The next-generation Maritime Communication System (MCS 3020 IP) serves maritime control centre information and communication needs. With a layered, decentralised system architecture that runs on standard COTS equipment and supports a large range of interfaces. The Frequentis MCS 3020 IP brings together voice and data from numerous sources. Sharing technology with its air traffic management (ATM) and Defence solutions, Frequentis MCS 3020 IP provides a robust, fail-safe, high-performance point of integration for maritime safety- and mission-critical communication.

Key features

**Highly scalable networking**

MCS 3020 IP offers a flexible, modular, service-oriented, all-IP architecture with a decentralised topology. Each implementation can be fully customised to precise requirements, with easy integration of new modules and/or third-party applications. MCS 3020 IP scales from a single harbour up to national radio systems covering hundreds of radios and numerous distributed centres and operator positions.

**Comprehensive service coverage**

MCS 3020 IP covers the full spectrum of maritime control centre information and communication needs. It integrates voice radios (MF/HF/VHF), TETRA and telephony with text-based messages – including GMDSS services such as DCS and NAVTEX, AIS, SafetyNET and more – enabling fast recognition and intelligent distribution from a single point of control.

**Intuitive operations**

MCS 3020 IP helps operators work quickly and efficiently by bringing together relevant voice and data communication in a user-focused interface, with time-saving automation features that reduce stress and increase standardisation. By providing a comprehensive shared operational overview spanning centres and missions, MCS 3020 IP helps maritime organisations make faster, higher quality decisions to improve safety.

**MCS at a glance**

- Scales to support national solutions and TCO-driven centre-consolidation projects
- End-to-end IP architecture; radio gateways for legacy connections
- Modular, open architecture offering a wide scalability and integration
- Fail-safe design ready for multiple requirements, including GMDSS operations
- Human-centric interface delivers information, not just data
- Save time with automated scheduling for maritime safety messages and text-to-speech functionality
Benefits

Future-ready architecture

Supports past, present and future standards, and scales to nationwide demands out of the box. The same system supports multi-site, multi-mission operations for easy, cost-effective vertical and horizontal integration.

Safety-critical communication

Built on core technology from the ATM world, MCS 3020 IP brings exceptional reliability and real-time capabilities to maritime, with full support for GMDSS services.

Technical specifications

| Communication flexibility: NMEA gateway and provider | Multifunctional IP data gateways enable information exchange with AIS, GMDSS-DSC and other data networks |
| High-quality, fail-safe VoIP audio | Audio transported via SIP/RTP according to specifications of EUROCAE Working Group 67 (ED-137 radio) |
| Radio remote control (RRC) | Control and monitor remote radios across VHF, HF, MF, TETRA via Ethernet, serial interface or I/Os |
| Recording | Easy integration with Frequentis DIVOS or third-party recorders |
| Radio and telephony gateways | Enables connection of radios and telephone systems via IP or through numerous supported gateways, including TETRA, E&M, E1 and FXO |