

BMV/SO1/2024/1

Purchase of 10 Category C boats

Date of Signing of Agreement: 31/01/2024

Project timeline: 01/10/2021 – 31/12/2024

Project budget: €5.640.311,87

Description of the project:

The project concerns the purchase of **ten (10) category C vessels for the needs of the Port and Maritime Police (P &M.P.)** aiming to strengthen its operational capabilities for surveillance and protection of the coastline, ports and territorial waters of the Republic. In addition, 20 members and 10 technicians who serve in P&MP will be trained in the use, maintenance and handling of the vessels and in the operation of all instruments, machines, navigation devices and telecommunications.

The boats will be used in all the naval stations of the free Cyprus (Protaras, Ayia Napa, Kato Paphos, Latsi, Larnaca and Limassol) mainly for border surveillance, but also in cases of search and rescue where a quick and immediate response is required. The vessels will strengthen and upgrade the National Coordination Center (NCC) for compliance with the European Eurosure system for border surveillance, prevention of cross-border crime and suppression of illegal immigration, as part of the priorities of the Republic of Cyprus.

The aim of the project is to upgrade the existing naval fleet of the Port and Maritime Police with the aim of:

- 1) More effective control and surveillance of maritime borders, where there is an increased risk of illegal immigration
- 2) Improving early detection, identification, and intervention at maritime borders
- 3) Strengthening the operational capacity of the Port and Maritime Police in order to successfully carry out its duties.
- 4) The conduct of operations and patrols in a faster time, but also with less fuel consumption.

The project is implemented within the framework of the Financial Support Instrument for Border Management and Visa Policy (BMVP) with the co-financing of the European Union and the Republic of Cyprus.



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