SynMax Awarded Maritime Domain Awareness Contract with Major European Defense Customer

Theia will deliver persistent, imagery-led vessel detection across a large European area of responsibility



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WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, September 21, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- SynMax, a data-fusion intelligence company delivering geospatial, energy, and maritime domain awareness products, today announced a 12-month contract to deliver its Theia maritime domain awareness platform to a major European defense customer. The agreement covers persistent monitoring of a large European area of responsibility.

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Theia was selected following an evaluation period in which the customer tested the platform against live operational requirements. The platform will be delivered with dedicated onboarding, training, and ongoing analytical support from SynMax.

Most maritime monitoring systems begin with a vessel's own broadcast and task imagery to confirm it. Theia inverts that sequence. It detects vessels independently using broad-area satellite imagery, then checks those detections against AIS. That order matters: a vessel that is not transmitting, is transmitting a false position, or has gone dark is still found, because the platform was never relying on the transmission in the first place.

That capability is increasingly central to European maritime security requirements, where operators need verified positional evidence of activity around critical maritime infrastructure and of vessels operating outside sanctions regimes. Detections are corroborated by SynMax analysts and machine learning models, producing evidence an operator can act on rather than an

inference they have to defend.

"Defense customers do not need another feed telling them where cooperative vessels say they are," said Eric Anderson, CEO and Founder of SynMax. "They need to know what is actually on the water, including the vessels that would prefer not to be seen. That is the problem Theia was built to solve, and it is why this customer moved from evaluation to contract."

"This contract reflects a requirement we are seeing across European defense and maritime security organizations," said David Brettell, CRO, SynMax. "The gap between what AIS reports and what is happening at sea has become an operational liability. Closing it requires imagery first, analysis second, and proof at the end of it."

Platform provisioning and user training are underway.

About SynMax

SynMax is a data-fusion intelligence company delivering geospatial, energy, and maritime domain awareness products. Founded in 2021 and headquartered in Houston, with offices in London and Washington, D.C., SynMax combines satellite imagery, artificial intelligence, and subject matter expertise to give governments and commercial operators verified answers about activity on the water and on the ground. Know. Don't Guess.

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