

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 26/2021 of 11 April 2021

on Ireland's request to participate in, and contribute financially to, Frontex activities in 2021

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation¹, in particular Article 100(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Ireland's participation in Frontex activities in 2021 will contribute to the achievement of operational objectives and entails contributing experts to operations, workshops, trainings and meetings.
- (2) According to Article 1(1) of Management Board Decision No 03/2016² “[t]he UK and Ireland each submit to the MB their respective annual requests, within two weeks after the adoption of the Frontex Annual Work Programme or at the latest by 15 December of the year N-1”. For the avoidance of doubt, Article 124(3) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation now governs the position of the United Kingdom.
- (3) Ireland submitted its annual request to participate in, and contribute financially to, Frontex activities in 2021.
- (4) According to Article 1(3) of Management Board Decision No 03/2016, by which “[t]he UK and Ireland shall each cover their respective costs for participation in Frontex activities. This is considered as their financial contribution to the activity”, the financial contribution of Ireland for its participation in Frontex activities in 2021, as specified in the Annex, is estimated at EUR 290,000.
- (5) According to Article 3(1) of Management Board Decision No 03/2016, “[t]he MB votes on the annual request as whole. However, as each activity is individually identified, members of the MB may oppose to the participation in some or all of the activities in the annual request”.
- (6) According to Article 3(2) of Management Board Decision No 03/2016, “[t]he MB adopts annual and additional requests for participation by absolute majority of its members with a right to vote and by written procedure”.
- (7) According to Article 10(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board³, decisions of the Management Board may be taken by written procedure on a proposal from the Chairperson, in

¹ Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard (OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p.1).

² Management Board Decision No 03/2016 of 24 February 2016 on the practical arrangements for the participation in and financial contribution to Frontex activities by the United Kingdom and Ireland.

³ Management Board Decision 16/2020 of 7 July 2020 adopting Rules of Procedure of the Management Board.

particular where the Management Board has previously decided to take such decision by written procedure.

- (8) On 31 March 2021 the Management Board was invited by the Chairperson to take a decision on Ireland's participation in Frontex activities in 2021.
- (9) No objections to the participation of Ireland in Frontex activities in 2021 have been received by Frontex, which has been considered as tacit approval of the request and the fulfilment of the absolute majority voting required as provided in Article 105(1) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Approval

Ireland's request to participate in Frontex activities in 2021, as specified in the Annex, has been approved on 11 April 2021.

Article 2

Entry into force

This decision enters into force on the day following its adoption.

Done by written procedure, 11 April 2021

For the Management Board

[signed]

Marko Gašperlin

Chairperson of the Management Board

Annex: Ireland's request to participate in Frontex activities in 2021

ANNEX

Detail of Ireland request to participate in Frontex activities in 2021 with cost

Type of activity within FRONTEX Annual Work Programme	Specific operational activity coordinated by Frontex that Ireland intends to participate	Way in which Ireland intends to contribute to the achievement of the specific operational activity	Financial contribution related to Ireland's participation (by specific operational activity)
Joint Operational Activities	Ireland will undertake to participate in a number of Joint Return Operations and Lead out on at least one such operation.	Ireland will offer an equal number of seats to PMS that we benefit from in RO's operated/co-ordinated by Frontex in case of IR organised RO's.	€200,000
	Participate in Land/Sea operations at European hot spots	Ireland has experienced officers to support such operations. And are willing to participate in such operations, if sanctioned.	€25,000
Risk Analysis	Attend FRAN, EDF and IFADO operational meetings	Ireland intends to be represented at such meetings where intelligence and trends will be shared and circulated with and amongst relevant parties.	€6,000
Meetings	Annual Bilateral Meeting	Ireland's representative will attend such meetings, as required	€3000
	Finance Meeting	Ireland's representative will attend such meetings, as required.	€2000
	All-in-One Meetings – Operational Heads of Airports	Detective Superintendent, Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) will attend these meetings, in order to share experiences and learn from other MS	€4000

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	DCP/PRAN Meetings	Ireland's DCP will attend and share experiences and learn from other MS and also be aware of any issues that other MS encounter while conducting JRO's	€6,000
	NTC Meetings	Ireland's representative will attend and participate in these meetings with a view to enhance training of escorts employed on return operations and be aware of the common procedures for all MS	€2,000
	High Level Round Table on Return Meetings	Ireland's representative will contribute to the enhancement & co-ordination of returns with a view to increasing numbers.	€6,000
Training	FAR Training	Ireland currently has 6 persons trained in the use of FAR and intends to have more personnel trained in 2021	€2000
	JRO Escort Leader Training	Ireland intends to have a number of personnel trained in 2021 with a view to participating in JRO's	€2,000
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