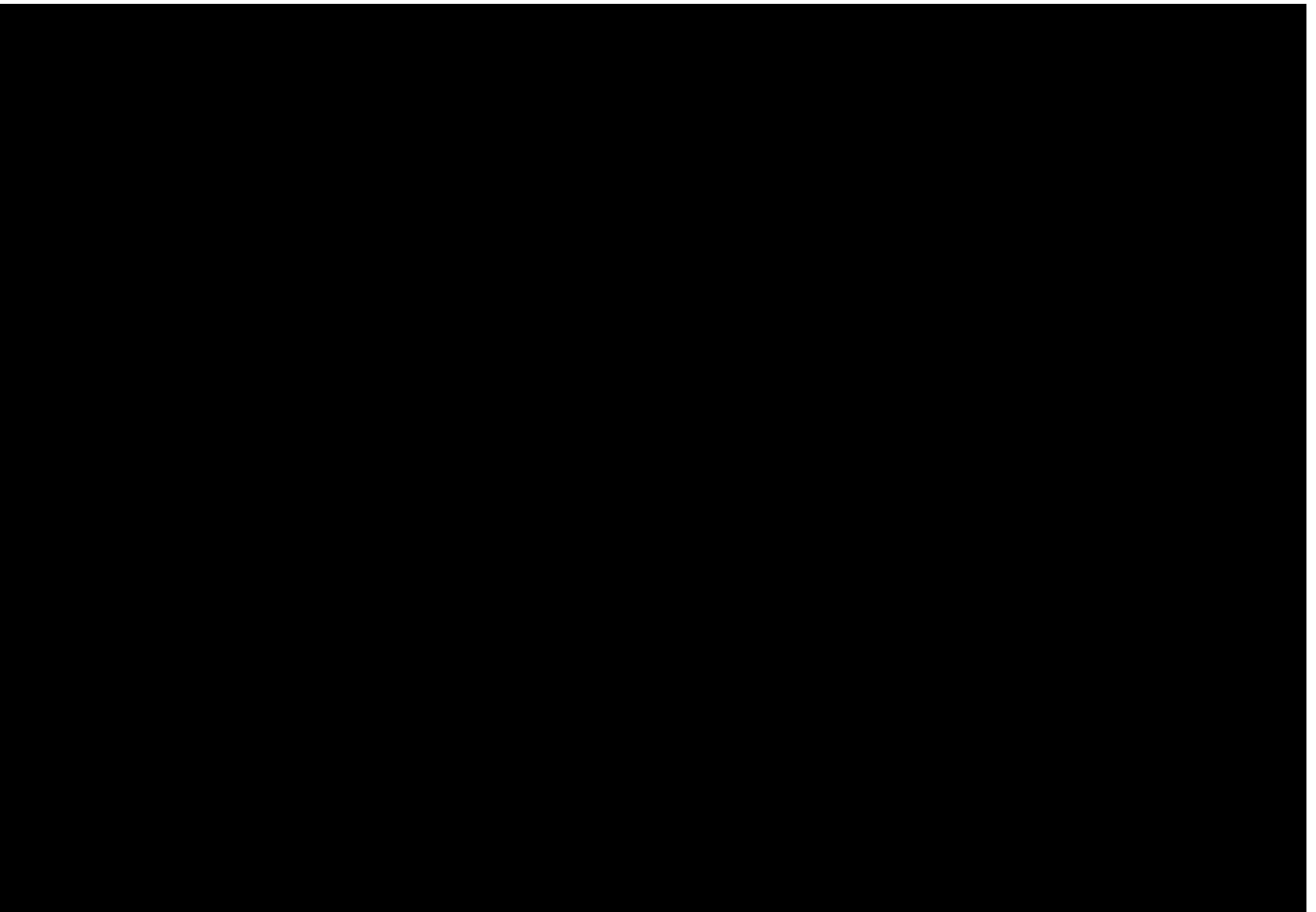


Meeting Report

Frontex-Morocco Comité Mixte - 1st Meeting

31st October 2019 - Frontex Headquarters in Warsaw, Poland

Participants



1. Introduction

This was the first meeting of the Frontex-Morocco Mixed Committee. The Committee is chaired by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The initiative was agreed by the chairs on the occasion of Frontex Executive Director's visit in Rabat in June 2019.

The purpose of this platform is to regularly bring together senior managers and staff of Frontex and Morocco in order to share knowledge and discuss technical matters of relevance to border management with a view to foster a trusted and transparent partnership.

The agenda for the meeting was developed jointly [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The meeting was held in a very positive and collaborative atmosphere and a roadmap of activities was agreed.

2. Opening and roundtable

[REDACTED] opened the meeting and expressed the agency's appreciation of Morocco as a strategic and privileged partner to the EU in general and in particular in the field of the fight against irregular migration and cross border crime. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He expressed Frontex willingness to engage in an equal partnership and technical cooperation with Morocco. He informed the participants of the agency's new mandate and the EBCG 2.0 regulation, and he discussed the opportunities the new legal framework offers for deeper cooperation at the operational level with non-EU partners.

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After an introductory roundtable, the representatives of the various Moroccan institutions and agencies participating in the meeting gave a short overview of their respective mandates and challenges. [REDACTED]
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Due to legal challenges, for the time being, cooperation on surveillance and information exchange will be limited to technical knowledge sharing. Both parties are in the process of developing synergies and building confidence. Information exchange may be discussed at an appropriate time in the future.

[REDACTED]

5. Quality Control/Audit and Vulnerability Assessment

[REDACTED] introduced the importance of quality control and audit of border management processes and capabilities in the EU and explained the role of the Agency in developing the methodology and monitoring and assessing EU Member States resources, infrastructure, and systems in relations to border management at the external borders of the EU.

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[REDACTED]

7. Communication with the Public

[REDACTED] talked through Frontex efforts in communicating the work of the agency in border management to the public opinion. [REDACTED] particularly shared the agency's approach in conveying messages from personnel in joint operations to share their stories and explain their work to the public.

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8. Conclusions and Way Forward

Frontex and Morocco decided that the next Comite Mixte meeting will be held in Morocco around September 2020. Moreover, Morocco offered to host the next IBPC edition in Morocco. The participants agreed that the activities should be implemented before the next meeting: this will allow both parties to discuss challenges, lessons learned, and way forward.

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