

59th MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD 14-15 June 2016 IN WARSAW, POLAND

List of participants

Mr Marko GAŠPERLIN - Chairman of the Management Board

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██████████ (Deputy Director, Governance, Europol)

██████████ (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 58th Management Board meeting
3. Recent internal developments and procedural issues
4. Presentation of operational situation
 - 4.1 Situation at the EU external borders
 - 4.2 Expected developments and resources needs
5. State of play on the European Border and Coast Guard Agency Regulation – information by the Commission and the Dutch Presidency
6. Single Programming Document 2017-2019
 - 6.1 Presentation of the core elements of plan of operations 2017 as part of the draft Programme of Work 2017
 - 6.2 Presentation of the core elements of training portfolio 2017 as part of the draft Programme of Work 2017
 - 6.3 ABN 2017 – next steps
7. Adoption of the Management Board's analysis and assessment of the Annual Activity Report 2015
8. Cooperation with non-EU partners
 - 8.1 Information on the Working Arrangements to be updated
 - 8.2 Information on the partnership projects
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. Information on the Executive Director's annual appraisal 2015
12. Presentation of the state of play of the Headquarters agreement
13. Implementation of the Programme of Work 2016
 - Budget implementation
14. Presentation of the activities by the acting EU Council Presidency the Netherlands and incoming EU Council Presidency Slovakia
15. Any other business

Main results of the meeting

Frontex briefed the MB members on the current situation at the EU external borders focusing more specifically on Eastern Central and Western Balkan routes. The approach of the presentation was slightly changed as it focused more on the expected developments, obstacles and gaps in human resources as well as in technical equipment. The discussion that followed touched mainly on the possible solutions to meet the operational needs and deal with the challenges more effectively, such as appointment of additional readmission experts, redeployment of operational means from Poseidon to Triton, new concepts of hotspots, acquisition of Frontex autonomous means, and support of voluntary returns of migrants. The issue of security in the Central Mediterranean and close to the LY shore was tackled.

With a view to ensure a proper budget implementation, Frontex provided a rough estimation of budget consumption for the operational activities planned in the second half of the year and invited the MSs to make use of the remaining financial resources for return flights.

An update on the state of play on the European Border and Coast Guard Agency Regulation was provided by the European Commission and Frontex. Five priorities have been identified by the Council with regard to the implementation of the new mandate: mandatory pooling of resources, establishment of the methodology for the vulnerability assessment, preparation of the new task in return, cooperation with Third Countries and the standard complaint form in the framework of the complaint mechanism.

The Single Programming Document 2017-2019 will be adjusted to new tasks after the new Frontex Regulation is in force, therefore the documents presented focused only on the core elements of plan of operations and training portfolio for 2017 and both documents will be attached to the Programme of Work 2017. The plans for Frontex operational flexibility in terms of budget are included in the documents to enable the Agency to adapt to the new operation activities in the course of the year 2017. The MB agreed on both documents.

Frontex presented the next steps of the Annual Bilateral Negotiations for 2017 with detailed timeline.

The MB adopted the Management Board's analysis and assessment of the Annual Activity Report 2015 with no votes against, as well as the Decision on additional profiles to be made available to the European Border Guard Teams and repealing MB Decision 11/2012 with no votes against and one abstention from IT.

Frontex Deputy Executive Director presented an overview of the cooperation with non-EU partners, focusing on the Working Arrangements which should be updated and on the existing partnership projects.

Frontex explained the new procedure of establishing an external expert data base. The idea of this new mechanism was published in the Official Journal and on Frontex webpage in December 2015. The purpose of this mechanism is to increase Frontex flexibility in terms of human resources and expertise.

Frontex Executive Director briefed the MB on the latest developments related to the Headquarter Agreement with the Polish authorities.

NL provided an overview of the results achieved by the NL Presidency, covering the period from January to June 2016, with emphasis on the developments with regard to the Border Management. SK briefed about the activities planned during the upcoming presidency lasting from July to December 2016. During its term SK Presidency will focus on the current migration challenges ensuring that all efforts are made to achieve the maximum progress in all legislative proposals.