

The Extraordinary Management Board meeting was held on 03-04 March in Warsaw, Poland.

The following information was presented to the MB:

- The MB was informed about situation concerning COVID-19 virus measures of health safety: COM introduced the state of play of actions taken on EU scale while ED explained the measures taken for the HQ staff and operational deployments.
- The MB was informed by Members from Greece and Bulgaria about the migration pressure and state of play at their respective borders, including the requests for Rapid border interventions launched by Greece. The MB issued the following statement :

The Management Board agrees that the Agency:

- 1. Fully supports Greece in addressing the current situation and to act in the spirit of European solidarity.*
 - 2. Deploys the rapid border intervention requested by Greece and decided by the Executive Director. Member States confirm their readiness to provide their respective mandatory contributions under the Rapid Reaction Pool and technical assets under the Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool complemented by additional pledges from the Technical Equipment Pool.*
 - 3. stands ready to further extend its support for Greece to the other operational areas and/or type of assistance within Frontex mandate and,*
 - 4. Asks the Agency and Greece and Bulgaria to continuously assess the needs via sustainable way.*
- The MB was informed by the Commission about the state of play as regards the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027.
 - The MB was informed about the state of play of the establishment of the standing corps as regards operational modalities and financial arrangements for categories 2, 3 and 4 that will allow MS/SAC to start preparing staff for deployment as of January 2021. Amended draft MB decision shared for written comments with the MB by 6 March before submitted for Commission's opinion.
 - The MB was introduced to the proposal of design and specifications for uniforms for Category 1 that is now being consulted with the Commission services with a view to swift adoption enabling the launch of the procurement.
 - The MB was presented the state of play on the MB decisions on weapons and the use of force: supervisory mechanism for monitoring the use of force by Category 1; rules for the ED to authorise Category 1 staff to carry/use weapons; specific rules for Category 1 to facilitate the storage of weapons, ammunition and other equipment in secured facilities and their transportation to the operational areas.

- The MB was informed about the state of play and further steps as regards capability development planning, multiannual strategy for acquisition of the Agency's technical capability, methodology and procedures to develop national capability development plans including the definition of scenarios.
- The MB was informed about the implementation of return issues under the new Regulation as regards overview of the existing activities of the Agency in the area of return, as well as on new and extended activities in line with the new mandate of Frontex.
- The MB was introduced to Strategic Risk Analysis: Frontex is preparing a draft strategic risk analysis report on possible threats and challenges over the next decade identifying, among others, a number of relevant future scenarios.
- The MB was introduced to the implementation of measures on data protection: rules related to the DPO (presentation of the first draft of the decision regulating the DPO function). A revised draft will be sent for written comments to the MB.
- The MB exchanged views on the first proposal from the Executive Director of the Agency's new administrative structure which requires adjustments resulting from the new Regulation.

[Text expunged as pertaining to ongoing decision making processes, Art 4(3) of Regulation 1049/2001]

The minutes of the meeting will follow in due time.

Next meeting: 79th MB meeting on 25-26/03/2020, Sibenik, Croatia.
