**European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) involved in search and rescue operation off Lesvos**

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This morning at 6:45, a a Royal Netherlands Marechaussee patrol boat taking part in Frontex’s operation Poseidon detected a capsized boat northeast off Mytilene (Lesvos island) while patrolling the sea between Turkey and Greece. The Hellenic Coast Guard, in charge of coordination of Search and Rescue operations, immediately ordered seven vessels and a Super Puma helicopter to assist in the rescue.  Among them was also an Italian patrol boat from Guardia di Finanza deployed by Frontex.

57 people have so far been rescued and seven bodies, including four women, one man and two minors were recovered.

Currently the agency deploys 13 vessels, two helicopters, 43 cars and 618 officers deployed as part of operation Poseidon in Greece. 27 European Member States participate in the operation.

*Please contact the Hellenic Coast Guard’s press office for additional information.*