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SELEX Sistemi Integrati sell a VTMS System to Turkey

SELEX Sistemi Integrati, a Finmeccanica company, has won a 25 Million Euro contract from the Undersecretariat of Maritime Affairs for the implementation of a National Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) in Turkey.

The project includes the implementation of one national centre in Ankara, three regional centres, one in Izmit, on the Marmara sea, one in Mersin, in the south east coast, and one in Izmir, in the central west coast, plus 24 sensors sites each one equipped with LYRA 50 radar system together with electro optic, AIS, direction finder and meteo systems. Furthermore, a disaster and recovery system will be provided in order to create a data backup to be used by the Izmit centre in case of fault in the Ankara national centre.

Once the system will be in operation it will allow the monitoring and management of ship traffic movements in the Izmit, Izmir and Mersin sea areas, distributing information to the ships in transit into the covered areas. It will as well provide navigation assistance and ship identification. The system will increase the safety and the efficiency of sea traffic, assisting search-rescue operations through the interaction with existing national decision support system.

The Vessel Traffic Management System is the most technologically-advanced system today available for the security of coasts and sea borders. The system developed by SELEX Sistemi Integrati provides advanced solutions for the control and management of safe vessel traffic, the monitoring the maritime environment, supporting Search & Rescue (SAR) operations at sea.

The system architecture is based on multiple control layers, identified as: Regional Area and Central, interacting at different operational levels. Each level supports the operational coordination and decision, according to its mission. The regional stations in this architecture directly collect data from the sensor sites and interact with traffic.

The recent contract signed in the Country is an important milestone for SELEX Sistemi Integrati as it opens a new chapter of cooperation in Turkey, where the company has been active for more than thirty years.

The agreement also validates and strengthens Turkey's confidence in SELEX Sistemi Integrati's products and confirms the Finmeccanica company presence and technological leadership in an strategic area between the Balkans and the Middle East.