

**MINUTES  
OF THE 60<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
7-8 SEPTEMBER 2016 IN BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA**

**List of attendance**

Mr Marko GAŠPERLIN - Chairman of the Management Board

Mr Robert STRONDL (Austria - AT)

Mr Christiaan MARTENS (Belgium - BE)

Mr Antonio ANGELOV (Bulgaria - BG)

Mr Giljo TOIĆ SINTIĆ (Croatia - HR)

Mr Petros ZENIOU (Cyprus - CY)

Mr Martin VONDRÁŠEK (Czech Republic - CZ)

Mr Per FIIG (Denmark - DK)

Mr Joosep KAASIK (Estonia - EE)

Mr Ilkka LAITINEN (Finland - FI)

Mr Bernard SIFFERT (France - FR)

Mr Ralf GÖBEL (Germany - DE)

Mr Dimitrios MALLIOS (Greece - EL)

Mr Zsolt HALMOSI (Hungary - HU)

Mr Ólafur Helgi KJARTANSSON (Iceland - IS)

Mr David DOWLING (IRELAND - IE)

Mr Giovanni PINTO (Italy - IT)

Mr Normunds GARBARS (Latvia - LV)

Mr Vygintas KAZIUKONIS (Lithuania - LT)

Ms Thierry FEHR (Luxembourg - LU)

Mr Harrie VAN DEN BRINK (The Netherlands - NL)

Mr Jan Eirik THOMASSEN (Norway - NO)

Mr Marek ŁAPIŃSKI (Poland - PL)

Ms Luisa MAIA GONÇALVES (Portugal - PT)

Mr Liviu GALOS (Romania - RO)

Mr Ladislav CSÉMI (Slovak Republic - SK)

Mr Joaquín CASTRO LEÓN (Spain - ES)

Ms Marianne PERSSON (Sweden - SE)

Ms Julia TERVEER (Switzerland - CH)

Mr Matt BECKINGHAM (United Kingdom - UK)

██████████ (European Commission - COM)

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

██████████ (Liaison Officer to Frontex, 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 59th 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. Returns
  - 4.3. Expected developments and resources needs
5. Report from the Fundamental Rights Officer
6. Single Programming Document 2017-2019
  - 6.1. Decision of the Management Board adopting Programme of Work 2017
  - 6.2. Decision of the Management Board adopting draft estimate of the Budget 2017, including the establishment plan
7. Decision of the Management Board adopting practical arrangements regarding public access to the documents held by the Agency
8. Decision on the dates planned for Management Board meetings in 2017
9. New methodology for calculation of SACs' contribution - presentation by the Working Group on Budget and Accounts
10. Report on the implementation of the Frontex Anti-fraud strategy
11. Presentation of the state of play of the Headquarters agreement
12. Delegation of the Management Board Appointing Authority powers to the Executive Director
13. Implementation of the Programme of Work 2016
  - 13.1. Budget implementation
14. Any other business

### DAY 2 - New Frontex Regulation

#### Presentation and discussion on the roadmap for the implementation

- + Draft methodology for the vulnerability assessment
- + Liaison Officers to the Member States
- + Rapid Reaction and Technical Equipment pools
- + Action plan on the development of return support activities

#### New concept of the Working Group on Budget and Accounts

#### Organisation of the work of the Management Board in the future

## Main results of the meeting

The 60th Management Board meeting was held on 7-8 September 2016 in Bratislava, Slovakia.

The Executive Director provided an update on the most important internal developments within the Agency.

Frontex delivered a presentation on operational situation at the European Union external borders and in the field of returns, with a special focus on expected developments and resources needed;

During the subsequent discussion, BG informed the Management Board on the situation at the border with Turkey and drew the Management Board's attention to the cumulative number of migrants on the territory of BG and the number of Afghans in Pakistan to be returned to Afghanistan by the end of the year, BG furthermore raised the issue of possible alternative routes in case a huge number of those migrants attempt to reach the EU territory and stressed out the urgency for joint preventive measures.

With reference to insufficient MSs' response to BG's call for contributions, BG extended the request for support. The idea to develop a tool for a better planning of contributions at the national level was agreed.

NL's delegation briefed the Management Board on the evaluation of the NL mixed teams' deployment in the Aegean Sea and on the experiences gained from the Joint Operations.

Fundamental Rights Officer presented XVI report covering her activities for the period from 1 May to 31 July 2016, including planned activities and FRO recommendations. The full report was uploaded in FOSS before the meeting.

The Executive Director presented the elements of the revised Single Programming Document (SPD) 2017-2019; the adjustments introduced into the document were made to reflect the new and enhanced mandate of the Regulation on the European Border and Coast Guard (EBCG). It was agreed that in line with the suggestions outlined during the discussion, the document will be updated and sent to the Commission for an opinion by 22 of September. The decision on the SPD 2017 - 2019, taking into consideration the opinion of the Commission, is scheduled for the next regular MB meeting in November. The EU Parliament will be consulted by the Agency on the multiannual part of SPD as soon as the EBCG Regulation enters into force.

The Decision of the Management Board adopting practical arrangements regarding public access to the documents held by the Agency was prepared with a view to improve practicalities for the Agency and will be adopted in written procedure. It will repeal Management Board Decision 3/2014 of 19 February 2014.

The Management Board approved the dates for its meetings in the upcoming year 2017. In the view of the future Estonian presidency, Estonia offered to hold the 64th MB meeting in Tallinn.

The Chairperson of the Working Group on Budget and Accounts presented new methodology for calculation of SACs' contribution. Follow the recommendations, GB and IE were removed from the Overall Gross Domestic Product, which resulted in an increase in the percentage of the contributions from SACs.

The Executive Director briefed the Management Board on the state of play of the Headquarters Agreement, outlining the timeline, scope and priorities of the negotiations with PL Host State. In line with the new EBCG Regulation the agreement should be concluded within 6 months since the entry into force of the Regulation.

In line with the new Regulation, the Management Board will exercise the Appointing Authority power. With a view to ensure compliance with the new Regulation, the Management Board agreed with the proposed text of a decision delegating the relevant powers of Appointing Authority to the Executive Director. When all the procedural steps have been taken, the Management Board will formally adopt the decision in written procedure,

which will enter into force on the same day as the new Regulation. This decision will allow for the powers of Appointing Authority to continue to be exercised by the Executive Director in relation to the Staff of the Agency.

Under “any other business” representatives of partner Agencies - EASO and Europol, briefed the Management Board on their activities and recent developments.

The second day of the meeting was devoted to the discussions on the implementation of the new European Border and Coast Guard Regulation.

The Deputy Executive Director delivered a presentation on the Road Map for Implementation, which intends to serve as a guide for the future actions, highlighting that the roadmap had been divided in two main areas - identified priorities and implementation of tasks.

The Vulnerability Assessment methodology was presented by the Director of Operations Division, who informed that first draft was developed by Frontex together with the Member States. After the internal discussions, the document will be consulted with the Management Board. As a last stage, all comments will be embedded and the final draft will be tabled.

The notion of the Liaison Officers to the Member States was presented with an emphasis put on the legal basis, role, main tasks and their implementation, as well as on the mechanism for deployment of the Liaison Officers to the Member States.

The Management Board was updated about the notion of Pooling Resources with focus on the Rapid Reaction and Technical Equipment pools, as well as about the action plan on the development of return support activities.

The new concept on the Working Group on Budget and Accounts was prepared in line with the input received and was presented for the Management Board's revision. The draft decision will be prepared for adoption by written procedure.

The options how to improve working methods of the Management Board were presented by the Chair and the Management Board members were invited to share their ideas to facilitate the discussion at the next MB meeting.

The Management Board agreed to hold an extraordinary MB meeting on 3-4 November<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> At the request of the Commission the date of the extraordinary MB meeting was changed to 18-19 October.