

Frontex's actions during the Adriana shipwreck

13-14 June 2023

Frontex redirects Eagle 1, an airplane involved in its surveillance activities in Joint Operation Themis in Italy, **to the Adriana**.

The Greek Coast Guard establishes contact with the boat. From this moment, it is clear that the Greek Rescue Coordination Centre is coordinating a response.

The Greek Coast Guard helicopter again carries out surveillance of the Adriana.

The Greek Rescue Coordination Centre asks **Frontex to direct Heron 2 to assist in the surveillance** of a different migrant boat adrift **off the coast of Crete**.

Heron 2 arrives at the site of the boat adrift near Crete.

Frontex repeats offer to have the Heron 2 leave the location of the boat near Crete, which it assesses as "floating properly", and **help with the Adriana**. No reply from the Greek authorities.

Frontex decides to direct Heron 2 towards the last known position of **the Adriana**.

Heron 2 arrives at Adriana's location. The boat has sunk and rescue activities are ongoing.

Heron 2 gives its final update and heads to base.

08:01 UTC

The Italian Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre notifies the Greek Joint Rescue Coordination Centre and Frontex about information it has received about a fishing boat (the Adriana) - with up to 750 passengers and reports of dead children.

08:33

09:47

Eagle 1 conducts surveillance of the Adriana for ten minutes before having to return to base to refuel. It communicates information and sends video footage to the Greek Rescue Coordination Centre. Based on the sighting, **Frontex does not deem that there was an imminent threat to the boat**.

11:00

12:35

A Greek Coast Guard helicopter carries out surveillance of the Adriana.

15:00

16:35

Frontex asks for an update and offers to assist with surveillance with a drone, Heron 2, involved in its surveillance activities in Greece. No reply from the Greek Rescue Coordination Centre.

18:50

19:40

A Greek Coast Guard boat arrives at the Adriana.

19:50

21:34

Frontex again offers Heron 2 to assist with aerial surveillance of the Adriana. No reply from the Greek Rescue Coordination Centre.

21:52

23:15

Heron 2 provides a final update on the boat near Crete in which it notes that a Greek Coast Guard boat is providing assistance.

23:20

02:46

Frontex informs the Greek Rescue Coordination Centre **that Heron 2 is heading towards the Adriana**. No reply from the Greek authorities.

04:05

05:31

Frontex informs the Greek authorities that Heron 2 is running out of fuel. **Frontex offers to monitor the ongoing rescue operation using Eagle 1**. No reply from the Greek authorities.

05:55

07:48

The Greek Rescue Coordination Centre replies that no further assistance is needed.