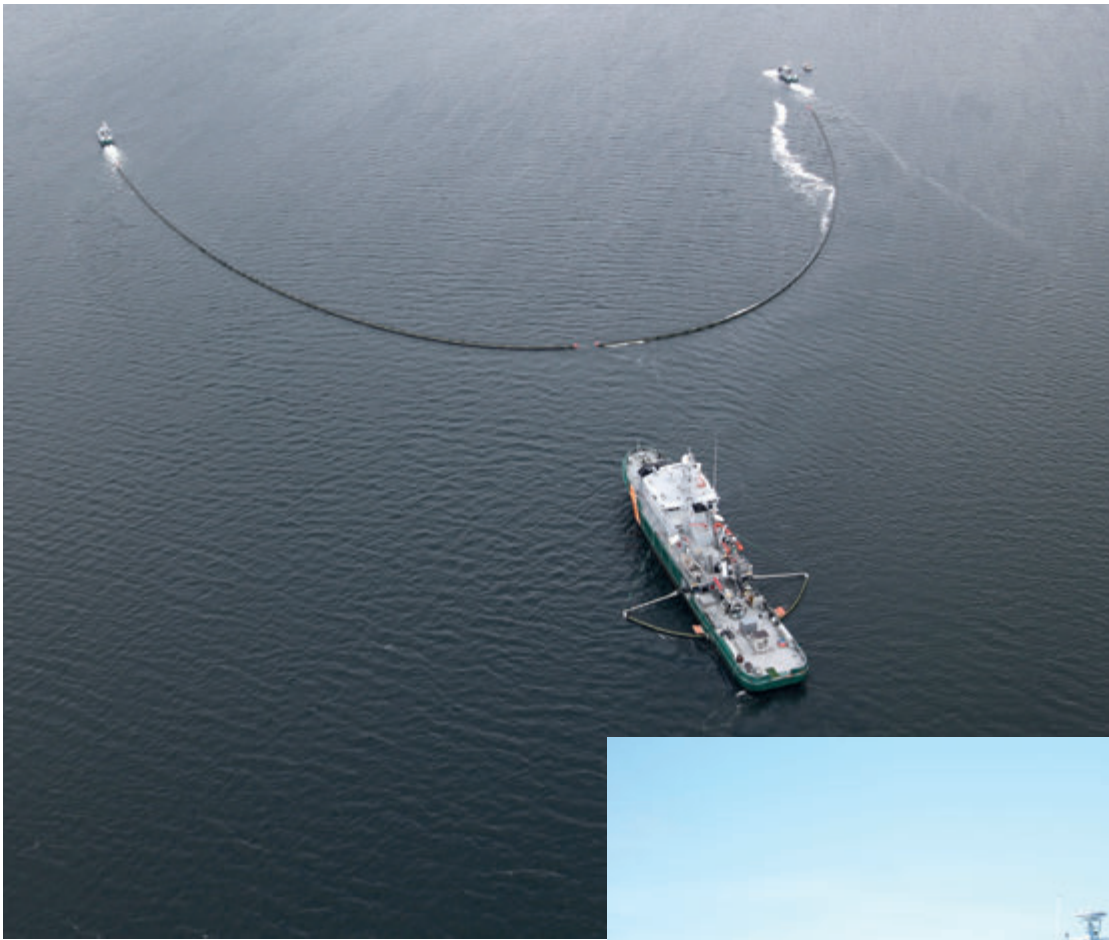
The FIMAC cooperation between maritime authorities was initiated in 1994, when the ministerial committee for administration development approved a report of a working group on the rationalization of maritime functions and organizational streamlining. The constitutive meeting for the nationwide cooperation between maritime authorities was held already on the same year.

At that time the cooperating parties were the Finnish Maritime Administration, the Finnish Defence Forces and the Finnish Border Guard. Following a reorganization of the government agencies under the Ministry of Transport and Communications on 1 January 2019, the present FIMAC parties are the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency, the Finnish Border Guard and the Finnish Defence Forces.

Orchestrated public procurements

As a result of twenty years of cooperation, during which vessel traffic monitoring and information systems have been jointly procured, savings of tens of millions of euros have already been achieved, compared to if each actor itself would have procured the same capacity.

The Finnish system for maritime search and rescue and traffic monitoring with its sensors, arrangements for information exchange and applications, which the FIMAC actors to a large extent have acquired through joint procurement, is still a unique example of extensive cooperation between authorities. In 2007, the FIMAC cooperation was awarded the Sea Sunday safety prize.



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