Agenda item 10 (Annex):
EUNAVFOR MED Operation Sophia Training

1. ACTION BY THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Management Board is invited to take note of EASO’s training activities to be delivered in the framework of the EUNAVFOR MED Operation SOPHIA Training Package 2, Italian Module.

2. BACKGROUND

The Action plan on measures to support Italy, reduce pressure along the Central Mediterranean route and increase solidarity issued by the European Commission on 4th July 2017 mentions, as one of the measures to reduce migratory pressure, actions to be undertaken in order to enhance the capacity of the Libyans to control borders, in particular stepping up the ongoing training activities. The “The Central Mediterranean – Alleviating the pressure. Implementation Plan” provides in Section A Point 2 that EASO will contribute to the trainings of EUNAVFOR MED Operation SOPHIA personnel as well as the Libyan coast guards.

On 10 July 2017, EASO received a request from the Operational Commander of EUNAVFOR MED Operation SOPHIA to support the Operation in the training of the Libyan Coast Guard and Navy personnel, as well as delivering lectures to EUNAVFOR MED Operation SOPHIA personnel. EASO positively replied to this request on 18th July.

The Memorandum of Understanding signed between EUNAVFOR MED and the Libyan Coast Guard and Navy on 23rd August 2016 states that the training of the Libyan trainees will be provided in three packages. Two out of five sub-modules of Training Package 2, Italian Module, will be delivered by EUNAVFOR MED in Italy at the beginning of autumn. The planning for other three sub-modules will start once the selection of trainees is concluded. Within two sub-modules for which the planning has already started EASO will deliver three training sessions.

I. EUNAVFOR MED Sub-module A

1) Duration: 8 weeks (September – November 2017)
2) Location: Italian Navy School - Taranto
3) Target group: 75 Officers / Petty Officers
4) Training to be delivered by EASO in Sub-module A

Within Sub-module A, EASO will deliver training on **Access to the Asylum Procedure**. This training, not foreseen by EUNAVFOR MED in its initial training offer, was proposed by EASO and approved by EUNAVFOR MED as a part of their training course.

In line with international obligations, access to the asylum procedure is an essential element of safeguarding the rights of applicants for international protection. Giving the complexity of mixed migration flows, the identification of people who may wish to apply for international protection and the prompt support to persons with special needs at the EU external border has become increasingly challenging.

To facilitate the work of first-contact officials in their role of guaranteeing effective access to the asylum procedure, EASO training will provide first-contact officials with information about the legal framework on the right to asylum, techniques on how to identify persons who wish to make an application for international protection and possible indicators of vulnerabilities, and guidance on the further steps to take (provision of information and referral to competent authority).

II. **EUNAVFOR MED Sub-module D**

1) **Duration**: 3 weeks (September – October 2017)
2) **Location**: Italian Navy School - Taranto
3) **Target group**: 7 Officers / Petty Officers

4) **Trainings to be delivered by EASO in Sub-module D**

Within Sub-module D, EASO will deliver two trainings on:

a) **Methods and teaching techniques** – the training aims at preparing the participants to become trainers in any discipline in the future and it will focus, above all, on
   - adults learning methodology;
   - different learning styles;
   - types of training activities and their practical use etc.

b) **E-learning** – the training focuses on creation of the e-learning courses and it will provide information on, in particular:
   - Instructional design strategies;
   - Learning Management System;
   - Trainer’s role and actions during the e-learning etc.

3. **NEXT STEPS**

EASO will propose training sessions related to its core expertise to be delivered in the framework of three other EUNAVFOR MED sub-modules once they are announced by EUNAVFOR MED.