

SELEX Sistemi Integrati and the Italian Coast Guard inaugurated the Maritime Surveillance Centre of Civitavecchia

Today, SELEX Sistemi Integrati, a Finmeccanica company, and the Italian Coast Guard inaugurated the Maritime Surveillance Centre VTMS (Vessel Traffic Management System) of Civitavecchia (Rome).

The ceremony was attended by the Commandant of the Italian Coast Guard, Adm. Raimondo Pollastrini, SELEX Sistemi Integrati Chief Executive Officer, Marina Grossi, local authorities and institutional representatives.

The Surveillance Centre, constituted by integrated work stations for surrounding area maritime traffic control and management, will also allow the monitoring of marine environment and the support to rescue operations at sea.

The Civitavecchia harbour is considered a strategic site for the access to the main Italian touristy areas, and it is characterized by an intense traffic both of cruise ships and ferries for delivery in Italy and abroad.

The Civitavecchia Centre will be an integral part of the Italian VTMS, the most extended coastal surveillance network of the world, a system able to guarantee a capillary coverage in real time of 7.500 km coastline. The Italian VTMS, realized by SELEX Sistemi Integrati with the contribute of the Coast Guard, is made of a central control centre in Rome (Comando Generale Capitanerie di Porto - harbour master office) and 14 regional control centres gathering data from 82 local sites, 100 sensor sites and three mobile units. The System architecture is based on a nationwide network, connecting Local, Area and Central control Centres, interacting at different operational levels.

Local stations foreseen by this kind of architecture acquire data directly by sensors site and interact with maritime traffic.

The VTMS developed by SELEX Sistemi Integrati is available in the fixed, transportable and mobile version and is able to guarantee the coverage and management of wide geographical areas, as the Mediterranean sea, that represents the most extended application of the system.

In the past years VTMS systems were supplied to different countries as China, Russia, Poland and, recently, to Yemen.

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