MEETING DOCUMENT

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Working Party on Frontiers
Subject: Cooperation between Frontex and third countries in 2022

Delegations will find attached the presentation made by Frontex at the meeting of the Working Party on Frontiers of 12 September 2023 on the above-mentioned subject.
Cooperation between
Frontex and third countries in 2022

Frontiers Working Party, 12 September 2023
Partnerships along key migratory routes...

...building on EU synergies and leverage...

...and reinforcing bilateral cooperation of EU MS ...

... form part of effective IBM

Integrated border management in the external dimension
Key highlights in 2022

- Joint Operational Moldova in record speed
- Mobilised further support to Moldova and Ukraine
- Enhanced operational presence in the WBs
- Returns to 116 countries of origin
- Launch of Joint Reintegration Services (JRS)
- International Border Police Conference 2022 - as a platform for dialogue with the global border guard community
Developing dialogue and cooperation frameworks
Working arrangements concluded:
- 18

Status agreements in force:
- 5

Negotiations ongoing:
- 15

New being negotiated:
- 3
Developing a strong network of Frontex Liaison Officers

- Frontex Liaison Officers to third countries:
  1. Türkiye
  2. Western Balkans (Serbia)
  3. Western Balkans (Albania)
  4. Niger
  5. Senegal, Mauritania and the Gambia
  6. Eastern Partnership countries (Moldova/Ukraine)
Protecting and promoting fundamental rights

- Mainstreaming fundamental rights at every stage of activities
- Fundamental Rights Monitors
- Complaints mechanism
Technical and operational cooperation
Situational awareness

- Strengthening cooperation within the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR) framework

- Risk analysis networks facilitating joint analytical work
  - Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community
  - Western Balkans Risk Analysis Network
  - Eastern Partnership Risk Analysis Network
2022: Joint response at the borders

- Fully-fledged joint operations under EU Status Agreements
  - Albania
  - Montenegro
  - Moldova
  - Serbia
- Joint operations Coordination Points in 9 host third countries
- EMPACT activities
Countries of return reached in 2022

Number of non-EU nationals returned

- 1 - 153
- 154 - 591
- 592 - 1221
- 1222 - 3392

* Names of Top 20 countries were listed
European Return Liaison Officers

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Technical assistance projects

- Strengthening of AFIC
- Strengthening Western Balkans’ Border Security Capacities
- Technical Assistance Projects for TCs on Return, Readmission and Reintegration
- EU4BorderSecurity
- Regional Support to Protection-Sensitive Migration Management Systems in the Western Balkans, Phase III