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<p>Fields/ Keywords</p>	<p>Specific to the call: Maritime Border and Security Law</p> <p>Others: International Maritime Law Law of the Sea Peaceful Settlement of Maritime Disputes Ocean Governance and Sustainability Sustainable Use of the Living Marine Resources Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Environmental Protection Law Maritime Safety Law Maritime Labour Law Fisheries and tackling IUU Fishing.</p>
<p>Previous Projects/ Research Experience</p>	<p>The Institute has successfully carried out for the last 22 years a joint project with the Nippon Foundation entitled ‘Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Global Legal Order for the Oceans’. The project focuses on enhancing capacity in national governments in the full spectrum of international maritime law. The Institute provides training in its master programmes for deserving candidates who spend one academic year at IMLI to receive quality education in international maritime law. As part of their studies, students carry out supervised research in various areas of international maritime law and prepare a maritime legislation drafting project which incorporates and adequately implements an international instrument in domestic law.</p> <p>In addition, recognizing IMLI’s valuable expertise, The Nippon Foundation established in 2010 the post of the Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law. With this position, the Institute has been able to strengthen its capacity in teaching, research, and in the development of implementing legislation in the</p>

area of maritime security, contributing to the advancement of knowledge and expertise in counter-piracy measures, maritime law enforcement, and the protection of maritime interests at both national and international levels.

In relation to research work, the Institute has successfully led important projects in the field of international maritime law, including the development of books and manuals on issues related to maritime security law and piracy. See: [The IMLI Manual on International Maritime Law - Volume III: Marine Environmental Law and Maritime Security Law](#) and [The IMLI Treatise On Global Ocean Governance - Volume III: The IMO and Global Ocean Governance](#).

In 2024, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) awarded the Institute a contract for services in the amount of Euro 600,000. Through this contract, EMSA sponsors the studies of suitable government officers from beneficiary countries, in the Institute's masters' and research degree programmes. The later programme leads to the Ph.D. Degree in International Maritime Law.

In 2024, Lloyd's Register Foundation (LRF) awarded the Institute a grant in the amount of over GBP 1,000,000. The five-year grant aims to facilitate the studies of 16 government officers in the Institute's master programmes, the organization of tailor-made specialized courses in international maritime law, as well as the conduct of research in areas of interest of LRF. As part of the grant, research is being carried out on the topic of 'A Liability and Compensation Legal Framework in Case of Pollution Incidents by Alternative Fuels'.

	<p>LRF also provided a grant to IMO-IMLI-WMU to carry out research in the field of safety of domestic ferries. The research will be completed in 2026 and will lead to the preparation of a Manual on Safety of Domestic Ferries as well as training materials in the subject-matter</p> <p>Together with the Government of Malta, the Institute delivered a 3-day capacity-building project in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the Rights of Landlocked States under the Law of the Sea, during which important maritime security issues were discussed.</p> <p>IMLI, in collaboration with the FAO and EFCA, delivered a Workshop on Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing and Maritime Security. The workshop focussed on enhancing the legal, regulatory, and enforcement frameworks to combat IUU fishing, strengthening the capacity of maritime administrations and fisheries authorities, and promoting regional and international cooperation.</p> <p>Together with the Stockton Center for International Law at the Naval War College the Institute has organized workshops on Human Rights and Law of the Sea. The workshop delves into the interdisciplinary approach of human rights law and highlights that human rights norms apply at sea and thus there is a need to integrate human rights considerations into maritime activities in order to attain a comprehensive treatment of the issues arising therefrom.</p>
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Specific Interest (Call, Topic)	HORIZON-CL3-2025-01--BM-01: Open topic on efficient border surveillance and maritime security
What we offer (Expertise)	<p>Given our strong foundation in legal and regulatory frameworks related to maritime security, as well as its experience in stakeholder engagement, we are well-positioned to provide expertise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal and Regulatory Analysis: by conducting assessments of proposed surveillance and security tools to ensure they align with international maritime law and EU legal frameworks on ocean law. We can provide guidance on the law of the sea, search and rescue obligations, privacy rights, and data protection in maritime operations. • Providing Legal Opinions: by providing legal opinions to ensure that project outcomes are consistent with ethical principles and regulatory standards at national, regional, and international levels and advise on the balance between maritime security and the right to privacy and protection from discrimination. • Capacity Building: by organising training sessions, short courses, and seminars for project partners and stakeholders on legal, ethical, and human rights considerations in border and maritime security and educate practitioners on international obligations



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during border enforcement, such as treatment of migrants and refugees.

- Engagement with Civil Society and Human Rights Experts: through workshops, seminars, capacity-building activities, and short courses.