

**MINUTES
OF THE 63rd MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD
8-9 FEBRUARY 2017 IN VALLETTA, MALTA**

List of attendance

Mr Marko GAŠPERLIN - Chairman of the Management Board

Mr Robert STRONDL (Austria - AT)

Mr Wald THIELEMANS (Belgium - BE)

Mr Svetlan KICHIKOV (Bulgaria - BG)

Mr Gilio TOIĆ SINTIĆ (Croatia - HR)

Mr Petros ZENIOU (Cyprus - CY)

Mr Martin VONDRAŠEK (Czech Republic - CZ)

Mr Per FIIG (Denmark - DK)

Mr Joosep KAASIK (Estonia - EE)

Mr Jesse SEPPÄLÄ (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)

Ms Mary DELMAR (Ireland - IE)

Mr Giovanni PINTO (Italy - IT)

Mr Normunds GARBARS (Latvia - LV)

Mr Stephan GSTÖHL (Liechtenstein - LI)

Mr Renatas POŽĖLA (Lithuania - LT)

Mr Thierry FEHR (Luxembourg - LU)

Mr Neville XUEREB (Malta - MT)

Mr Marty MESSERSCHMIDT (The Netherlands - NL)

Mr Jan Eirik THOMASSEN (Norway - NO)

Mr Marek ŁAPIŃSKI (Poland - PL)

Ms Luísa MAIA GONÇALVES (Portugal - PT)

Mr Costel BUCUR (Romania - RO)

Ms Martina MATUŠKOVIČOVÁ (Slovak Republic - SK)

Mr Juan Carlos ORTIZ ARGUELLES (Spain - ES)

Mr Patrik ENGSTRÖM (Sweden - SE)

Ms Julia TERVEER (Switzerland - CH)

Mr Paul MORGAN (United Kingdom - UK)

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

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

██████████ (Executive Director, 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 62nd 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
 - 4.4 Presentation of Risk Analysis for 2017
5. Implementation of the new Regulation - state of play and experiences
6. Decision of the Management Board adopting Working Arrangement with EMSA and EFCA
7. Decision of the Management Board adopting the terms of transmission of information to the Frontex Consultative Forum
8. Presentation of the budget implementation of the financial year 2016
9. Presentation of the evaluation plan for 2017
10. Decision of the Management Board delegating powers to make non-substantial amendments to the annual work programme to the Executive Director
11. Programming Document 2018-2020
 - 11.1 Presentation and discussion on Frontex draft Multi Annual Plan 2018-2020 including multiannual budget and staff
 - 11.2 Presentation and discussion on the preliminary draft Programme of Work 2018 and preliminary budget 2018 including contribution from the Working Group on Budget and Accounts
12. International and European Cooperation
 - 12.1 Decision of the Management Board on the mandate to the Executive Director to negotiate a Working Arrangement with Niger
 - 12.2 Cooperation with the Western Balkans
13. Presentation and approval of the Headquarters Agreement
14. Presentation of the draft rules of procedure of the Management Board
15. Outcome of the probationary period of Deputy Executive Director
16. European Travel and Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) - presentation by the Commission

Main results of the meeting

The 63rd Management Board meeting was held on 8-9 February 2017 in Malta. After the meeting a group of the MB members visited the EURFT Catania, Italy, and the hotspot in Pozzallo on 10 February 2017.

The morning session of 8 February was dedicated to the first joint Frontex-EASO Management Board meeting focusing on the implementation and way forward regarding the hotspots, as well as the Agencies' activities in the field of data collection, analysis and information sharing in view of enhancing the cooperation of both Agencies (minutes of the joint session will be made available separately).

The Management Board was briefed about the recent internal developments embracing the change of position of the Director of Capacity Building Division, who joined the Cabinet as Senior Strategic Advisor for Agency Transformation (with the Deputy Executive Director taking up the position ad interim) and the recruitment of the new Head of Pooled Resources Unit to take up the office as of 1 March 2017. In addition the Management Board was informed about re-election of the Consultative Forum Chairs for the period of two years as of 2 February 2017 and updated on current steps undertaken by the Agency and Interpol to further enhance cooperation, including the work on a proposal for an amended Working Arrangement and respective Action Plan.

The Management Board was further briefed about the operational situation at the European Union external borders including key messages on hotspots implementation and return related activities. Also a presentation of Risk Analysis for 2017 was provided.

The Management Board was updated on the state of play regarding the implementation of the new Regulation and the respective Roadmap enabling the Management Board to govern the process towards the full implementation of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation was presented.

The Management Board adopted the tripartite Working Arrangement between Frontex, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) focusing on coast guard functions, as well as approved the terms of transmission of information to the Frontex Consultative Forum.

The MB took note of the preliminary budget implementation of the financial year 2016 and the evaluation plan for 2017 and adopted the Decision on delegating powers to make non substantial amendments to the annual work programme to the Executive Director, with an additional explanation provided in the meeting's minutes.

The revised programming Document 2018-2020 as well as the preliminary draft Programme of Work 2018 and the preliminary budget 2018 including contribution from the Working Group on Budget and Accounts were presented.

The Management Board adopted a decision on a mandate to the Executive Director to negotiate a Working Arrangement with Niger and was presented with the ongoing and possible future cooperation fields in and with the Western Balkans.

The Headquarters Agreement was presented and approved by the Management Board.

The draft Rules of Procedure of the Management Board were presented and discussed.

The European Commission provided a presentation on the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS).