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### **Foreword**

Frontex - the European Border and Coast Guard Agency – mobilises every year capabilities for operational activities at the external borders. In the spirit of solidarity and shared responsibility, the operational activities at the land, air and sea borders rely on contributions from Member States and Schengen Associated Countries (MS/SAC). Through Annual Bilateral Negotiations (ABN) with MS/SAC the human resource and technical equipment pools are made available based on the assessed operational needs. As such the ABN process ensures year after year the effectiveness of the full scope of operational activities coordinated by the Agency. While the migration pressure, which over recent years has reached exceptional levels, is the focus of many operational activities, support to countering challenges associated with terrorism, cross-border crime and health threats at the external borders are equally integral to the operational response spectrum. The dedicated and specialized capabilities needed for these tasks adds further to the complexity of the ABN process.

The ABN for the operational activities 2018 was carried out during the second half of 2017. Following bilateral meetings with MS/SAC in November and December, grant agreements were concluded under a new financial scheme aimed at reducing the administrative burden associated with reimbursing MS/SAC for deploying their resources.

Complementing the deployments of MS/SAC resources, the Agency is gradually increasing its contributions of its own technical equipment (owned or leased) as well as contracted services. During 2018, the Agency continued

to provide contracted aerial surveillance services to the Multipurpose Aerial Surveillance operations and Joint Operations. Joint Operations were further provided handheld thermal cameras, night vision goggles and heartbeat detectors as well as mobile field offices. Contracted transportation services for land and sea supported readmission operations while aircraft chartered by Frontex were used for return operations.

The overall safety and health of deployed human resources was enhanced by the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and first aid equipment. Furthermore workplace inspections, aimed at assessing safety and health conditions in operational areas, were carried out in Greece and Italy in May and June 2018 respectively. Frontex also published the first edition of its own safety and health guidelines for deployed personnel as well as translated the Sicilian health contingency plan in order to foster strengthened contingency planning capabilities across the EU.

The Agency together with MS/SAC also undertook a revision of the ABN process. In a nutshell the outcome implies that instead of negotiating commitments with MS/SAC for the upcoming operational cycle in one go, it will for 2019 and onwards be done biannually, in order to agree with MS/SAC on the commitments on a six-month basis. This should make for more accurate assessment of operational needs as well as easier planning of MS/SAC pledges.

In 2018 the Rapid Reaction Pool (RRP) was further developed: MS/SAC nominated

through the Opera platform 2,997 members of the EBCGT to the RRP. The mechanism for launching rapid response was further tested during the Rapid Border Intervention Exercise (REX) 2018, which was implemented between 18 October and 14 December 2018 based on a fictitious scenario simulating a migratory crisis at the EU's external border in Croatia.

The report in front of you presents the 2018 statistics on the pools and their respective composition. It furthermore presents data

on MS/SAC commitments and the subsequent deployment of technical equipment and human resources to the operational activities coordinated by the Agency. As with previous editions and in the spirit of transparency, the report consolidates evidence of the solidarity and shared responsibility of the European Border and Coast Guard.

Fabrice Leggeri Executive Director

## **List of Acronyms**

**ABN** Annual Bilateral Negotiations

**ABNet** Annual Bilateral Negotiations electronic tool

CPB Coastal Patrol Boat
CPV Coastal Patrol Vessel

EBCG European Border and Coast Guard
EBCGT European Border and Coast Guard Team

EU European Commission
European Union

FIMO Frontex Information Management Officer

FSO Frontex Support Officer
FWA Fixed Wing Aircraft

**HELO** Helicopters

HMS Host Member StateHR Human Resources

ICC International Coordination Centre

LCC Local Coordination Centre

MB Management Board

MNITE Minimum Number of Items of Technical Equipment

MS Member State/s

MS/SAC Member States/s – Schengen Associated Country/ies

**NVG** Night Vision Goggle

Opera Operational Resources Management System

**OPV** Offshore Patrol Vessel

**REX** Rapid Border Intervention Exercise

RRP Rapid Reaction Pool

RREP Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool SAC Schengen Associated Country/ies

sTMSeconded Team Member/sTETechnical EquipmentTEPTechnical Equipment Pool

TM Team Member/sTVV Thermo-Vision Vehicle

## **Executive Summary**

https://frontex.europa.eu/ assets/Key\_Documents/ MB\_Decision/2016/MB\_ Decision\_41\_2016\_on\_ return\_pools.pdf In accordance with Articles 20 and 39 of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation, Frontex established the European Border and Coast Guard teams (EBCGT) and the Technical Equipment Pool (TEP) as the sources of operational capabilities for Frontex-coordinated operational activities.

In 2018, Frontex's operational resources management system Opera listed more than 8 000 registered members. These registries refer to border guards who are selected by MS/SAC based on their expertise related to the 16 different profiles developed by Frontex in cooperation with national authorities and the European Commission. MS/SAC contribute to the pool according to the specialisations and availability of their national border and coast guard pools.

To give Frontex the flexibility to react more decisively to massive shifts in migratory flows and to other emergencies at the external borders of the EU, the Agency has established a Rapid Reaction Pool (RRP) as part of the EBCGT. The RRP encompasses 14 EBCGT profiles and, on 31 December 2018, a total of 2 997 experts of different profiles were assigned to the pool in Opera by 27 out of 29 contributing MS/SAC.

The EBCGT are also complemented by seconded Team Members (sTM) who are border guards from MS/SAC, seconded to Frontex and subsequently selected by the Agency to be deployed to different joint operations.

As separate pools of experts, Frontex has developed three return pools – Forced-return Monitors, Forced-return Escorts and Return Specialists – with more than 580 experts drawn from Member States in support

return-related activities across the EU. MS/SAC contributed to the Forced-Return Monitors Pool and Return Specialists Pool with 65 and 72 experts respectively, exceeding the Frontex need as defined in MB Decision 41/2016\*.

Populating EBCGT is fundamentally dependent on the outcome of the Annual Bilateral Negotiations (ABN) between Frontex and MS/SAC, which play a major role in ensuring that Frontex-coordinated operational activities are supplied with adequate human and technical resources. As the aim is to agree on the overall amount of human and technical resources to be deployed on operational activities over the coming year, the ABN take place in the last quarter of the preceding year of operations.

Regarding the Technical Equipment Pool (TEP), by the end of 2018, it comprised nearly 1000\*\* items owned by MS/SAC and by Frontex, consisting of 365 maritime assets and 80 aerial assets, 146 border surveillance vehicles and patrol cars, and 490 pieces of equipment for border control.

The TEP includes the Minimum Number of Items of Technical Equipment (MNITE), which is defined as 'the number of required Asset-Months per type of equipment' required by the Agency to meet its annual operational needs and that MS/SAC are obliged to make available, as well as the Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool (RREP), comprised of smaller and larger vessels, aircraft, helicopters, patrol cars and other vehicles that can be deployed by Frontex at EU external borders within 10 working days in case of Rapid Border Interventions.

\*\* Source: Opera

## Introduction - Methodology

According to Article 20 (12) of the EBCG Regulation 'The Agency shall inform the European Parliament on an annual basis of the number of border guards that each Member State has committed and the number of border guards actually deployed to the European Border and Coast Guard teams in accordance with this Article'.

In addition, Article 39 (13) stipulates that 'The Agency shall on an annual basis submit a report to the European Parliament on the number of items of technical equipment that each Member State has committed to the technical equipment pool in accordance with this Article'.

The aim of this report is thus to present a full picture of the contributions of MS/SAC to Frontex operational activities, and provide information on the deployment of human resources and technical equipment in joint operations, return operations, and within the framework of migration management support in 2018.

With this report, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency informs the European Parliament about the commitments and deployments of the Member States/Schengen Associated Countries to the European Border and Coast Guard Teams and the Technical Equipment Pool.

Figures were extracted from the following sources and cross-checked with MS/SAC deployment data:

- The Frontex Operational Resource Management System (Opera);
- Annual Bilateral Negotiations tables and Frontex deployment records (ABNet).

The report presents the results of a quantitative data analysis based on the following indicators:

- Frontex needs and MS/SAC commitments of resources to Frontex operational activities in 2018 (number of HR/TE and number of Man-Days/Asset-Days);
- Actual deployments of MS/SAC resources to Frontex operational activities in 2018 (number of HR/TE and number of Man-Days/Asset-Days;
- The state of play, as of 31 December 2018, of the composition of the following Frontex pools: the EBCGT, Rapid Reaction Pool, Return Pools, Technical Equipment Pool (including Minimum Number of Items of Technical Equipment), Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool.

Information on Frontex's own contribution to joint operations has been added in the Annexes.

### 1. Human Resources

- https://frontex.europa.eu/ assets/Key\_Documents/ MB\_Decision/2016/MB\_ Decision\_38\_2016\_on\_ EBCGT\_profiles.pdf
- \*\* https://frontex.europa.eu/ assets/Key\_Documents/ MB\_Decision/2016/ MB\_Decision\_28\_2016\_ on\_Rapid\_reaction\_pool\_ alphabetical\_order.pdf
- \*\*\* https://frontex.europa.eu/ assets/Key\_Documents/ MB\_Decision/2016/MB\_ Decision\_41\_2016\_on\_ return\_pools.pdf
- '\*\*\* Since for a given year
  'N' the whole resource
  planning process takes
  place in 'N-1', the
  commitments for the year
  2018 were concluded in

The reinforcement of MS/SAC capacity to implement their obligations related to the control of the external borders is a priority for Frontex. The Agency undertakes the organisation of operational assistance for MS/SAC ensuring effectiveness and sustainability in this process, while MS/SAC commit border and coast guards and other relevant staff to Frontex to be deployed in joint operations, rapid border interventions and return operations, and as part of migration management support teams.

To ensure the availability of the human resources necessary to carry out its operational activities and the high quality and readiness for deployment of the experts drawn from MS/SAC and its own seconded staff, Frontex has established the following pools:

- The European Border and Coast Guard Teams (EBCGT) is composed of border/ coast guards and other relevant staff from Member States and Schengen Associated Countries. The EBCGT encompass experts matching the 16 profiles defined in the Management Board (MB) Decision 38/2016 of 23 November 2016\*. The EBCGT includes MS/SAC experts seconded to Frontex as team members on a semi-permanent basis, for a period of 12 months or more, but for not less than three months.
- The Rapid Reaction Pool (RRP) constitutes a part of the EBCGT pool placed at the immediate disposal of Frontex, its human resources ready to be deployed from each Member State within five working days. The 14 profiles determined for the RRP and its minimum composition are defined in the MB Decision 28/2016 of 18 October 2016\*\*;
- Return pools include the Pool of forced-return monitors, the Pool of forced-return escorts, and the Pool of return specialists. The profiles and overall number of experts to be made available to the return pools are established by MB Decision 41/2016 of 6 December 2016\*\*\*.

To fully cover Frontex's operational needs, additional human resources such as crew members, interpreters, liaison officers, security officers, national officials and coordinating officers are made available and deployed to operational areas by MS/SAC and by the joint operation hosting country.

## 1.1. Frontex Operational Needs and Commitments of MS/SAC in 2018

The assessment of the human resources needed for Frontex's operational activities requires a solid analytical basis grounding on data resulting from the deployment of resources from the previous year.\*\*\*

On the basis of this need assessment, MS/SAC are requested, via a call for contribution, to commit, in line with the principles of solidarity and burden-sharing, to making these resources available and send preliminary offers for the coming year.

Offers are discussed and finalised during the Annual Bilateral Negotiations (ABN) between Frontex and MS/SAC, when agreements to match the Agency's operational needs are concluded and formalised by means of letters of Commitment and Confirmations from each MS/SAC. Offers received from Member States hosting operational activities may be considered, but only in exceptional circumstances and as a last resort.

This approach ensures an adequate level of commitment, and an equal opportunity for all MS/SAC to participate in operational activities taking into account their capabilities.

An overview of the results of the ABN 2018 regarding the commitments of MS/SAC to contribute to the pools to be deployed in Frontex operational activities in 2018 (by profile, number, duration of deployment and MS/SAC) is presented in Annex 1 to this report.

#### 1.1.1. Annual Bilateral Negotiations 2018 - EBCGT

Seeking to cover the operational needs of 2018, Frontex requested 1 814 members of the EBCGT matching 12 profiles. In the category of Additional Experts, 108 Interpreters and 52 Liaison Officers were also requested. At the conclusion of the ABN process, gaps were detected in the Second-Line Officer and First-Line Officer profiles, resulting in a shortage of the relevant human resources of 40% and 21% respectively.

The outcome of the ABN 2018 showing an overview of MS/SAC commitments for the EBCGT pool according to profiles is presented in Table 1 and Figure 1.

Table 2 shows the outcome of the ABN 2018 in terms of Man-Days' coverage. Data reveal significant gaps, ranging from 3% for the Registration and Fingerprinting Officers up to 76% for the Field Press Coordinators, with an average shortage in overall Frontex needs for Man-Days in 2018 of 34%.

Table 1 Outcome of ABN 2018: MS/SAC commitments for deployment of EBCGT members in number of HR per profile

HR Profile	HR Requested	HR Agreed	Gaps	% of Gaps
Advanced-Level Document Officer	141	292	0	0%
Border Surveillance Officer	595	955	0	0%
Cross-Border Crime Detection Officer	6	11	0	0%
Debriefing Expert	76	201	0	0%
Dog Handler	79	82	0	0%
Field Press Coordinator	2	3	0	0%
First-Line Officer	104	82	22	21%
Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	135	207	0	0%
Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	159	575	0	0%
Screening Expert	91	310	0	0%
Second-Line Officer	350	211	139	40%
Stolen-Vehicle Detection Officer	76	80	0	0%
Total	1814	3 009	161	9%

Figure 1 Graphical representation of the outcome of ABN 2018: MS/SAC commitments for deployment of EBCGT members in number of HR per profile



In order to fill those gaps, an Open Call for additional contributions to Joint Operations was launched on 19 January 2018, for the duration of the year, with weekly updates.

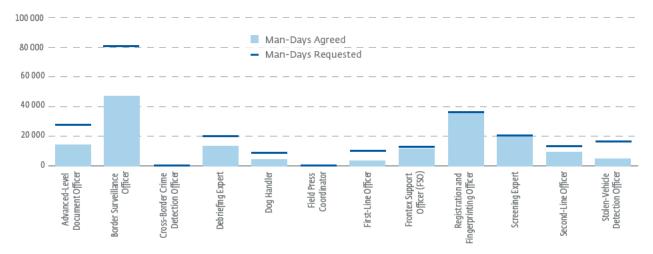
Figure 2 illustrates MS/SAC commitments of EBCGT members by Man-Days at the end of the ABN 2018 process. In the course of the

year, some deployments agreed upon during the ABN were cancelled and new pledges were provided by MS/SAC in response to Frontex's Open Call (and subsequent updates). Details on the MS/SAC contributions are reflected in Chapter 1.2.1 'Deployments 2018 – EBCGT, Special Advisors and Additional Experts'.

Table 2 Outcome of ABN 2018: MS/SAC commitments for deployment of EBCGT members in number of Man-Days per profile

HR Profile	Man-Days Requested	Man-Days Agreed	Gaps	% of Gaps
Advanced-Level Document Officer	27 515	14 158	13 357	49 %
Border Surveillance Officer	80 803	47 146	33 657	42%
Cross-Border Crime Detection Officer	342	376	0	0%
Debriefing Expert	19 916	13 313	6 603	33%
Dog Handler	9 144	4 297	4 897	53%
Field Press Coordinator	798	194	604	76%
First-Line Officer	10 304	3 516	6 788	66%
Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	12 962	11 707	1 255	10%
Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	36 371	35 364	1 007	3%
Screening Expert	20 806	19 608	1 198	6%
Second-Line Officer	13 400	9 402	3 998	30 %
Stolen-Vehicle Detection Officer	16 785	4 865	11 920	71%
Total	249 146	163 946	85 234	34%

Figure 2 Graphical representation of the outcome of ABN 2018: MS/SAC commitments for deployment of EBCGT members in number of man-days per profile



## 1.1.2. Annual Bilateral Negotiations2018 - Return pools

The commitments of MS/SAC to contribute to return-related activities fully covered the number of resources requested. In case of Forced-Return Monitors, the MS/SAC contributed to Frontex activities on an ad-hoc basis, depending on emerging operational needs.

Data illustrating the coverage of returnrelated tasks in operational Man-Days are presented in Tables 3 and 4.

Table 3 Outcome of ABN 2018: MS/SAC commitments for the deployment of experts involved in return-related tasks per profile compared to Frontex operational needs for 2018

HR Profile	HR Requested	HR Agreed	Gaps	% of Gaps
Forced-Return Escort	60*	223	0	0%
Return Specialist	1	14	0	0%
Total	61*	237	0	0%

<sup>\*</sup> HR resources per month

Table 4. MS/SAC commitments for the deployment of experts involved in return-related tasks in number of Man-Days per profile compared to Frontex operational needs for 2018

HR Profile	Man-Days Requested	Man-Days Agreed	Gaps	% of Gaps
Forced-Return Escort	21 900	16 577	5 323	24%
Return Specialist	352	743	0	0%
Total	22 252	17 320	5 323	24%

#### 1.2. Deployments of Human Resources in 2018

Once the ABN process is over, Frontex requests MS/SAC to make border guards and other staff available for deployments. In case of exceptional situations that substantially affect the discharge of national resources, MS/SAC can invoke Article 20(3) of the EBCG Regulation, which stipulates the possibility for MS/SAC to withdraw from the pledges agreed upon, provided a written request is sent to Frontex – with a thorough description of the situation and the reasons preventing the MS/SAC to deploy the resources, at least 21 working days prior to the scheduled deployment.

In 2018, no cases of a MS/SAC invoking an exceptional situation were recorded. MS/SAC contributed to Frontex's operational activities in line with the ABN agreements and responded to additional calls for resources made during the implementation period.

The total numbers of HR deployed in 2018 by profile, MS/SAC and Man-Days are presented in Annexes 3 and 4. Travel days are presented in a separate table within Annex 4.

## 1.2.1. Deployments 2018 - EBCGT, Special Advisors and Additional Experts

In 2018, MS/SAC contributed to Frontex operational activities with 4 049 EBCGT members covering 178 389 operational Man-Days. As indicated in Table 5, the greatest operational demand was for team members with the Border Surveillance profile, followed by Registration and Fingerprinting Officers, Screening Experts, Advanced Level Document Officers and Debriefing Experts. The number of seconded Team Members and experts deployed in the Rapid Border Intervention Exercise (REX) 2018 are included in those figures.

59 experts from the United Kingdom with the profiles of Debriefing Expert, Screening Expert and Second-Line Officer were deployed with the status of Special Advisors, covering 3 932 Man-Days.

Table 5. Deployments in 2018 – total number of EBCGT members, Special Advisors and Additional Experts deployed in 2018 by profiles in number of HR and Man-Days

Type of Deployment / HR Profile	No of HR	No of Man-Days	% of Man-Days in Total
EBCGT	4 049	178 389	100%
Advanced Level Document Officer	371	16 168	9%
Border Surveillance Officer	1 281	55 175	32%
Cross-Border Crime Detection Officer	11	372	~0%
Debriefing Expert	317	14 365	8%
Dog Handler	97	4 035	2%
European Coast Guard Function Officer	3	315	~0%
Field Press Coordinator	5	370	~0%
First-Line Officer	119	4 783	3%
Frontex Information Management Officer (FIMO)	191	7 718	5%
Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	187	8 589	5%
Frontex Support Officer (FSO) for Logistics and Deployment	7	1 009	1%
Interview Expert*	7	551	~0%
Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	846	35 986	18%
Screening Expert	368	17 663	10%
Second-Line Officer	153	6 467	4%
Stolen Vehicle Detection Officer	86	4 823	3%
Special Advisors	59	3 932	100%
Debriefing Expert	42	2 730	69%
Screening Expert	13	1 055	27 %
Second-Line Officer	4	147	4%
Additional Experts	2611	119 552	100%
Crew member/Technical Staff	2 018	91 209	76%
ICC/LCC (Coordinating Staff)	9	222	~0%
Interpreter/Cultural Mediator	401	22 217	19%
Liaison Officer – General (Coordinating Staff)	12	580	1%
Liaison Officer – TE (Coordinating Staff)	6	276	~0%
National Official (Home Country)	165	5 048	4%
Total	6 719	301 873	

\* An Interview Expert is an official of a competent national authority of a Member State, who interviews a person after the second line check at a border crossing point in order to collect information for risk analysis purposes. It does not deal with press issues.

Operational activities in 2018 were also supported by 2 611 Additional Experts from MS/SAC and from Frontex, totalling 119 552 operational Man-Days. These Additional Experts were assigned to Frontex joint operations as:

- Crew members/Technical Staff;
- ICC/LCC (Coordinating Staff);
- Interpreters/Cultural Mediators;
- Liaison Officers (Coordinating Staff);
- National Officials (Home Country).

Figure 3 and Figure 4 present the coverage of operational Man-Days by number of human resources from a particular MS/SAC, including seconded Team Members.

The deployment data is presented in a dual Y-axis chart to illustrate the relationship between two variables: 'Number of Man-Days' on the blue, left-hand scale and the 'Number of human resources' on the orange, right-hand scale.

Figure 3. Graphical representation of EBCGT members and Special Advisors deployed in 2018 per MS/SAC by number of HR and number of Man-Days

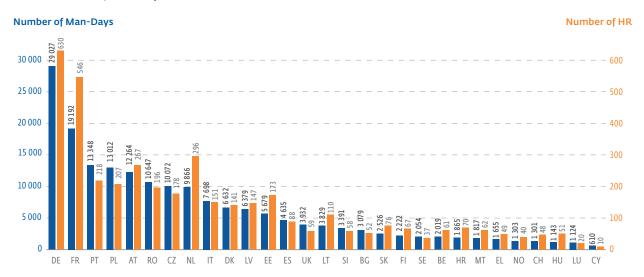
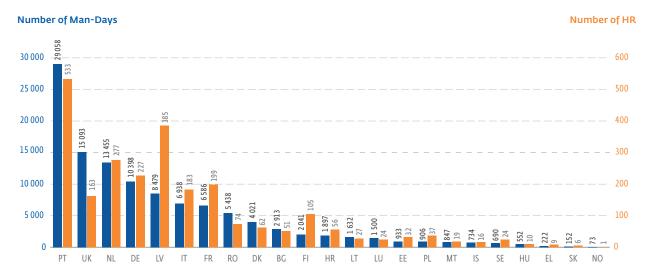


Figure 4. Graphical representation of Additional Experts deployed in 2018 per MS/SAC by number of HR and number of Man-Days



## 1.2.2. Recruitment and deployments 2018 - Seconded Team Members

Frontex contributes to EBCGT with competent border guards or other relevant staff seconded by Member States as national experts to the Agency – seconded Team Members (sTM). In accordance with Article 20(11) of the EBCG Regulation, such secondments may last 12 months or more, but not less than three months.

The Annual Open Call for recruitment of sTM for 2018 was launched on 31 March 2017 on the basis of the operational needs. The selection was carried out by Frontex and out of 244 applicants, 119 sTM were selected. From the 2016/2017 Calls 99 sTM were put on the reserve list for 2018.

To cover the high demand of sTM, Frontex launched an additional extraordinary Call on 24 January 2018, receiving 71 applications. After the selection procedure was finalised

Table 6. Deployments of sTM in 2018 by profiles and numbers of Man-Days

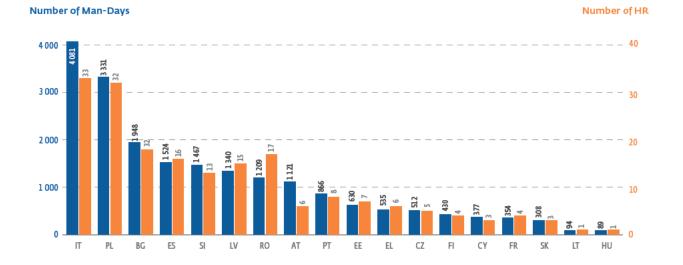
HR Profile	No of HR	No of Man- Days	% of Man-Days in Total
Advanced Level Document Officer	16	2 016	10%
Border Surveillance Officer	7	521	2%
Debriefing Expert	32	2 836	14%
European Coast Guard Function Officer	3	315	2%
Field Press Coordinator	1	174	1%
First-Line Officer	9	961	5%
Frontex Information Management Officer (FIMO)	4	336	2%
Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	29	3 031	15%
Frontex Support Officer (FSO) for Logistics and Deployment	7	1 009	5%
Interview Expert	4	433	2%
Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	11	1 382	7%
Screening Expert	42	4 228	21%
Second-Line Officer	20	2 129	10%
Stolen Vehicle Detection Officer	7	845	4%
Total	192	20 216	100%

(18 May 2018), 32 additional successful candidates were made available for deployment.

In total, during Frontex operational activities in 2018, 192 sTM were deployed comprising 20 216 operational Man-Days.

Table 6 provides information on the deployments of sTM in 2018 per profile and by number of HR and number of Man-Days, while Figure 5 provides information on the deployments of sTM in 2018 by MS/SAC, compared with the number of HR and Man-Days.

Figure 5. Graphical representation of the deployments of sTM in 2018 per MS/SAC by number of HR and number of Man-Days



## 1.2.3. Rapid Border Intervention Exercise (deployment of HR)

The Rapid Border Intervention Exercise (REX) 2018 was implemented in order to test and enhance the response capacity of Frontex and the MS/SAC in circumstances requiring increased technical and operational assistance at the external borders of the EU – in accordance with Art. 15 and 17 of the EBCG Regulation. The operational aim of REX 2018 was the reinforcement of ongoing operational activities.

The REX 2018 was carried out in three subsequent stages:

- 1. Table-top
- 2. Training
- Deployment

One of the main goals of the table-top stage was to check the availability of 20% of members of the Rapid Reaction Pool for potential rapid deployment. In this stage, in response to a targeted request sent by Frontex to all 28 MS contributing to the pool (except the Host MS), 23 MS confirmed the availability of 220 out of 297 of the experts requested (74%) within the deadline foreseen by the mechanism.

As per the participation in the training and deployment stages, 20 MS physically deployed

39 TM with the profiles indicated in the table below.

It should be underlined that the participation of Liechtenstein was provided by its financial support to additional deployment of resources from Switzerland.

Following the completion of the training stage, hosted by Croatia between 5 and 16 November 2018, the participating experts were incorporated in ongoing operations until 14 December 2018 to fill existing gaps. The successful integration of all 39 REX experts in the land and sea border control and surveillance shifts in Bulgaria, Greece and Italy reinforced the coordinated activities in those operational areas.

Table 7 provides information about deployments in REX 2018 by profile and Man-Days, and Figure 6 illustrates deployments by profile and MS/SAC.

Table 7. Deployments in REX 2018 by profiles and Man-Days (training and deployment stages, excluding travel days from and back to home Member State)

HR Profile	No of HR	No of Man- Days	% of Man-Days in Total
Border Surveillance Officer	22	550	57 %
Debriefing Expert	11	275	28%
Screening Expert	6	150	15%
Total	39	975	100%

Figure 6. Graphical representation of HR deployments in REX 2018 per MS/SAC by profile



## 1.2.4. Deployments 2018 – Experts involved in return-related tasks

The EBCG Regulation allows Frontex to initiate, coordinate or organise return operations to support MS/SAC in returning third-country nationals. The Agency provides appropriate operational assistance by enhancing and facilitating practical cooperation among the relevant authorities of the Host MS/SAC, other EU Agencies and bodies, and the relevant authorities of third countries, with a view to raising the effectiveness of the Host

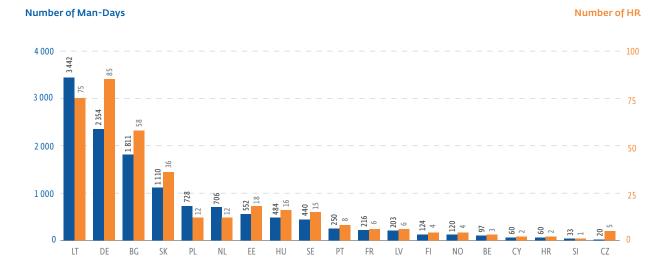
MS in responding to its obligation to return third-country nationals.

In 2018, 557 experts from all three return pools were deployed to the relevant operational areas covering 14 557 Man-Days. The highest need for support was with Forced-Return Escort Officers, and amounted to 12 810 Man-Days

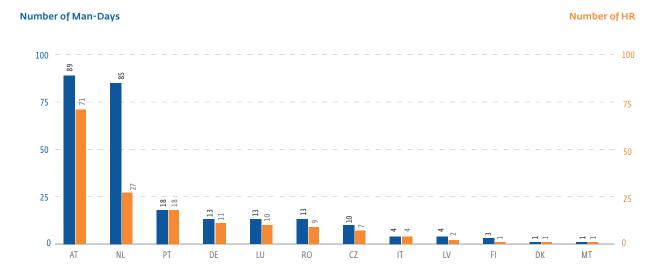
Figure 7 illustrates the MS/SAC experts deployed in return-related tasks in 2018.

Figure 7. Graphical representation of MS/SAC experts deployed in return-related tasks in 2018 (Forced-Return Escorts, Forced-Return Monitors and Return Specialists)

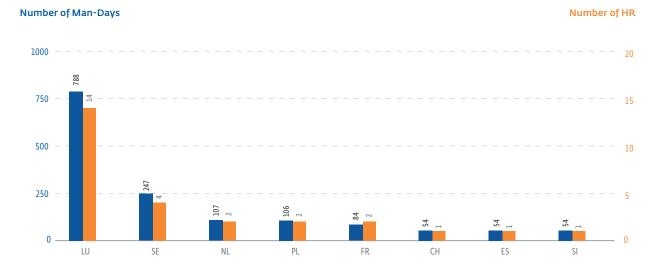
#### **Forced-Return Escorts**



#### **Forced-Return Monitors**



#### **Return Specialists**



## 1.2.5. Deployments 2018 - Host MS internal deployments

In operational areas facing the most significant migratory pressure, Host MS contributed with the internal deployment of human resources, mainly covering coordination and security duties, or in the role of crew members handling technical equipment.

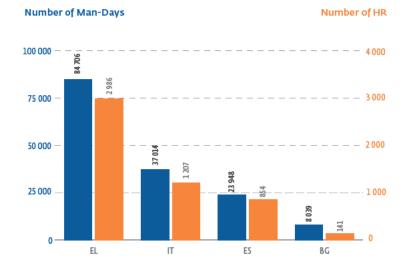
In 2018, Host MS contributed to the successful implementation of operational activities by providing 5 188 officers covering 153 707 operational Man-Days.

Table 8 provides an overview of Host MS internal deployments by profile, number of deployed HR, and Man-Days. Figure 8 illustrates the internal deployment contribution by the Host MS.

Table 8. Overview of the Host MS internal deployments in 2018 in 2018 by number of HR and number of Man-Days per profile

HR Profile	No of HR	No of Man-Days	% of Man-Days in Total
Border Surveillance Officer	152	8 374	6%
Crew member/Technical Staff	2 479	54 407	36 %
Debriefing Expert	35	1 942	1%
Dog Handler	14	715	1%
First-Line Officer	44	300	~0 %
Forced-return Escort	219	219	~0%
ICC/LCC (Coordinating Staff)	273	12 815	8%
Intelligence Officer (Coordinating Staff)	36	1 563	1%
Liaison Officer – General (Coordinating Staff)	11	719	-0%
Liaison Officer – TE (Coordinating Staff)	796	25 395	17%
Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	100	6 678	4%
Security Officer (Host Country)	718	26 363	17%
Team Leader (Coordinating Staff)	311	14 217	9%
Total	5 188	153 707	100%

Figure 8. Graphical representation of the Host MS internal deployments in 2018 by number of HR and number of Man-Days



## 1.2.6. Deployments 2018 – Frontex contribution

In 2018, due to the increasing challenges at the external borders of the EU, Frontex contracted 91 Interpreters/Cultural Mediators covering 4 994 Man-Days. These profiles have facilitated the work of the Agency in the operational area, supporting national authorities in dealing with multiple incidents.

## 1.3. Composition of the EBCGT and Return Pools\*

#### 1.3.1. European Border and Coast Guard Teams

According to Management Board Decision 38/2016 of 23 November 2016\*\*, the EBCGT include 16 different profiles covering specific areas of border control. Each EBCGT member is nominated by MS/SAC for one main profile, but they usually possess expertise in two or more profiles. MS/SAC contribute to the EBCGT from their national pools. Prior to their deployment, EBCGT members must be properly trained, both at national and European level. To this end, Frontex has developed EBCGT specific training courses.

By means of the above MB decision, an overall number of 5 000 an overall number of 5 000 members was stipulated to be made available by MS/SAC to the EBCGT. However, since this refers to the annual average number of border guards to be deployed in Frontex's coordinated operational activities, it is considered to be the minimum number of the EBCGT pool.

All countries applying the Schengen Acquis contribute to the EBCGT including four Schengen Associated Countries (i.e. Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland). The composition of the EBCGT by profile is presented in Table 9.

As Ireland and the United Kingdom have opted out of the Schengen Acquis, their participation in joint operations, pilot projects and rapid interventions is based on a caseby-case decision by the Frontex Management Board.

At the end of 2018, there were 8 249 team members registered in the EBCGT, which indicates a positive trend and provides sufficient assurance that an adequate number of officers will be available for potential deployment during operational activities.

The total number of European Border and Coast Guard Team members by profile and by MS/SAC is presented in Annex 6 to this report.

- \* The state of play of the EBCGT and Return pools by profile and by MS/SAC in 2018 is presented in *Annex* 6
- \*\* https://frontex.europa.eu/ assets/Key\_Documents/ MB\_Decision/2016/MB\_ Decision\_38\_2016\_on\_ EBCGT\_profiles.pdf

Table 9. Composition of European Border and Coast Guards Team (EBCGT) by main profile – 2018

HR Profile	No of EBCGT members	% in Total
Advanced-Level Document Officer	537	7%
Border Surveillance Officer	3 099	38%
Cross-Border Crime Detection Officer	31	~0%
Debriefing Expert	606	7%
Dog Handler	122	1%
European Coast Guard Function Officer	128	2%
Field Press Coordinator	22	~0%
First-Line Officer	698	8%
Frontex Information Management Officer (FIMO)	183	2%
Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	395	5%
Frontex Support Officer (FSO) for Deployment and Logistics	38	1%
Interview Expert	156	2%
Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	1 055	13%
Screening Expert	657	8%
Second-Line Officer	416	5 %
Stolen Vehicles Detection Officer	106	1%
Total	8 249	100%

- https://frontex.europa.eu/ assets/Key\_Documents/ MB\_Decision/2016/ MB\_Decision\_28\_2016\_ on\_Rapid\_reaction\_pool\_ alphabetical\_order.pdf
- \*\* https://frontex.europa.eu/ assets/Key\_Documents/ MB\_Decision/2016/MB\_ Decision\_41\_2016\_on\_ return\_pools.pdf

#### 1.3.1.1. Rapid Reaction Pool

Constituting a part of the EBCGT, the Rapid Reaction Pool (RRP) is a standing corps placed at the immediate disposal of Frontex that can be deployed from each Member State within five working days from when an operational plan for a rapid border intervention is agreed upon by Frontex Executive Director and the Host MS, as indicated in Art. 17(10) of the EBCG Regulation. The RRP includes 1 500 experts with various skills and competences (e.g. border surveillance officers, registration and fingerprinting officers, screening experts and advanced-level document officers).

MS/SAC have the obligation to make a number of border guards or other relevant staff available to Frontex in the event of a rapid border intervention. Each MS/SAC is responsible for contributing the number of border guards or other relevant staff in accordance with Annex I of the EBCG Regulation. The offers made by MS/SAC are considered as a binding commitment that they will be able to fulfil in the event of a rapid border intervention.

The profiles and the minimum number of border guards or other relevant staff that

Table 10. Composition of the RRP by Profile 2018 according to the Management Board Decision 28/2016 and MS/SAC nominations in the Opera

HR Profile	MB Decision	MS/SAC Nominations
Advanced-Level Document Officer	97	215
Border Surveillance Officer	467	1 282
Debriefing Expert	92	261
Dog Handler	35	40
Field Press Coordinator	9	6
First-Line Officer	82	188
Frontex Information Management Officer (FIMO)	20	43
Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	34	92
Frontex Support Officer (FSO) for Deployment and Logistics	11	22
Interview Expert	33	68
Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	458	425
Screening Expert	137	220
Second-Line Officer	20	106
Stolen Vehicles Detection Officer	5	29
Total	1 500	2 997

correspond to those profiles are defined in Management Board Decision 28/2016 of 18 October 2016\*. Profiles related to return activities are not included in the RRP.

In 2018, MS/SAC pledged to provide the appropriate number of experts corresponding to the required profiles, confirmed the availability of human resources corresponding to their quota (detailed contributions are presented in Annex 6) and in most cases exceeded such quota.

As of 31 December 2018, 27 out of 29 MS/SAC contributing to the rapid reaction pool registered their experts in the Opera system. In total 2 997 experts of different profiles have been identified and assigned to the pool.

#### 1.3.2. Return Pools

As required by the EBCG Regulation, Frontex established three pools related to return activities: Forced-Return Monitors, Forced-Return Escorts, and Return Specialists (Return teams). Experts from these pools are deployed in return operations and they form part of tailor-made European return intervention teams. Their role is to monitor the correct implementation of return operations and interventions or to escort returnees on behalf of the participating Member States.

Frontex Management Board Decision 41/2016 of 6 December 2016\*\* stipulates the profiles and the overall number of experts to be made available to the pools. Accordingly, the return pools should be composed as follows:

- 50 Forced-Return Monitors in the Forced Return Monitors pool
- 600 Forced-Return Escorts in the Forced Return Escorts pool
- 40 Return Specialists in the Return Specialists pool.

#### 1.3.2.1. Pool of Forced-Return Monitors

According to Article 8(6) of the Directive 2008/115/EC\* every return operation shall be monitored. The monitoring of forced return operations is carried out by a Forced-Return Monitor and shall cover the entire return operation from the pre-departure phase until the handover of the returnees in the third country of return. The Forced-Return monitor shall submit a report on each forced-return operation to Frontex Executive Director, the Fundamental Rights Officer and the competent national authorities of all the MS/ SAC involved. Since the establishment of the Forced-Return Monitors pool in January 2017, the number of experts has been gradually increasing. In 2018, there were more than 50 monitors including those with specific expertise in child protection.

Table 11 indicates the number of experts stipulated in the Management Board Decision 41/2016, the number of experts committed by MS/SAC, and the number of MS/SAC contributing to the Forced-Return Monitors Pool.

#### 1.3.2.2. Pool of Forced-Return Escorts

According to Management Board Decision 41/2016\*\*, a Forced-Return Escort is an official of a competent national authority of a Member State who carries out escorting duties for the return of third-country nationals.

Frontex shall constitute a pool of Forced-Return Escorts from national competent bodies to carry out return operations in

Table 11. Number of Forced-Return Monitors stipulated in Management Board Decision 41/2016, number of MS/SAC commitments and number of contributing MS/SAC

Profile	HR requested as per MB Decision	HR committed by MS	Number of contributing MS
Forced-Return Monitor	50	65	21

Table 12. Number of Forced-Return Escorts stipulated in Management Board Decision 41/2016, number of MS/SAC commitments and number of contributing MS/SAC

Profile	HR requested as per MB Decision	HR committed by MS	Number of contributing MS
Forced-Return Escort	600	446	24

accordance with the requirements referred to in Article 8(4) and (5) of Directive 2008/115/EC\*\*\* and the Article 30 (1) of EBCG Regulation. In addition, the Agency shall make Forced-Return Escorts available to participating Member States to escort returnees on their behalf and to take part in return operations and interventions upon request. Frontex has also to make Forced-Return Escorts with specific expertise in child protection available for any return operation involving children.

Table 12 indicates the number of experts stipulated in Management Board Decision 41/2016, the number of experts committed by MS/SAC, and the number of MS/SAC contributing to the Forced-Return Escorts Pool.

- https://eur-lex.europa. eu/legal-content/EN/ TXT/?uri=celex%3A3200 8L0115
- \*\* Cf. note 12
- \*\*\* Cf. note 13

#### 1.3.2.3. Return Specialists

Pursuant to the Management Board Decision 41/2016, a Return Specialist is an official of a competent national authority of a Member State who is selected to carry out tasks related to the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the territory of a Host MS.

Table 13. Number of Return Specialists stipulated in Management Board Decision 41/2016, number of MS/SAC commitments and number of contributing MS/SAC

HR Profile	HR requested as per MB Decision	HR committed by MS/SAC	Number of contributing MS
Reurn Specialist	40	72	23

According to the EBCG Regulation 31(1), Frontex shall constitute a pool of Return Specialists from national competent bodies and from the staff of the Agency who have the skills and expertise required to carry out return-related activities and who have been adequately trained. Return Specialists shall have expertise in, inter alia, identification of particular groups of third-country nationals, acquisition of travel documents from third countries and facilitation of consular cooperation.

Table 13 indicates the number of experts stipulated in the Management Board Decision 41/2016, the number of experts committed by MS/SAC, and the number of MS/SAC contributing to the Return Specialists Pool.

## 2. Technical Equipment

In addition to human resources, Frontex is responsible for the coordination and deployment of technical equipment at the external borders of the European Union.

According to the Article 39(1) of the EBCG Regulation, the Agency has developed the following equipment pools:

- The Technical Equipment Pool (TEP), a central record of equipment made available for joint operations by MS/SAC, which contains, the minimum number items of technical equipment (MNITE) defined as 'the number of required Asset-Months per type of equipment'.
- The Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool (RREP), a pool containing a limited number of items of equipment needed for rapid border interventions.

Frontex requests MS/SAC to provide a specific amount of technical equipment according to its operational needs. This technical equipment is mostly deployed in Joint Operations, although the Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool secures the availability of resources in case of an urgent rapid border intervention. Moreover, Frontex should be able to deploy its own technical equipment – either directly acquired by the Agency or co-owned with a MS/SAC.

#### 2.1. Frontex Operational Needs and Commitments of MS/SAC in 2018

Following an assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of different types of technical equipment (TE) deployed in 2016 and 2017, and based on risk analysis, Frontex launched a Call for contributions for TE to MS/SAC. The Call included the specific number of assets needed and the Asset-Months to be delivered per type of equipment for operational activities in 2018, as well as the criteria applied by Frontex when selecting MS proposals. An overview of the results of the ABN 2018 regarding the deployments of TE to Frontex

operational activities in 2018 are presented in Annex 2 to this report.

#### 2.1.1. Annual Bilateral Negotiations 2018 - Technical Equipment (MNITE and other TE)

Out of the offers submitted by MS/SAC according to the TE Call for contribution to 2018 Joint Operations (including MNITE), Frontex selected the specific technical assets to be deployed for each particular operational activity. During the 2018 ABN process, MS confirmed their commitments to MNITE 2018.

However, the results of the ABN 2018 showed significant shortages for almost every category of TE. In order to cover those gaps, an Annual Open Call for additional contributions to Joint Operations was launched on 19 January 2018.

Tables 14–15 and Figures 9–10 show the outcome of ABN 2018 for the deployment of TE and the gaps identified. In 2018, cancellations of deployments agreed during ABN took place, mainly due to technical issues or national reasons. On the other hand, new pledges were provided by MS/SAC in response to Frontex open call (and subsequent updates) to cover the existing gaps and

Table 14. Outcome of ABN 2018: MS/SAC commitments for deployment of TE in number of assets per type of equipment

ТЕ Туре	TE Requested	TE Agreed	Gaps	Gaps as %
OPV	14	10	4	29%
CPV	22	9	13	59%
CPB	61	34	27	44%
FWA	7	21	0	0%
Helicopter	8	14	0	0%
Patrol car	247	299	0	0%
TVV	32	29	3	9%
Transportation vehicle	8	6	2	25%
Mobile laboratory	1	0	1	100%
Heartbeat detector	2	0	2	100%
CO₂ detector	5	10	0	0%
Total	407	429	52	13%

Table 15. Outcome of ABN 2018: MS/SAC commitments for deployment of TE in number of Asset-Days per type of equipment

ТЕ Туре	Asset-Days Requested	Asset-Days Agreed	Gaps	Gaps as %
OPV	1770	900	870	49%
CPV	2 319	571	1 748	75%
CPB	4 516	2 314	2 202	49%
FWA	1 251	753	498	40 %
Helicopter	1 432	725	707	49%
Patrol Car	33 357	12 904	20 453	61%
TVV	4015	2 524	1 491	37 %
Transportation Vehicle	3 162	2 376	786	25%
Mobile Laboratory	169	0	169	100%
Heartbeat Detector	338	0	338	100%
CO₂ Detector	1 405	1 830	0	0%
Total	53 734	24 897	29 262	54%

additional needs identified during the operational implementation period. Details on MS/SAC contributions are provided in Chapter 2.2.1 'Deployments 2018 – Part of MNITE and other Technical Equipment'.

Detailed outcome of the ABN 2018 showing an overview of MS/SAC TE commitments, by type of assets, number, duration of deployment are presented in Annex 2.

It should be noted that the statistics hereby presented do not take into consideration offers made by Host MS/SAC. Taking into account the principle of EU solidarity, priority is given to offers made by Contributing MS/SAC, and so offers of the Host MS/SAC are subject to further consideration by Frontex.

Figure 9. Graphical representation of the outcome of ABN 2018: commitment of TE in number of assets by type of equipment compared to Frontex operational needs for 2018

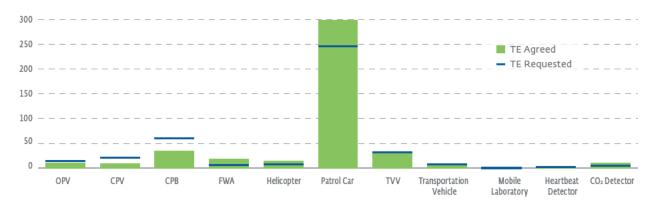
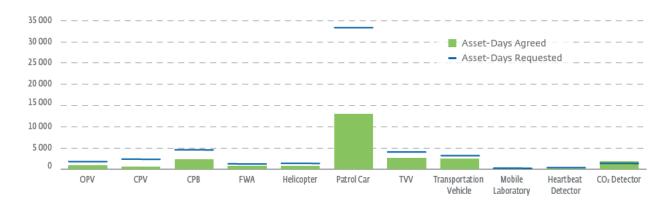


Figure 10. Graphical representation of the outcome of ABN 2018: commitment of TE in Asset-Days by type of equipment compared to Frontex operational needs for 2018



## 2.2. Deployments of Technical Equipment in 2018

The ABN and other bilateral agreements between Frontex and MS/SAC are the basis for the deployment of TE in specific operational activities. MS/SAC need to provide the agreed technical equipment, unless they are faced with an extraordinary situation at a national level which does not allow them to do so.

As referred in Article 39(8) of the EBCG Regulation, MS/SAC facing an exceptional situation should address a special request to the Agency. The request should provide well-grounded arguments and explicit information about the critical situation faced by the country hindering MS/SAC from providing their contributions. Moreover, the request should be provided not later than 45 days before the intended deployment of heavy technical equipment and at least 30 days before the intended deployment of other equipment.

In 2018, no cases of exceptional conditions were documented, and MS/SAC contributed to operational activities in line with the ABN agreements and additional commitments made during the implementation period.

The total number of assets deployed in 2018 from the TEP per type of equipment, MS/SAC and Asset-Days is shown in Annex 5.

## 2.2.1. Deployments 2018 - Part of MNITE and other Technical Equipment

MS/SAC and Frontex contributed to operational activities with 102 items of heavy technical equipment covering 7 398 operational Asset-Days, with 211 items of light technical equipment covering 18 192 operational asset

Table 16. Number of assets deployed from TEP by type of equipment and Asset-Days

		No of	% of Asset-
TE Type	No of Assets	Asset-Days	Days in Total
Heavy	102	7 398	100%
OPV	17	851	12%
CPV	22	1 536	21 %
СРВ	20	2 382	32%
FWA	28	1 885	25%
Helicopter	15	744	10%
Light	211	18 192	100%
Patrol Car	160	13 442	74%
TVV	40	2 595	14%
Transportation Vehicle	11	2 155	12%
Portable	234	29 438	100%
CO₂ Detector	26	1 360	5%
Heartbeat Detector	7	442	1%
Other equipment for border surveillance (Camera, Thermal/infra-red cameras, Night Vision Goggles etc.)	201	27 636	94%
Total	547	55 028	

days, and with 234 items of portable technical equipment covering 29 438 operational Asset-Days as indicated in Table 16.

Figure 11, Figure 12 and Figure 13 present deployment overviews of heavy, light and portable equipment per MS/SAC by number of TE and Asset-Days.

As for HR, the deployment data in this chapter is presented on a dual Y-axis chart to illustrate the relationship between the two variables, the 'No of Asset-Days' on the green, left-hand scale, and the 'No of Assets' on the orange, right-hand scale. The different proportions between the two variables among MS/SAC is determined mainly by the type of asset deployed which gives the length of deployment.

Figure 11. Deployment overview of Heavy equipment (OPV, CPV, CPB, FWA and HELO) per MS/SAC by Number of Assets and Asset-Days

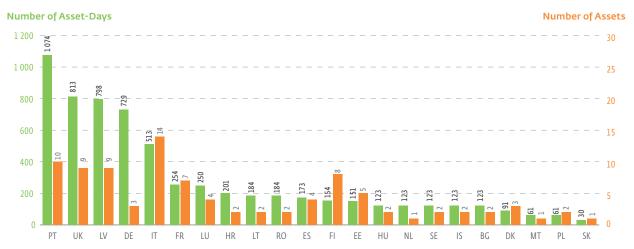


Figure 12. Deployment overview of Light equipment (Patrol Car, Thermo Vision Vehicle, Transportation Vehicle) per MS/SAC by Number of Assets and Asset-Days

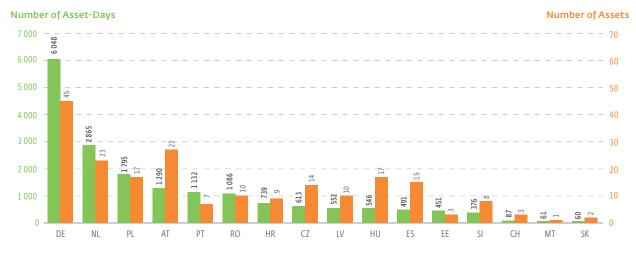
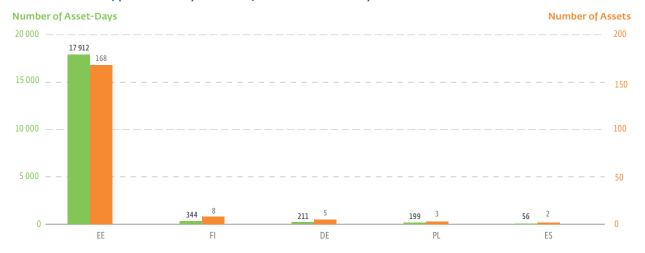


Figure 13. Deployment overview of Portable equipment (CO<sub>2</sub> Detector, Heartbeat Detector, Other equipment for border surveillance) per MS/SAC by Number of Assets and Asset-Days



#### 2.2.2. Rapid Border Intervention Exercise (deployment from RREP)

One of the goals of the Rapid Border Intervention Exercise 2018 (REX 2018) was to check the availability of and the capacity to deploy technical equipment from the Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool. According to Art. 39(7) of the EBCG Regulation, in the event of a rapid border intervention, equipment from the RREP shall be deployed as soon as possible, and, in any event, no later than 10 days after the date when the operational plan was agreed.

During the table-top phase, seven out of the 21 MS contributing to the pool assigned 35 out of 96 requested pieces of technical equipment (36.5%) within the deadline foreseen by the mechanism.

As regards physical deployment, 6 MS deployed 6 Patrol Cars from the RREP, reinforcing operational activities at the Greek land borders with Albania and the Republic of Northern Macedonia (Table 17).

Table 17 shows the assets deployed in REX 2018 per MS/SAC.

## 2.2.3. Deployments 2018 - Host MS internal deployments

Deployments of technical equipment by Host MS/SAC were introduced into the operational activities in those areas facing the most significant migratory pressure.

In 2018, Host MS contributed to the successful implementation of operational activities through deployments of 230 assets covering 9 067 operational Asset-Days (Table 18).

Figure 14 illustrates Host MS internal deployments in 2018 by number of assets and Asset-Days indicating the deployment periods per deployed asset.

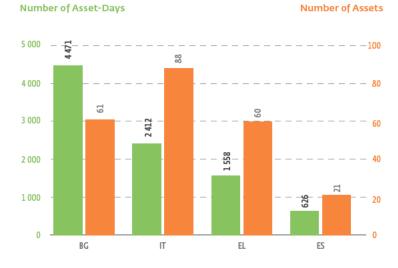
Table 17. Number of patrol cars deployed during REX 2018 by MS/SAC and Asset-Days

	Patr	rol Car
MS/SAC	No of assets	No of Asset-Days
AT	1	33
DE	1	33
PL	1	33
RO	1	33
SK	1	33
SI	1	33
Total	6	198

Table 18. Number of assets deployed from the Host MS by type of equipment and Asset-Days

ТЕ Туре	No of Assets	No of Asset-Days	% of Asset-Days in Total
OPV (Offshore Patrol Vessel)	38	1 040	11%
CPV (Coastal Patrol Vessel)	52	1 540	17 %
CPB (Coastal Patrol Boat)	42	1 258	14%
Fixed Wing Aircraft	13	231	3%
Helicopter	25	558	6%
Patrol Car	60	4 440	49%
Total	230	9 067	100%

Figure 14. Graphical representation of Host MS internal deployments in 2018



## 2.2.4. Deployments 2018 – Deployment of Frontex own TE

As the EBCG Regulation allows Frontex to acquire or lease technical equipment on its own, in 2018, Frontex acquired the services of 7 Fixed Wing Aircraft for aerial border surveillance covering 1 065 Asset-Days, and deployed 48 portable TE (Night Vision Goggles, Thermal Cameras, Night Vision Binoculars, Heart Bit Detectors, etc.) covering 10 716 Asset-Days.

## 2.3. Composition of the TE Pool\*

#### 2.3.1. Technical Equipment Pool

According to Article 39(1) of the EBCG Regulation, Frontex shall set up and keep centralised records of equipment owned either by MS or by the Agency. The Technical Equipment Pool (TEP) consists of equipment owned by MS/SAC and resources acquired by Frontex through framework contracts. In this context, Frontex is able to purchase aerial surveillance services and portable equipment (CO<sub>2</sub> Detectors, Heartbeat Detectors, Thermal Cameras and Night Vision Goggles) for joint operations, transportation services for readmission operations, and deployable facilities for screening, debriefing and registration activities.

The TEP includes the following categories and types of equipment provided by MS/SAC (see Table 19).

#### Maritime equipment

- Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPV) vessels with more than 1 500 nm\*\* autonomy
- Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPV) vessels with autonomy between 600 and 1 500 nm autonomy
- Coastal Patrol Boats (CPB), including fast boats – vessels with less than 600 nm autonomy

## Equipment for aerial surveillance and patrolling

- Fixed-Wing Aircrafts (FWA)
- Helicopter (HELO)

## Mobile equipment for land border surveillance

- Thermo-Vision Vehicles (TVV) vehicles equipped with a thermovision camera for land border surveillance
- Border surveillance vehicles vehicles equipped with radar or any other sensors for border and coastal surveillance

#### **Equipment for border control**

- Mobile Laboratories vehicles equipped with communication systems, computers, printers and other equipment for document checks
- Heartbeat Detectors (HBD)
- Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Detectors

#### Handheld surveillance equipment

- Night Vision Goggles (NVG)
- Handheld Thermal Cameras

Detailed information on the composition of the TEP by type of equipment, number and contributing MS/SAC is provided in Annex 7.

- \* Annex 7 State of play of the TE Pool by type and by MS/SAC in 2018
- \*\* Nautical miles

Table 19. Composition of the TE Pool - 2018

ТЕ Туре	Number	Percent of the total
Heavy	445	100%
Fixed Wing Aircraft (FWA)	32	7%
Helicopter	48	11%
Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV)	30	7%
Coastal Patrol Vessel (CPV)	58	13%
Coastal Patrol Boat (CPB)	277	62%
Light	146	100%
Patrol Car	97	66 %
Thermo-Vision Vehicle (TVV)	36	25%
Mobile Laboratory	13	9%
Portable	490	100%
Basic Forgery Detection Kits	140	29%
UV Lights	2	~0%
CO₂ Detector	71	15%
Heartbeat Detector	7	1%
Document checking device with microscope connected to a computer	4	1%
Other equipment for border checks	9	2%
Mobile Radar Unit	1	~0%
Infrared Camera	2	~0%
Thermal Camera	67	14%
Night Vision Goggles	69	14%
Other equipment for border surveillance	118	24%

Total 1 081

## 2.3.2. Minimum Number of Items of Technical Equipment (MNITE)

As stipulated in the EBCG Regulation, the mandate of Frontex Management Board includes deciding once a year 'on the rules relating to the technical equipment, including the required overall minimum number of items per type of technical equipment, the conditions for deployment and the terms for the deployment and reimbursement of costs, as well as on the limited number of items of technical equipment for a rapid reaction equipment pool'. For budgetary purposes, this decision should be taken by the Management Board by 30 June each year (Article 39(9) of the EBCG Regulation). The goal is to ensure the availability

of equipment required to meet the needs of the Agency as regards to joint operations, deployed migration management support teams, rapid border interventions, return operations and return interventions. Therefore, MS/SAC need to make available the minimum number of required Asset-Months per type of equipment as per the specific categories listed in the MNITE.

In June 2017, the Frontex Management Board adopted a decision\* specifying the number of required Asset-Months per type of equipment, laying down the rules for deployment, and setting requirements for technical equipment to be deployed for Frontex-coordinated operational activities in 2018.

 https://frontex.europa.eu/ assets/Key\_Documents/ MB\_Decision/2017/ MB\_Decision\_16\_2017\_ adopting\_MNITE.pdf Figure 15 shows the number of Asset-Months for different types of technical equipment as stipulated in the above-mentioned Management Board Decision and the level of MS/SAC deployments in 2018.

#### 2.3.3. Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool

Art. 39(7) of EBCG Regulation stipulates that 'technical equipment pool shall include a rapid reaction equipment pool containing a limited number of items of equipment needed for possible rapid border interventions. The contributions of MS to the rapid reaction equipment pool shall be planned in accordance with ABN as referred in paragraph 8.

For the equipment on the list of the items in this pool, MS may not invoke the exceptional situation referred to in paragraph 8. The equipment on this list shall be sent to the destination for deployment as soon as possible, and, in any event, no later than 10 days after the date on which the operational plan is agreed. The Agency shall contribute to this pool with equipment at the Agency's disposal as referred to in Article 38(1).'

Accordingly, Frontex Management Board Decision 16/2017 states that the Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool 2018 is composed as shown in Table 20.

Figure 15. Total number of Asset-Months for different types of equipment for MNITE and the level of MS/SAC deployments in Asset-Months in 2018

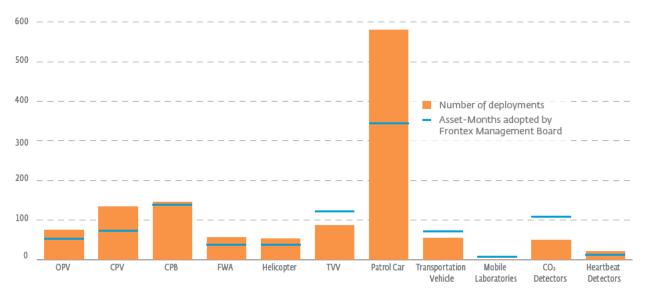


Table 20. Composition of the RREP by type of TE according Management Board Decision No 16/2017 and MS/SAC commitments

Type of equipment	OPV	CPV	СРВ	FWA	Helicopter	TVV	Patrol Car	Mobile Laboratory	CO₂ Detector	Heartbeat Detector
MB decision	27	36	69	19	18	61	172	3	54	6
MS/SAC commitments	14	14	20	5	3	39	441	0	0	3

## **Conclusions**

During the ABN process 2018, Frontex requested more resources for its operational activities than the previous year. The requests to MS/SAC were approximately 26% higher for HR and 65% for the TE.\* MS/SAC increased the level of commitments during the ABN process, however shortages were still identified almost in all HR profiles and in TE.

The identified shortages in resources were partially covered during the 2018 operational implementation period by additional offers from participating MS/SAC through open Calls and by Host MS internal deployments. For specific TE, Frontex covered what was needed by deploying its own operational capacity.

Participation by MS/SAC in Frontex operational activities in 2018 was substantial:

- 196 874 Man-Days resulting in about 550 team members (including special advisors and return experts) deployed on average per month
- 114 558 Man-Days resulting in more than 300 additional staff deployed on average per month
- 153 707 Man-Days resulting in more than 400 Host MS internal deployments to Frontex operational activities on average per month
- 95 heavy TE deployed in total
- 211 light TE deployed in total
- 186 portable TE deployed in total.

During 2018 operational activities, MS/SAC seconded to the Agency team members (sTM) covering 20 216 Man-Days, showing a 30% increase in comparison with 2017 which brought more flexibility and efficiency to operational activities. Furthermore, Frontex also contracted Interpreters/Cultural Mediators covering 4 994 Man-Days.

Technical equipment shortages in 2018 were mitigated by Frontex own Technical Equipment:

- Fixed Wing Aircrafts for 1 065 Asset-Days
- 48 portable TE for 10 716 Asset-Days.

The EBCGT pool in 2018 increased its capacity by more than 12% (from 7 339 TM in 2017 to 8 249 TM in 2018).

The following resource pools were also expanded in 2018 to support rapid border interventions and return activities:

- Rapid Reaction Pool
- Rapid Reaction Equipment Pool
- Forced-Return Monitors Pool
- Forced-Return Escorts Pool
- Return Specialists Pool.

The Commitments and deployments of MS/SAC to EBCGT and TEP allowed Frontex to carry out its operational activities at the EU external borders as planned in 2018. Prerequisite of this was open, clear and effective communication channels among all relevant, internal stakeholders of EBCG, ensuring proper information-sharing and data exchange. Heading towards the future, EBCG will continue securing and preventing threats and hazards at the external borders, operating with transparency, efficiency and visibility.

\* Source 'Annual Information on the Commitments and Deployments of the Member States to the European Border and Coast Guard Teams and the Technical Equipment Pool – Report on the operational resources in 2017'.

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Annual Bilateral Negotiations 2018 – MS/SAC commitments of HR to Frontex operational activities

# **EBCGT and Additional Experts**

						PROFILE			
MS/S	6AC	Total	Advanced-Level Document Officer	Border Surveillance Officer	Cross- Border Crime Detection Officer	Debriefing Expert	Dog Handler	Field Press Coordinator	First-Line Officer
	HR Agreed	3 134	292	955	11	201	82	3	82
	Man-Days	180 545	14 158	47 146	376	13 313	4 297	194	3 516
AT	HR Agreed	106	8	52		1			3
	Man-Days	14 659	2 080	6 968		399			123
BE	HR Agreed	60	4			31			3
	Man-Days	2 044	128			1 039			104
BG	HR Agreed	27	9			3			4
	Man-Days	898	350			89			136
СН	HR Agreed	20	6	2		2	1		
	Man-Days	1 227	428	170		344	31		
CY	HR Agreed Man-Days	15 487	2 65	2 66	1 30	4 135			1 30
	HR Agreed	167	6	66	30	12	5		2
CZ	Man-Days	9 328	481	3 580		608	252		226
	HR Agreed	811	127	449	8	14	5		3
DE	Man-Days	33 357	4 220	13 259	232	1 229	145		182
	HR Agreed	150	4220	13 233	232	6	143		102
DK	Man-Days	9 134				360			
	HR Agreed	143	8	54		3	8		3
EE	Man-Days	4 654	287	1 566		91	288		142
	HR Agreed	35				4			2
EL	Man-Days	1 185				126			58
ES	HR Agreed	31	2	8		2			
ES	Man-Days	1 774	114	232		58			
FI	HR Agreed	60	14	18		9	1		4
	Man-Days	1 705	294	522		295	33		119
FR	HR Agreed	335	18			38			8
	Man-Days	18 413	887			2 743			404
HR	HR Agreed	35	2	24					
	Man-Days	1 447	58	696					
HU	HR Agreed	68	9	48		2			
	Man-Days	2 083	350	1 392		65			- 12
IT	HR Agreed	79	6	1					13
	Man-Days	4 536	202 14	39 38		2			445 3
LT	HR Agreed Man-Days	108	614			67	6		87
	HR Agreed	4 104 15	014	1 430		6/	257		8/
LU	Man-Days	1 031							
	HR Agreed	1031	9	31		6	15		10
LV	Man-Days	5 024	401	2 201		204	574		470
	HR Agreed	18	102	16		201	2		1,0
МТ	Man-Days	1677		1616					
	22,2								

					PRO	FILE		
MS/S	AC	Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	Interpreter	Liaison Officer – General	Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	Screening Expert	Second-Line Officer	Stolen-Vehicle Detection O∏cer
	HR Agreed	207	117	8	575	310	211	80
	Man-Days	11 707	16 538	61	35 364	19 608	9 402	4 865
AT	HR Agreed Man-Days	14 790			6 2 292		17 574	5 1 433
	HR Agreed	2			3	4	8	5
BE	Man-Days	62			97	198	271	145
	HR Agreed	4			31	3	3	1
BG	Man-Days	91				104	96	32
	HR Agreed	3				104	5	1
CH	Man-Days	50					175	29
	HR Agreed					3	2	
CY	Man-Days					96	65	
	HR Agreed	5			50	14	7	
CZ	Man-Days	310			2 866	786	219	
- DE	HR Agreed	39			4	124	10	28
DE	Man-Days	1 579			1 596	9 628	420	867
DK	HR Agreed	3	36		97	6	2	
DK	Man-Days	30	3 150		5 182	351	61	
EE	HR Agreed	4			48	6	7	2
	Man-Days	131			1 654	207	230	58
EL	HR Agreed	11		6	2	7	3	
	Man-Days	600		51	55	211	84	
ES	HR Agreed	9					10	
	Man-Days	1033					337	0
FI	HR Agreed	3				3	7	1
	Man-Days	76				102	231	33
FR	HR Agreed	11			203	40	17	
	Man-Days	381			11 189	2 245	564	
HR	HR Agreed	1			2		4	2
	Man-Days	11 2			498		126 4	58 3
HU	HR Agreed	61					128	87
	Man-Days	21			14		128	5
IT	HR Agreed Man-Days	2 5 9 8			450		602	200
	HR Agreed	2 598	3		12	1	7	200
LT	Man-Days	584	186		559	32	230	58
	HR Agreed	504	100		333	15	250	50
LU	Man-Days					1031		
	HR Agreed	9		2	4	11	9	
LV	Man-Days	257		10	124	440	343	
	HR Agreed	2						
МТ	Man-Days	61						
	,							

# Annex 1 (cont.)

Annual Bilateral Negotiations 2018 – MS/SAC commitments of HR to Frontex operational activities

# **EBCGT and Additional Experts**

						PROFILE			
MS/S	AC	Total	Advanced-Level Document Officer	Border Surveillance Officer	Cross- Border Crime Detection Officer	Debriefing Expert	Dog Handler	Field Press Coordinator	First-Line Officer
NL	HR Agreed	128	6	13		4			7
IVL	Man-Days	19 625	317	1 947		258			215
NO	HR Agreed	66	8			6	4	1	
NO	Man-Days	2 210	258			203	168	37	
PL	HR Agreed	136	10	71		8			6
PL	Man-Days	9 352	529	5 676		434			314
PT	HR Agreed	122	2	19	1	7	28	1	5
ы	Man-Days	9 367	69	2 121	57	224	1 924	62	148
RO	HR Agreed	113	10	27		11	3	1	
RO	Man-Days	9 897	1 175	2 949		1114	367	95	
SE	HR Agreed	39	1		1	7	2		3
3E	Man-Days	2 339	84		57	457	114		252
SI	HR Agreed	40	7	10		2	2		
31	Man-Days	2 135	651	542		64	86		
SK	HR Agreed	68	4	6		2	2		2
21/	Man-Days	2 194	116	174		72	58		61
UK	HR Agreed	33				15			
UK	Man-Days	4 659				2 635			

					PRO	OFILE		
MS/S	AC	Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	Interpreter	Liaison Of∏cer – General	Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	Screening Expert	Second-Line O∰cer	Stolen-Vehicle Detection Officer
NL	HR Agreed	6	72		4	4	12	
	Man-Days	437	12 456		1 596	171	2 228	
NO	HR Agreed	2			3	36	6	
	Man-Days	72			102	1 187	183	
PL	HR Agreed	3			8	9	10	11
PL	Man-Days	215			592	602	335	655
PT	HR Agreed	11			33	2	9	4
PI	Man-Days	764			2 847	66	608	477
RO	HR Agreed	19			14	7	15	6
RO	Man-Days	1 377			1 046	569	673	532
SE	HR Agreed	1			11	7	6	
3E	Man-Days	62			644	453	216	
CI.	HR Agreed	2			8	1	4	4
SI	Man-Days	75			352	33	131	201
CV	HR Agreed				49		3	
SK	Man-Days	0			1 623		90	
ш	HR Agreed		6			7	5	
UK	Man-Days		746			1 096	182	

# Annex 1 (cont.)

Annual Bilateral Negotiations 2018 – MS/SAC commitments of HR to Frontex operational activities

# **Return pools**

			PRO	FILE
MS/S	AC	Total	Forced-Return Escort	Return Specialist
	HR Agreed	237	223	14
	Man-Days	17 320	16 577	743
	HR Agreed	3	3	
AT	Man-Days	346	346	
BE	HR Agreed	3	3	
	Man-Days	93	93	
BG	HR Agreed	6	6	
	Man-Days	2 190	2 190	
СН	HR Agreed	1		1
	Man-Days	54		54
DE	HR Agreed	28	28	
	Man-Days	5 632	5 6 3 2	
EE	HR Agreed	18	18	
	Man-Days	552	552	
ES	HR Agreed	1		1
	Man-Days	54		54
FI	HR Agreed	2	2	
	Man-Days	118	118	
FR	HR Agreed	14	12	2
	Man-Days	402	318	84
HR	HR Agreed	3	2	1
	Man-Days	118	66	52
HU	HR Agreed	4	4	
	Man-Days	372	372	
LT	HR Agreed	58	58	
	Man-Days	3 254	3 254	
LV	HR Agreed	6	6	
	Man-Days	203	203	2
NL	HR Agreed	837	730	107
	Man-Days	6	730	107
NO	HR Agreed Man-Days	191	191	
		191	191	2
PL	HR Agreed Man-Days	855	749	106
	HR Agreed	8	8	100
PT	Man-Days	132	132	
	HR Agreed	19	15	4
SE	Man-Days	688	455	233
	HR Agreed	3	2	1
SI	Man-Days	119	66	53
	HR Agreed	36	36	
SK	Man-Days	1110	1110	
	arr Days	1110	1110	

Annual Bilateral Negotiations 2018 – MS/SAC commitments of TE to Frontex operational activities

						ТҮР	E OF EQUIPM	MENT			
MS/S	AC	Total	Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV)	Coastal Patrol Vessel (CPV)	Coastal Patrol Boat (CPB)	Fixed Wing Aircraft (FWA)	Helicopter	Patrol Car	Transportation Vehicle	Thermo-Vision Vehicle (TW)	CO, Detector
	TE Agreed	429	10	9	34	18	14	299	6	29	10
	Asset-Days	24 897	900	571	2 314	753	725	12 904	2 376	2 524	1 830
AT	TE Agreed	8								8	
AI	Asset-Days	1 037								1 037	
BG	TE Agreed	2	2								
	Asset-Days	153	153								
CH	TE Agreed Asset-Days	1 85						1 85			
	TE Agreed	20						15		5	
CZ	Asset-Days	1 182						855		327	
	TE Agreed	209			12		2	195		52,	
DE	Asset-Days	6 505			790		60	5 655			
DK	TE Agreed	1				1					
DK	Asset-Days	31				31					
EE	TE Agreed	14			3	1		3			7
	Asset-Days	2 208			151	31		395			1 631
ES	TE Agreed	4						4			
	Asset-Days	116				1		116 4			
FI	TE Agreed Asset-Days	391	1 174			45		172			
	TE Agreed	6	3	1		2		1/2			
FR	Asset-Days	240	118	31		91					
	TE Agreed	14	110		2			12			
HR	Asset-Days	530			182			348			
HU	TE Agreed	17						12		5	
110	Asset-Days	493						348		145	
IS	TE Agreed	2				2					
	Asset-Days	92				92					
IT	TE Agreed	13	1	6		2	4				
	Asset-Days TE Agreed	518 16	30	306	1	60	122 1	14			
LT	Asset-Days	702			92		92	518			
	TE Agreed	3			32		3	510			
LU	Asset-Days	253					253				
11/	TE Agreed	16	2		4	3	1	2		4	
LV	Asset-Days	1 330	365		212	184	45	142		382	
мт	TE Agreed	4			1			2		1	
IVI I	Asset-Days	404			61			282		61	
NL	TE Agreed	14			2			6	6		
	Asset-Days	3 289			123			790	2 376	-	
PL	TE Agreed Asset-Days	19 1 891				1 30	1 31	13 1 546		1 85	3 199
	TE Agreed	1891	1	1	6	30	31	2		85 5	199
PT	Asset-Days	1 654	60	49	580	128		350		487	
	TE Agreed	10	- 00	1	300	120	2	7		.07	
RO	Asset-Days	1 266		185			122	959			
CF.	TE Agreed	4			3	1					
SE	Asset-Days	154			123	31					
SI	TE Agreed	6						6			
	Asset-Days	314						314			
SK	TE Agreed	5				1		1			
	Asset-Days	121				30		29			

Deployment of HR – Total number of EBCGT members and Return pools experts deployed in 2018 by MS/SAC, profile and Man-Days

#### **EBCGT**

						PROFILE			
MS/S	SAC	Total	Advanced Level Document Officer	Border Surveillance Officer	Cross- Border Crime Detection Officer	Debriefing Expert	Dog Handler	European Coast Guard Function Officer	Field Press Coordinator
	HR	4 049	371	1 281	11	317	97	3	5
	Man-Days	178 389	16 168	55 175	372	14 365	4 035	315	370
AT	HR Man-Days	267 12 264	41 2 352	110 4 103		9 482			
	HR	61	9	4 103		32			
BE	Man-Days	2 019	273			1 064			
	HR	52	12			10			
BG	Man-Days	3 079	433			563			
СН	HR	48	16	6		12	1		
СП	Man-Days	1 301	450	174		406	33		
CY	HR	10	1	1		2			
	Man-Days	610	164	34		70			
CZ	HR	178	12	75		12	4		
	Man-Days	10 072	529	4 377	_	639	238		
DE	HR	630	95	276	5	28	2		
	Man-Days	29 027	4 312	13 775	173	1 189	139		
DK	HR	141				7			1
	Man-Days HR	6 632 173	15	58		390	12		6
EE	Man-Days	5 679	536	1 626		91	348		
	HR	49	330	1 020		6	570		
EL	Man-Days	1 655				220			
	HR	88	5	24	3	9			
ES	Man-Days	4 635	146	696	84	876			
	HR	67	15	13		11	8	1	
FI	Man-Days	2 222	394	369		479	218	124	
	HR	546	32	2		89			
FR	Man-Days	19 192	1 053	50		3 196			
HR	HR	70	2	52					
	Man-Days	1 865	58	1 460					
HU	HR	51	3	34		3			
	Man-Days	1 143	87	580		146			_
IT	HR	151	15			3			1 174
	Man-Days HR	7 698 110	754 15	41		379 4	6		1/4
LT	Man-Days	3 829	483	1 413		189	234		
	HR	20	703	1 413		103	234		
LU	Man-Days	1 124							
	HR	147	13	58		6	16		
LV	Man-Days	6 379	512	2 505		204	574		
	HR	62		56		1			
MT	Man-Days	1 817		1 648		25			

						PROFILE				
MS/S	5AC	First-Line Officer	Frontex Information Management Officer (FIMO)	Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	Frontex Support Officer (FSO) for Logistics and Deployment	Interview Expert	Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	Screening Expert	Second-Line Officer	Stolen Vehicle Detection Officer
	HR	119	191	187	7	7	846	368	153	86
	Man-Days	4 783	7 718	8 589	1 009	551	35 986	17 663	6 467	4 823
ΔΤ.	HR	3	4	24			47		9	20
AT	Man-Days	76	194	1 157			2 128		603	1169
BE	HR	3	2	1			3	4	4	3
	Man-Days	87	61	85			97	127	136	89
BG	HR	8	2	4				7	8	1
	Man-Days	401	61	227				623	742	29
СН	HR	1		6					5	1
	Man-Days	32		72					105	29
CY	HR	1		1				3	1	
	Man-Days	30	2	157 4			49	120	35	
CZ	HR Man-Days	57	125	288			2 843	16 814	162	
	Man-Days HR	4	123	42			30	126	6	15
DE	Man-Days	210	92	1 458			1 688	5 180	239	572
	HR	210	32	3			121	7	2	372
DK	Man-Days			24			5 782	369	61	
	HR	5	3	9		1	52	11	2	2
EE	Man-Days	212	159	467		93	1 580	447	62	58
	HR	5	21	4	1		2	7	3	
EL	Man-Days	90	603	185	152		55	269	81	
ES	HR	4	17	8		1		3	12	2
	Man-Days	112	1 283	541		91		336	414	56
FI	HR	4		6		1		4	3	1
	Man-Days	118		225		31		127	108	29
FR	HR	5		12			327	67	12	
	Man-Days	181	-	419			11 519	2 392	382	_
HR	HR		8	1			4		1	2
	Man-Days	1	120	11			128		30	58
HU	HR	1	2						7	1
	Man-Days	30	62	7	4	2	1.5		209	29
IT	HR Man-Days	14 533	67 2 113	441	606	190	15 941	6 759	15 750	58
	Man-Days	9		6	000	190			2	1
LT	HR Man-Days	273	12 376	156			13 568	1 32	76	29
	HR	213	5/0	100			200	20	70	23
LU	Man-Days							1124		
	HR	15	9	3	1	1	4	14	7	
LV	Man-Days	733	371	101	56	57	123	914	229	
	HR		2						3	
MT	Man-Days		57						87	
	,									

# Annex 3 (cont.)

Deployment of HR – Total number of EBCGT members and Return pools experts deployed in 2018 by MS/SAC, profile and Man-Days

#### **EBCGT**

						PROFILE			
MS/S	AC	Total	Advanced Level Document O所cer	Border Surveillance Оfficer	Cross- Border Crime Detection Officer	Debriefing Expert	Dog Handler	European Coast Guard Function Officer	Field Press Coordinator
NL	HR	296	9	192		5			
INL	Man-Days	9 866	298	6 551		126			
NO	HR	40	7			11			
NO	Man-Days	1 303	147			431			
PL	HR	207	14	110		11			
PL	Man-Days	13 012	1 021	6 365		660			
PT	HR	218	2	77	2	8	37	2	1
ы	Man-Days	13 348	69	5 434	58	253	1688	191	30
RO	HR	196	16	69		20	5		2
RU	Man-Days	10 647	1 167	2 991		1 355	309		160
SE	HR	37	3		1	6	2		
3E	Man-Days	2 054	125		57	369	114		
SI	HR	58	15	14		5	2		
21	Man-Days	3 391	693	662		308	84		
SK	HR	76	4	13		4	2		
	Man-Days	2 526	112	362		255	56		

						PROFILE				
MS/S	AC	First-Line O衎cer	Frontex Information Management Officer (FIMO)	Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	Frontex Support Officer (FSO) for Logistics and Deployment	Interview Expert	Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	Screening Expert	Second-Line O們cer	Stolen Vehicle Detection O所cer
NL	HR	7	10	2			52	7	12	
IVL	Man-Days	210	336	61			1 658	235	391	
NO	HR			2				20		
NO	Man-Days			23				702		
PL	HR	11	5	10			8	12	11	15
PL	Man-Days	789	305	1 009			644	939	362	918
PT	HR	5	16	12	1	1	36	3	10	5
ы	Man-Days	152	950	302	195	89	2 984	99	447	407
RO	HR	8	8	17			20	18	6	7
RO	Man-Days	306	450	1 047			795	1 211	318	538
C.F.	HR	2		1			11	8	3	
SE	Man-Days	61		62			626	518	122	
	HR			2			3	4	5	8
SI	Man-Days			71			204	326	288	755
-	HR	3					49		1	
SK	Man-Days	90					1 623		28	

#### Annex 3 (cont.)

Total number of EBCGT members and Return pools experts deployed in 2018 by MS/SAC, profile and Man-Days

# **Return pools**

				PROFILE	
MS/SAC		Total	Forced-Return Escort Officer	Forced-Return Monitor	Return Specialist
	HR	557	368	162	27
	Man-Days	14 557	12 810	254	1 493
AT	HR	71		71	
AI	Man-Days	89		89	
BE	HR	3	3		
DE	Man-Days	97	97		
BG	HR	58	58		
ВО	Man-Days	1 811	1 811		
СН	HR	1			1
Cn	Man-Days	54			54
CY	HR	2	2		
CY	Man-Days	60	60		
CZ	HR	12	5	7	
	Man-Days	30	20	10	
DE	HR	96	85	11	
DE	Man-Days	2 367	2 354	13	
DK	HR	1		1	
DK	Man-Days	1		1	
EE	HR	18	18		
EE	Man-Days	552	552		
ES	HR	1			1
E3	Man-Days	54			54
FI	HR	5	4	1	
	Man-Days	127	124	3	
FR	HR	8	6		2
FK	Man-Days	300	216		84
ШΒ	HR	2	2		
HR	Man-Days	60	60		
шп	HR	16	16		
HU	Man-Days	484	484		

				PROFILE	
MS/SAC		Total	Forced-Return Escort Officer	Forced-Return Monitor	Return Specialist
IT	HR	4		4	
"	Man-Days	4		4	
LT	HR	75	75		
ш	Man-Days	3 442	3 442		
LU	HR	24		10	14
LU	Man-Days	801		13	788
LV	HR	8	6	2	
LV	Man-Days	207	203	4	
МТ	HR	1		1	
IVI I	Man-Days	1		1	
NL	HR	41	12	27	2
INL	Man-Days	898	706	85	107
NO	HR	4	4		
NO	Man-Days	120	120		
PL	HR	14	12		2
PL	Man-Days	834	728		106
PT	HR	26	8	18	
PI	Man-Days	268	250	18	
RO	HR	9		9	
KU .	Man-Days	13		13	
SE	HR	19	15		4
JE	Man-Days	671	440		247
SI	HR	2	1		1
JI	Man-Days	86	33		53
SK	HR	36	36		
JI.	Man-Days	1 110	1 110		

Deployment of HR – Total number of Special Advisors, Additional Experts, Host MS Internal Deployments and Travel days of experts deployed in 2018 by MS/SAC, profile and Man-Days

# **Additional Experts**

					PRO	FILES		
MS/SAC		Total	Crew member/ Technical Staff	ICC/LCC (Coordinating Staff)	Interpreter/ Cultural Mediator	Liaison Officer – General (Coordinating Staff)	Liaison Officer – TE (Coordinating Staff)	National Official (Home Country)
	HR	2 611	2 018	9	401	12	6	165
	Man-Days	119 552	91 209	222	22 217	580	276	5 048
	HR	51	46					5
BG	Man-Days	2 913	2 790					123
	HR	227	214					13
DE	Man-Days	10 398	9 946					452
DK	HR	62	24		38			
DK	Man-Days	4 021	728		3 293			
EE	HR	32	27					5
	Man-Days	933	779					154
EL	HR	9		9				
	Man-Days	222		222				
FI	HR	105	95					10
	Man-Days	2 041	1 871					170
FR	HR	199	187					12
	Man-Days	6 586	6 378					208
HR	HR	56	47					9
	Man-Days	1 897	1 649					248
HU	HR	10	10					
	Man-Days	552	552					
IS	HR Man Davis	16	10					6
	Man-Days	734	610					124
IT	HR Man-Days	183 6 938	159 6 268				6 276	18 394
	HR	27	21		3		276	394
LT	Man-Days	1 632	1 350		188			94
	HR	24	20		100			4
LU	Man-Days	1500	1 250					250
	HR	385	362					23
LV	Man-Days	8 479	7 850					629
	HR	19	9			7		3
MT	Man-Days	847	549			205		93
	HR	277	13		259	202		5
NL	Man-Days	13 455	459		12 861			135
	HR	1				1		
NO	Man-Days	73				73		
DI.	HR	37	35					2
PL	Man-Days	906	845					61
PT	HR	533	511			4		18
М	Man-Days	29 058	27 861			302		895
BO.	HR	74	71					3
RO	Man-Days	5 438	5 249					189
SE	HR	24	18					6
J.	Man-Days	690	554					136
SK	HR	6	4					2
JK	Man-Days	152	120					32
UK	HR	163	135		10			18
J.,	Man-Days	15 093	13 551		881			661
Frontex	HR	91			91			
····	Man-Days	4 994			4 994			

# **Special Advisors**

MS/SAC		Total	Debriefing Expert	Screening Expert	Second-Line Officer
	HR	59	42	13	4
	Man-Days	3 932	2 730	1 055	147
UK	No of HR	59	42	13	4
UK	No of Man-Days	3 932	2 730	1 055	147

# Internal Deployments

								PROI	FILES					
MS/SAG	c	Total	Border Surveillance Officer	Crew member/ Technical Staff	Debriefing Expert	Dog Handler	First-Line Officer	Forced-return Escort	ICC/LCC (Coordinating Sta們)	Intelligence Officer (Coordinating Staff)	Liaison Officer – General / TE (Coordinating Staff)	Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	Security Officer (Host Country)	Team Leader (Coordinating Staff)
	HR	5 188	152	2 479	35	14	44	219	273	36	807	100	718	311
	Man-Days	153 707	8 374	54 407	1 942	715	300	219	12 815	1 563	26 114	6 678	26 363	14 217
BG	HR	141	141											
BG	Man-Days	8 039	8 039											
EL	HR	2 986	11	1 274				219	13		560	100	718	91
EL	Man-Days	84 706	335	22 761				219	84		21 584	6 678	26 363	6 682
ES	HR	854		380	35	14	44		246	12	91			32
ES	Man-Days	23 948		9 171	1942	715	300		8 055	853	664			2 248
IT.	HR	1 207		825					14	24	156			188
IT	Man-Days	37 014		22 475					4 6 7 6	710	3 866			5 287

# Travel Days

MS/SAC	AT	BE	BG	CH	CY	CZ	DE	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR	HU
Man-Days	420	126	288	102	25	366	1 412	323	464	636	635	332	1 102	162	116
MS/SAC	IS	IT	LT	LU	LV	МТ	NL	NO	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK	UK
Man-Days	8	513	470	40	1 326	152	1 155	86	859	735	364	118	127	240	140
Total	1	2 842													

Deployment of TE – Total number of assets deployed in 2018 from the TEP by type of equipment, MS/SAC and Asset-Days

# TEP deployments 2018 - Heavy equipment

					ASSET		
MS/SAC		Total	Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV)	Coastal Patrol Vessel (CPV)	Coastal Patrol Boat (CPB)	Fixed Wing Aircraft (FWA)	Helicopter
	TE	102	17	22	20	28	15
	Asset-Days	7 398	851	1 536	2 382	1 885	744
BG	TE Asset-Days	2 102	1 61	1 60			
DE	TE	3 729	01	00	2 668		1 61
DK	Asset-Days TE	3			608	3	61
DK	Asset-Days	91				91	
EE	TE Asset-Days	5 151			4 120	1 31	
FC	TE	4	2	1		1	
ES	Asset-Days	173	50	92		31	
FI	TE	8	7			1	
	Asset-Days	154	116			38	
FR	TE	7	3	1		3	
	Asset-Days	254	114	31	_	109	
HR	TE	2			2		
	Asset-Days	201			201		
HU	TE Asset-Days	2 123					2 123
ıc	TE	2				2	
IS	Asset-Days	122				122	
IT	TE	14	1	8		2	3
<u>''</u>	Asset-Days	513	30	330		61	92
LT	TE	2			1		1
	Asset-Days	184			92		92
LU	TE	4					4
	Asset-Days	250	-		_		250
LV	TE	9	1		2	4	2
	Asset-Days	798	359		181	193	65
MT	TE Asset-Davis	1 61			1 61		
	Asset-Days TE	1			1		
NL	Asset-Days	123			123		
	TE	2			123		2
PL	Asset-Days	61					61
	TE	10	2	1	5	2	
PT	Asset-Days	1 074	121	50	820	83	
	TE	2		2			
RO	Asset-Days	184		184			
SE	TE	2			1	1	
3E	Asset-Days	123			92	31	
SK	TE	1				1	
- N	Asset-Days	30				30	
UK	TE	9		8	1		
	Asset-Days	813		789	24		
Frontex	TE	7				7	
	Asset-Days	1 065				1 065	

