

Joint Conclusions

High-level meeting between the Frontex Management Board and the Western Balkan Partners, 16 November 2021

We, the Members of the Frontex Management Board and the representatives of the Western Balkan Partners, today concluded the following:

Considering the conclusions of Brdo Declaration of 6 October 2021,

Reaffirming the support for the European perspective of the Western Balkans and welcoming the commitment of the Western Balkan Partners to gradually align with standards and best practices of European integrated border management, and

In line with mutual strategic interests of the European Border and Coast Guard and the Western Balkan Partners towards one another, we pledge to:

- strengthen our cooperation through intensified dialogue and joint initiatives;
- further invest into joint operational activities, including in the coast guard domain where relevant, making full use of the existing legal frameworks;
- work together towards building capacities and capabilities in line with the standards and best practices of the European integrated border management.

Furthermore, we encourage all involved parties to swiftly conclude the remaining Status Agreements with the EU, and to align all Status Agreements to the provisions of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation of 2019.