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To: Working Party on Frontiers
Subject: Training activities in the field of security documents and identity

Delegations will find attached the presentation made by Frontex at the meeting of the Working Party on Frontiers of 06 June 2024 on the above-mentioned subject.
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Frontiers Working Party
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Context | Document and identity fraud is a key challenge in border control

With thousands of cases of document fraud reported every year by MSs, this crime is one of the biggest challenges for European border guards. Frontex, remains active in assisting EU Member States to track down document and identity fraud.

Training is one of the key tasks of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency. Frontex has worked to harmonise border control in all EU member states and to develop training curricula for border guards across the EU.

The training process is aligned with the principles of the Bologna/Copenhagen process in the area concerned.
Organizational Model for Document Check and Identity Verification

- **LEVEL 1**
  - COMPETENCE A: BASIC
  - COMPETENCE B: ADVANCED

- **LEVEL 2**
  - COMPETENCE C: SPECIALIST

- **LEVEL 3**
  - FORENSIC COMPETENCE D

### Forensic tasks and responsibilities, out of the scope of this document.

### Specialists in charge of performing tasks related to the conclusive verification and assessment of documents and holders' identity, including the integrity and authenticity of the microchip.

### Corresponding to the capabilities to perform advanced document check, identity (advanced facial image comparison) and microchip verification usually carried out by second-line officers.

### Corresponding to the capabilities to perform basic document check and identity - including facial (image) comparison - and microchip verification carried out by first-line officers.
Model for Document Check and Identity Verification - Training path

- Forensic expert
- European Course for Specialists on Identity and Security Documents (CSID)
- Advanced Level Document Officer course (ALDO)
- Operational Training Programme for the EBCG SC cat.1 (Module on Borders check; Module on Profile Training – Chapter: Advanced Basic Document Officer (ABDO)
Aim of the module: To provide learners with the capability to carry out a wide range of first-line border checks in order to check at the MS/SAC external borders if a person is authorized to enter or leave the territory of the country and detect illegal cross-border activities.

Target group: Standing Corps Category 1

Delivery: Within the Operational Training Program
**Aim of the chapter:** To create opportunities for border and coast guards to identify document and identity fraud based on primary and advanced security features and printing techniques, and to refer suspicious cases to a higher level of expertise.

**Target group:** Standing Corps Category 1

**Delivery:** during the second semester of the Operational Training Program (OTP)
Aim of the course: To develop knowledge, skills, and competences to enable the learner to identify document fraud based on primary and advanced security features and printing techniques, establishing conclusively the status of the document under inspection/examination.

Target group: officers, including SC staff, operating in the back-offices who are responsible for checking, in further detail, security documents that have aroused the suspicion of the first line officers.

Delivery: 19.02-1.03.2024, 08.04-19.04.2024, 13.05-24.05.2024, 29.07-09.08.2024, 21.10-01.11.2024, 02.12-13.12.2024
Aim of the course: to provide insight on European standards and emerging trends in relation to the identity chain and its related processes in order to make strategical decisions in this area.

Target group: document specialists who are currently working in this field having at least 5 years of experience in the operational and/or tactical area of document and/or identity investigation. Nominated expert must have certificate from the course Training on Advanced Level Document Officer Course by Frontex (ALDO) or equivalent EU training.

Delivery: 2025, dates TBC
Aim of the course: to create opportunities for border and coast guards to combat look alike fraud, and to multiply and share the information for cascading the relevant operational common standards and best practices in the field of detection of impostors

Target group: officers, including SC staff, with responsibilities at the state/EU external borders who are:

• experienced in operating in border crossing points responsible for checking identity to determine if the person presenting the document is the same one as on the photo in the document.
• trainers involved in the delivery of related training activities in the area detection of document fraud and/or detection of impostors.

Delivery: 22.01-02.02.2024, 16.09-27.09.2024
Aim of the course: at raising awareness among first-line officers of the design and abuse of secure identity documents and emphasising their vital role in detecting false documents

Target group: first line officers, including SC staff, with responsibilities at the state/EU external borders

Delivery: 11.03-14.03.2024, 14.03-16.03.2024, 03.06-06.06.2024, 08.10-10.10.2024, 12.11-14.11.2024
**Aim of the course:** raising awareness among Consular staff of the design and abuse of secure identity documents and emphasising their role in detecting false documents

**Target group:** Consular staff of EU MSs deployed in Third Countries

**Delivery:** 22.04-25.04.2024, 10.06-13.06.2024, 02.09-05.09.2024-TBC, 28.10-30.10.2024, TBC, 25.11-29.11.2024-TBC
Aim of the course: to equip MID operators with necessary skills and competences to perform fingerprints comparison respecting necessary standards and using specific systems and technology in full respect to the sensitivity and confidentiality of data.

Target group: Multiple Identity Detector (MID) operators in charge of performing basic biometric facial features comparison checks and other related activities within the transitional period

Delivery: beginning of 2026, dates to be confirmed
Aim of the course: to raise awareness among law enforcement staff on the importance of breeder documents when establishing the real identity of a person; provides extensive knowledge and skills on how to detect possible fraud even in the absence of standardization.

Target group: staff in charge of checking the identity

Delivery: 2025, dates to be announced
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