

58th MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD 30-31 March 2016 IN WARSAW, POLAND

List of participants

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██████████ (Head of the Centre for Information and Documentation Analysis, EASO)

Frontex Executive Director (ED), Mr Fabrice LEGGERI participated in the meeting.

The Secretariat of the Management Board was provided by Frontex.

List of items debated and/or approved (agenda)

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the 57th Management Board meeting
3. Recent internal developments and procedural issues
4. Presentation of Frontex operational responses following selected latest phenomena at the EU external borders
 - 4.1 Central and Western Mediterranean routes including hotspots in Italy
 - 4.2 Eastern Mediterranean routes including hotspots in Greece
 - 4.3 Western Balkan route
 - 4.4 Discussion on "Risk Analysis for 2016"
5. Fundamental Rights issues
 - 5.1 Presentation of the Consultative Forum annual report 2015
 - 5.2 Report from the Fundamental Rights Officer
6. Single Programming Document 2017-2019
 - 6.1 Presentation and discussion on Frontex Multi Annual Plan 2017-2019
 - 6.2 Decision of the Management Board adopting the preliminary Programme of Work 2017
 - 6.3 Decision of the Management Board adopting the draft revenue and expenditures for 2017
7. Decision of the Management Board adopting Frontex General Report 2015
8. Decision of the Management Board on the rules relating to technical equipment (OMNTE) to be deployed in Frontex coordinated activities in 2017
9. Decision of the Management Board adopting additional profiles to be made available to the European Border Guard Teams and repealing MB Decision 11/2012
10. Information on the external experts database in Frontex
11. Cooperation with non-EU partners
 - 11.1 Decision of the Management Board on the list of priority Countries/Regions for the deployment of Frontex Liaison Officers
 - 11.2 Decision of the Management Board adopting Working Arrangement with Kosovo
 - 11.3 Information on the Working Arrangements to be updated
 - 11.4 Information on the kick-off meeting for IPA II project
12. Status and planning of the accreditation of the Eurosur Communication Network and preparation of the activities in the Member States
13. Presentation of the state of play of the Headquarters agreement
14. Implementation of the Programme of Work 2016
 - Budget implementation
15. Any other business

Main results of the meeting

Frontex operational responses following selected latest phenomena at the EU external borders were presented and discussed in three parts: Central and Western Mediterranean routes including hotspots in Italy, Eastern Mediterranean routes including hotspots in Greece, Western Balkan route.

An important point of the discussion was the EU-Turkey readmission agreement and the preparations being made to start the implementation of the agreement.

Other points of the discussion were related to the following:

- increasing migratory flows at the Central Mediterranean route and anticipated changes of the routes;
- need for MSs' pledges for registration, screening and fingerprinting support;
- security concerns regarding SAR operations close to the Libyan territorial waters;
- EURTF in Catania and Piraeus; the inter-agency cooperation between Frontex, Europol and EASO; EASO provided an update on its activities;
- deployment of readmission experts and escorting officers;
- deployment of Dutch border security teams in Chios and in Lesbos (forthcoming);
- state of play of the cooperation with NATO.

A discussion on "Risk Analysis for 2016" followed.

The Chair of the Consultative Forum presented the 3rd annual report covering activities of the Consultative Forum in 2015 and briefed on the common engagements with the Fundamental Rights Officer. With reference to the future enhancement of Frontex' mandate, the Co-chair of the Consultative Forum identified the need of developing effective mechanisms for the protection of the Fundamental Rights of migrants. The Fundamental Rights Officer briefed on the reported incidents as well as on the activities covering the period from 1 November 2015 till end of March.

Revised Single Programming Document 2017-2019 was presented and discussed, in particular the enhancements of Section II (multiannual planning), Section III (programme of work) and Section IV (budget) which were incorporated based on the discussion during the last MB meetings in February.

The MB adopted the revised preliminary Programme of Work 2017 and the estimate of the budget 2017. Both decisions were taken with no votes against and two abstentions from the Commission.

The Chair announced that the revised versions of the document will be presented and discussed in the Management Board in June before submitting the draft Programme of Work 2017 to the Commission for its opinion in July. Adoption of the elements of the Multi Annual Plan at a later stage allows to take into consideration also the changes to Frontex's legal framework, mandate and tasks.

Frontex General Report 2015 was presented and discussed. With an amendment on Arctic route proposed by FI, the MB adopted the General Report 2015 with no votes against and two abstentions from Commission.

In accordance with Frontex Regulation, by 15 June 2016 the document will be forwarded to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Court of Auditors. The General Report will be made public.

Technical equipment for JOs, including OMNTE 2017 was presented and discussed. The Management Board adopted the decision on the rules relating to technical equipment (OMNTE) to be deployed in Frontex coordinated activities in 2017 with four votes against from CY, EL, ES, IT.

The proposal of the Management Board decision adopting additional profiles to be made available to the European Border Guard Teams was presented. Due to concerns raised by some of the MSs, the Chair concluded that comments should be sent to the Agency in writing by 20 April 2016 so they could be implemented and tabled for the Management Board's decision during the meeting in June.

In the area of external relations, the Management Board adopted the decision on the list of priority Countries/Regions for the deployment of Frontex Liaison Officers. At this stage three regions were prioritized - Western Balkans, North Africa and West Africa. As the next step, the countries for deployment of the Liaison Officers will be examined in cooperation with the European External Action Service. Proposal will be presented for the decision of the Management Board in the future.

The Management Board adopted Working Arrangement with Kosovo aiming at establishing operational cooperation. The draft was positively assessed by the European Commission who appreciated the pace in which the arrangement had been negotiated. The decision was taken with three abstentions from CY, ES and EL.

The MB thanked Mr Ralf Göbel for his four years as the MB Chair. Mr Göbel will take the role of the Deputy Chair before the next MB meeting on 14-15 June. Mr Marko Gašperlin, current Deputy, will become the new Chair, as elected during 56th MB meeting in November 2015.

Due to time constraints, the following items were postponed to the next meeting:

- Information on the external experts database in Frontex
- two sub-items of "Cooperation with non-EU partners": information on the Working Arrangements to be updated and information on the kick-off meeting for IPA II project,
- status and planning of the accreditation of the Eurosur Communication Network and preparation of the activities in the Member States,
- presentation of the state of play of the Headquarters Agreement.