# TEP deployments 2018 – Light equipment

MS/SAC		Total —		ASSET	
VI3/3AC		TOTAL	Patrol Car	Thermo-Vision Vehicle (TVV)	Transportation Vehicle
	TE	211	160	40	11
	Asset-Days	18 192	13 442	2 595	2 155
AT	TE	27	13	14	
AI	Asset-Days	1 290	595	695	
СН	TE	3	3		
СП	Asset-Days	87	87		
cz	TE	14	6	8	
	Asset-Days	613	282	331	
DE	TE	45	45		
DE	Asset-Days	6 048	6 048		
EE	TE	3	3		
	Asset-Days	451	451		
ES	TE	15	15		
E3	Asset-Days	491	491		
LUD	TE	9	9		
HR	Asset-Days	739	739		
	TE	17	12	5	
HU	Asset-Days	546	403	143	
	TE	10	7	3	
LV	Asset-Days	552	201	351	
	TE	1		1	
MT	Asset-Days	61		61	
NII.	TE	23	12		11
NL	Asset-Days	2 865	710		2155
DI.	TE	17	14	3	
PL	Asset-Days	1 795	1 566	229	
DT	TE	7	2	5	
PT	Asset-Days	1 132	350	782	
DO.	TE	10	9	1	
RO	Asset-Days	1 086	1 083	3	
C1	TE	8	8		
SI	Asset-Days	376	376		
cu	TE	8	2		
SK .	Asset-Days	376	60		

# Annex 5 (cont.)

Deployment of TE – Total number of assets deployed in 2018 from the TEP by type of equipment, MS/SAC and Asset-Days

# TEP deployments 2018 – Portable equipment

					ASSET
MS/SAC		Total	CO, Detector	Heartbeat Detector	Other equipmnet for border surveillance (Camera, Thermal/infra-red cameras, Night Vision Goggles etc.)
	TE	234	26	7	201
	Asset-Days	29 438	1 360	442	27 636
DE	TE	5			5
DE	Asset-Days	211			211
EE	TE	168	21		147
EE	Asset-Days	17 912	1 105		16 807
FC	TE	2	2		
ES	Asset-Days	56	56		
-	TE	8			8
FI	Asset-Days	344			344
- DI	TE	3	3		
PL	Asset-Days	199	199		
Feeter	TE	48		7	41
Frontex	Asset-Days	10 716		442	10 274

# Internal deployments

	HEAVY EQUIPMENT											
MS/SAG	=	Total	Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV)	Coastal Patrol Vessel (CPV)	Coastal Patrol Boat (CPB)	Fixed Wing Aircraft (FWA)	Helicopter	Patrol Car				
	TE	230	38	52	42	13	25	60				
	Asset-Days	9 067	1 040	1 540	1 258	231	558	4 440				
BG	TE	61					1	60				
ВС	Asset-Days	4 471					31	4 440				
EL	TE	60	24		24	5	7					
EL	Asset-Days	1 558	664		737	47	110					
FC	TE	21	8	5		3	5					
ES	Asset-Days	626	236	142		73	175					
п	TE	88	6	47	18	5	12					
"	Asset-Days	2 412	140	1 398	521	111	242					

Annex 6

State of play of the EBCGT\* and Return pools by profile and by MS/SAC in 2018

Total number of European Border and Coast Guard Team members by profile and by MS/SAC – 2018

									PRC	FILES							
MS/SAG	Total	Advanced-Level Document O所cer	Border Surveillance O∰cer	Cross-Border Crime Detection Officer	Debriefing Expert	Dog Handler	European Coast Guard Function Officer	Field Press Coordinator	First-Line Officer	Frontex Information Management Officer (FIMO)	Frontex Support O们cer (FSO)	Frontex Support Officer (FSO) for Deployment and Logistics	Interview Expert	Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	Screening Expert	Second-Line Officer	Stolen Vehicles Detection Officer
AT	286	50	110	1	7			1	45	2	28		2	17	6	13	4
BE	121	14	1		30	2			19	10			1	6	17	14	7
BG	155	5	34	2	7	1			70	3	13	1	8		3	8	
CH	74	32	3		10	1			9		3					16	
CY	21	1	6		3						1			1	7	2	
CZ	216	14	141		12	2			1	1	1	1		27	10	4	2
DE	1 026	86	599	1	17	3			34	4	44		2	34	151	43	8
DK	99		1		10					1	4		2	67	7	7	
EE	241	14	79		3	9		1	19	9	14	3	2	57	20	6	5
EL	261	3	136	3	31	2	2	1	2	21	12	4	1	4	30	9	
ES	746	47	194	3	158	10			113	19	67	10	4	27	59	18	17
FI	169	20	84		9	3			19	1	17	1	2		6	6	1
FR	653	25	77		34				27		9			373	94	14	
HR	332	20	198		7	3	5		23		13	2	7	23	14	9	8
HU	133	8	87		13				4	1	3				1	13	3
IS	3		1													2	
IT	372	41	12		21	2	88	2	26	29	22	6	19	52	20	28	4
LT	257	21	142	2	5	2	1		31	13	7		2	14	5	8	4
LU	22		1		3										18		
LV	299	7	132	3	8	19			21	4	28		23	2	35	17	
MT	214		194		4					2			4		5	5	
NL	588	55	157	2	21		2	1	28	23	23	1	11	161	38	57	8
NO	94	5	6		29	4		1	18	1	3		5	1	13	8	
PL	370	5	204	6	25		1	1	41	7	18		4	13	14	26	5
PT	615	19	246	5	65	47	1	4	28	10	33	4	12	63	42	25	11
RO	508	21	172	1	49		28	6	94	20	24	4	20	7	23	30	9
SE	138	8	16	2	16	8		3	3		1		23	31	11	16	
SI	85	11	21		6	3		1	12		5		1	1	7	7	10
SK	151	5	45		3	1			11	2	2	1	1	74	1	5	
Total	8 249	537	3 099	31	606	122	128	22	698	183	395	38	156	1 055	657	416	106

<sup>\*</sup> Data extracted from Opera on 31 December 2018

# Annex 6 (cont.)

State of play of the EBCGT\* and Return pools by profile and by MS/SAC in 2018

# Total number of Rapid Reaction Pool members by profile and by MS/SAC – 2018

								PRO	FILES						
MS/SA	Total	Advanced-Level Document Officer	Border Surveillance O∰cer	Debriefing Expert	Dog Handler	Field Press Coordinator	First-Line Officer	Frontex Information Management Officer (FIMO)	Frontex Support Officer (FSO)	Frontex Support Officer (FSO) for Deployment and Logistics	Interview Expert	Registration and Fingerprinting Officer	Screening Expert	Second-Line Officer	Stolen Vehicles Detection Officer
AT	61	8	19	2			10	1	8	1	1	3		1	7
BE	94	13		28			14	4				5	14	11	5
BG	38	3	4	4	1		4		1		3	14	3	1	
СН	45	23	6	7								9			
CY	0														
CZ	199	14	134	8	2			1	1			24	9	4	2
DE	373	1	360	3					3			5		1	
DK	29			1			1					21	6		
EE	224	17	77	4	9	1	20	8	12	3	1	50	17	2	3
EL	88	3	37	12	2		2	4	4	3			20		1
ES	140	6	46	22	4		7		4	3		25	17	3	3
FI	57	5	26	5	2		5		5	1			4	4	
FR	238	12	59	28							4	99	35	1	
HR	91	12	21	4	1		14		3	2	4	18	8	3	1
HU	65	3	47	5			3		3					4	
IS	0														
IT	131	29	9	7			8	6			12	44	3	13	
LT	50	8	26		3		10						1	2	
LU	7			1									6		
LV	50	1	12	3	3		4		5		4	11	6	1	
МТ	14		10	2									2		
NL	94	10	32	10			3	1	2		2	16	15	3	
NO	22	2		8	3	1							4	4	
PL	307	11	182	29		1	10	6	18	2	8	8	4	25	3
PT	254	12	65	50	6		22	4	17	2		19	41	16	
RO	195	10	91	14		2	39	5	5	4	16	1	1	3	4
SE	47	3	2	1		1					12	23	2	3	
SI	35	4	3	3	3		3		1		1	14	2	1	
SK	49	5	14		1		9	3		1		16			
Total	2 997	215	1 282	261	40	6	188	43	92	22	68	425	220	106	29

<sup>\*</sup> Data extracted from Opera on 31 December 2018

# State of play of the MSs/SACs to the Return pools - 2018

	. , .
MS	Return Specialists
AT	4
BE	3
CY	2
CZ	2
DE	1
DK	1
EE	3
EL	4
ES	4
FR	2
HR	2
HU	15
IS	2
IT	1
LU	1
LV	2
MT	2
NL	4
PL	9
PT	1
RO	3
SE	2
SI	2
Total	72

MS	Forced-Return Monitor
AT	9
BE	2
BG	2
CZ	3
DE	4
DK	3
EL	8
ES	2
FI	2
HR	2
HU	2
IS	1
IT	2
LU	2
LV	1
MT	2
NL	8
PT	2
RO	2
SE	4
SI	2
Total	65

MS	Forced-Return Escort						
AT	19						
BE	5						
BG	20						
CY	3						
CZ	5						
DE	70						
DK	12						
EL	20						
ES	31						
FI	6						
FR	68						
HR	20						
HU	5						
IT	30						
LT	14						
LU	2						
LV	7						
NL	10						
NO	10						
PL	45						
PT	20						
RO	5						
SI	5						
SK	14						
Total	446						

# Nomination of the Return pools in Opera – state of play 31 December 2018

MS/SAC	Return Specialists
AT	1
BE	4
CH	1
CZ	2
DK	1
EE	3
HR	3
HU	7
IT	4
LU	8
LV	2
NL	5
PL	12
RO	2
SE	7
SI	2
Total	64

MS/SAC	Forced-Return Monitor
AT	9
BE	2
BG	1
CZ	3
DE	3
DK	4
EL	5
ES	2
FI	2
HR	2
HU	2
IT	2
LU	2
LV	1
MT	2
NL	7
PT	2
RO	2
SE	4
SI	1
Total	58

	Format Batana Franct
MS/SAC	Forced-Return Escort
AT	16
BE	8
BG	125
CY	1
CZ	9
DE	124
DK	12
EE	29
EL	21
FI	21
FR	60
HR	18
HU	35
IT	1
LT	126
LU	4
LV	7
MT	1
NL	31
NO	9
PL	105
PT	21
RO	5
SE	20
SI	5
SK	47
Total	861

State of play of the TE Pool\* by type and by MS/SAC in 2018

# Heavy TE

MS/SAC	Total per MS	Fixed Wing Aircraft (FWA)	Helicopter	Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV)	Coastal Patrol Vessel (CPV)	Coastal Patrol Boat (CPB)
AT	1		1			
BG	1			1		
CY	2		1		1	
DE	6		3	1		2
EE	2	1				1
EL	85	2	1	5	5	72
ES	2	1	1			
FI	4	1		1		2
FR	9	2	2	4	1	
HR	6			1		5
IS	3	2		1		
IT	178	12	26	8	36	96
LT	4		3			1
LU	1	1				
LV	6		2			4
MT	14	3			2	9
NL	4	2		1		1
NO	3			2		1
PL	5	2	2	1		
PT	98	2	1	3	10	82
RO	5		1	1	3	
SE	1					1
SI	4		4			
SK	1	1				
Total	445	32	48	30	58	277

<sup>\*</sup> Data extracted from Opera on 31 December 2018

Light TE

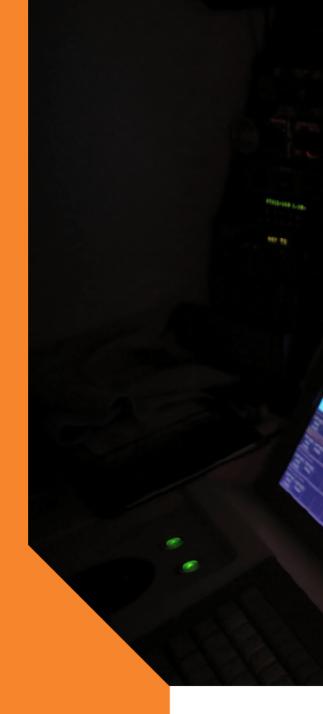
MS/SAC	Total per MS	al per MS Patrol Car Thermo-Vision Vehicle (TVV)		Mobile Laboratory		
AT	8		8			
CH	2	2				
CZ	10	5	5			
DE	46	46				
EE	2	2				
ES	6	5	1			
HR	6	5	1			
HU	9	4	5			
LT	2	1		1		
LU	1		1			
LV	7	2	5			
NL	12			12		
PL	4		4			
PT	3	2	1			
RO	17	15	2			
SI	9	6	3			
SK	2	2				
Total	146	97	36	13		

# Portable TE

MS/SAC	Total per MS	Basic Forgery Detection Kits	UV Lights	CO, Detector	Heartbeat Detector	Document checking device with microscope connected to a computer	Other equipment for border checks	Mobile Radar Unit	Infrared Camera	Thermal Camera	Night Vision Goggles	Other equipment for border surveillance
AT	2		2									
CH	6						1		2	3		
DE	11				1					10		
EE	61			6						3		52
ES	11				1					9	1	
HU	59									4	15	40
IT	1							1				
LT	7						2				1	4
LU	11	5					6					
NL	129	125				4						
PL	40									15	25	
PT	3									3		
RO	10	10										
SI	4									2	2	
UK	50			50								
Frontex	85			15	5					18	25	22
Total	490	140	2	71	7	4	9	1	2	67	69	118

 $<sup>^{</sup>st}$  Data extracted from Opera on 31 December 2018

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