

Ionel PAVEL is a graduate of the "Mircea cel Bătrân" Naval Academy - Constanța, graduating in 1996, specializing in artillery and missiles.

After graduation, in the period 1996 - 2009, he worked in different units of the Romanian Naval Forces, both in executive positions and in command of subunits on board different ships. During this period he completed the course organized by the Coast Guard of the United States of America - International Maritime Officer Course (IMOC - 2003), a master's program at the Constanța Maritime University in the field of Maritime Safety (2005 - 2007), as well as other courses specialization.

Between December 2004 and December 2005, he participated in the UNMIL mission, organized by the UN in Liberia.

Starting from 2009, he continued his activity in the naval field within the Romanian Border Police, being in the period 2017-2022 the Head of the Naval Surveillance and Control Service within the General Inspectorate of the Border Police, in which capacity he coordinated various projects and activities in the naval field, specific to the institution's activity.

He was the project manager of the implementation of the surveillance activity of the area of competence of Romania in the Black Sea with unmanned aerial systems, type UAS, a pioneering activity in Romania, carried out together with the European Maritime Safety Agency - EMSA and in which they were involved the European agencies Frontex and EFCA.

He also participated in numerous Frontex operations in Greece (Lesvos Island and Samos Island) as Frontex National Representative or Liaison Officer and in various projects/activities coordinated by European bodies.

He was involved in activities subordinated to the European Forum of Coast Guard Functions - ECGFF, in the coordination of inter-institutional cooperation activities both internally and externally with the institutions/authorities with competences in border surveillance and control activities, or private partners of cooperation.